



# UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD

*United as Christ's disciples, we  
Support one another and  
Serve God in the world.*

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SYNOD ASSEMBLY

## ***Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow***

*"For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones." —Psalm 37:28*

### **Pre-Assembly hearings on Zoom**

*Materials for the hearings may be found in the Council Recommendations.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88672567622?pwd=allt4WQx7TQFKVDGfwkoRz2oWmDzUg.1>

1. Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Upper Susquehanna Synod  
6:30pm May 11, 2026
2. Finance & Budget  
6:30pm, May 18, 2026

### **Program** (\* = Action item)

7:00am Registration opens

8:30am Opening of an Assembly

### **Order of Business** (subject to change until adopted)

*Items in each time block not addressed in the time allotted will be taken up in Unfinished Business or during the regular order of business as time allows.*

- 9:00am Call to Order, Introductions & Orientation  
Greetings from Camp Mount Luther staff  
\*Adoption of the Agenda  
\*Minutes of the 2025 Synod Assembly  
Report from CaSTLE Project  
CATALYST  
Report of the Nominating Committee  
Report of the Committee on Reference & Counsel  
Report from the Churchwide Organization  
\*Elections Committee – first ballot
- 10:30am Recess

11:00am	Eucharist
12:00	Lunch (with table discussions)
1:00pm	Keynote address
1:45pm	Break
2:00pm	Greetings from global companions, ecumenical and interfaith partners
	Report from Camp Mount Luther
	Youth Ministry Report
	Report from Go Tell It IN The Mountains
	Report of the Vice President
	Update on implementation of resolution SA2025.06.10
	Elections Committee Report – results of first ballot
3:15pm	Break
3:30pm	*Synod Council Report –
	Amendments; Budget; Compensation Guidelines;
	Leadership Education Fund
	*Reference & Counsel
	Report of the Bishop
	Candidacy
	Unfinished business
4:30pm	Closing of the Assembly
5:00pm	Adjourn

## **Resolution SA2025.06.10**

Whereas the boundaries and names of synods are determined by the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions 10.01.01). and,

Whereas, “Any synod contemplating amending articles of incorporation or undertaking other fundamental changes such as dissolution, merger, partition into multiple synods, creating a new synod corporation, incorporating in another jurisdiction, or any similar or related action, especially those that may affect relationships with other expressions of this church, must first consult with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the Office of the Secretary, and with the bishops of any synods affected before seeking ratification by the Church Council.” (ELCA BCR 10.11.01); and,

Whereas the number of congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod continues to decline; and,

Whereas the remaining congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod struggle to financially support the mission of the synod; and,

Whereas we are called to be responsible for the resources God gives us and to be good stewards of all those gifts, financial and otherwise; and

Whereas we are called to share the abundant gifts of God to follow Jesus into the world to share the Good News and care for those most in need; and,

Whereas we can accomplish this mission more effectively together; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Office of the Bishop and synod council members begin exploring the possibility of restructuring or combining existing synods in Pennsylvania, in consultation with affected leaders and congregations, to create a new synod structure to carry on the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. And be it further

**RESOLVED** that updates regarding this resolution should be reported to the congregations in September and any actions regarding this resolution should be reported during future Synod Assemblies of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.