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2021 Synod Assembly Registration Now Open

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod ELCA will gather for a special online business meeting on Saturday, April 24.

The **changing times** of this pandemic have forced us to rethink how we hold meetings and equip leaders and congregations — and the 2021 Synod Assembly is no exception.

The business portions of this year's Assembly will be totally online. We have pared down the agenda to fit into one day. **The online business meeting will be on Saturday, April 24.** Other resources and presentations will be available before and/or after the business meeting.

This year's Assembly theme is "**Serving an Unchanging God in Changing Times,**" which will be living into through this new, online gathering. The agenda features **prayer and preaching, presentations by the bishop and other Synod officers, adoption of the 2022 budget, and important elections for Synod Vice President, Churchwide Assembly, Synod Council, and committees.**

Visit the Assembly website at <https://ministrylink.org/assembly> for more information and the link to register.

Visit the Assembly webpage for more info

What you need to know:

- ▶ Assembly Business Meeting: **Saturday, April 24**
- ▶ Online Orientation and Test Your Tech session to be announced
- ▶ Check [here](#) for your congregation's allocation of voting members
- ▶ Each voting member must have access to a desktop/laptop computer with microphone, camera and speaker; an up-to-date web browser; and reliable internet access. See complete Technology Requirements below.
- ▶ We plan to offer an in-person **worship, fellowship, and learning event** later in the year **when it is safe to gather** in groups again.

Registration and fees:

- ▶ Register early and save: **\$110/person until March 5**
- ▶ Cost increases to **\$140/person through March 26**
- ▶ Due to requirements of our online platform, *no registrations can be accepted after March 26*, or the day of the meeting.
- ▶ **All registrations must be received and payments postmarked by March 26.**

Technology Requirements for Online Assembly:

For questions about technology requirements email comms@sepa.org.

- ▶ Our meeting platform is Internet-based and requires the use of a desktop or laptop computer. Mobile devices and tablets are not supported.
- ▶ Computers can be Windows PC's, Apple Macs, or Chromebooks.
- ▶ Your computer must have a microphone, speakers, camera, and reliable Internet connection.
- ▶ It is highly recommended that each person have earphones with a microphone, or a headset.
- ▶ The meeting platform works with the following web browsers:
 - ▷ Google Chrome (Download: <https://www.google.com/chrome/>)
 - ▷ Mozilla Firefox (Download: <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>)
 - ▷ Microsoft Edge *latest version* (Download: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge>)
- ▶ If you do not have these things, please speak to your pastor about possible solutions.

Each registrant must have:

- ▶ An email address unique to them, which is used as your authentication credential for the meeting. Two registrants cannot share an email address.
- ▶ If you need a unique address, we suggest creating one in Google Gmail (<https://www.gmail.com>)

About our logo:

Designer Katie Simbala says that “I used some paint brushes, thinking of God as the artist. [God] doesn’t change, but the works of [God’s] hands do. So in changing times, there is uncertainty. I imagined that every once in a while the artist would need to clean his brush. Maybe these changing times are just a paint blot in the grand scheme of it all.”



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