

**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

MAY 3-4, 2024

**FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH
613 HARLEYSVILLE PIKE, TELFORD, PA 18969**

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

- 8:15 a.m. Check-in opens. (Pre-registered members only. No on-site registration.)
- 8:15 a.m. Refreshments available in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
- 8:45 a.m. Orientation to Assembly Proceedings (optional)
The Rev. Joseph Klinger, Parliamentarian
- 9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
Bishop Yehiel Curry, Preaching
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Order for the Opening of Assembly
- 10:40 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 10:55 a.m. Report of the Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 11:00 a.m. Report of the Secretary – The Rev. Karl Richard
Presentation of the Program
Rules of Procedure
Reception of Reports
Constitutional Amendments
- Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 11:20 a.m. Address by The Rev. Patricia Davenport, Bishop
- 11:50 a.m. Procedures of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson
- 12:05 p.m. Prayer – Ms. Tracey A. Beasley, SEPA Synod Vice President
First Ballot for Bishop

- 12:10 p.m. Lunch / Visit Mission Center Tables / Free Time
- Refer to your registration packet for your seating.
SEATING ONE: 12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
SEATING TWO: 1:15 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- 2:15 p.m. Report of the Nominating Committee
Ms. Emily Valentine, Chairperson
- 2:35 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson
- Break / Time to Complete Election Forms
- 2:55 p.m. Voting Practice
- 3:20 p.m. First Report of Reference and Counsel
The Rev. Jennifer Casey, Chairperson
- 3:45 p.m. Deadline to Withdraw from Bishop Election
- 3:45 pm Report of the Treasurer – Ms. Janet Huber Neff
Presentation of the Audit of 2023 – (Fiscal Year ending 1/31/24)
- Report of the Finance Committee – Ms. Pia Graham, Chairperson
Presentation of the Budget for 2025 – (Fiscal Year ending 1/31/2026)
- 4:05 p.m. Portico Benefit Services – The Rev. Tara Lynn, Regional Representative
- 4:10 p.m. Balloting for General Elections
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 4:30 p.m. Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 4:35 p.m. Anniversary Celebrants – Churches
- 4:50 p.m. Break (if needed)
- 5:00 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson
Prayer – Mr. Albert Glenn
Second Ballot for Bishop

- 5:15 p.m. Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 5:50 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Top 7 Candidates
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson
- 6:05 p.m. Prayer – Ms. Doreen Kinzler
Adjournment of Friday Session / Return Devices

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. Check-in Opens / Receive Voting Devices
- 8:00 a.m. Refreshments are available in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
Ms. Kendyll Ward, Preaching
- 9:00 a.m. Distribution of Top 7 Candidates Biographical Information and Digital Pictures Shared
Forum with Nominees for Bishop (**5 minutes each to present**)
- 9:40 a.m. Practice Vote
- 9:50 a.m. Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 9:55 a.m. Prayer – Ms. Robin Alderfer
Third Ballot for Bishop
- 10:05 a.m. Introduction of Candidates
The Rev. Marcia Bell, Director of Mobility
The Rev. Paul Neff, Chairperson, Candidacy Committee
- 10:20 a.m. Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 10:35 a.m. Break
- 10:50 a.m. Report of the Vice President of the SEPA Synod – Ms. Tracey A. Beasley
- 11:15 a.m. Second Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
The Rev. Jennifer Casey, Chairperson
- 11:45 am Report of the Committee of the Election of a Bishop
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson

- 12 Noon Prayer – ELCA Vice President Imran M. Siddiqui
- 12:05 p.m. Lunch / Visit Mission Center Tables / Free Time
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SEATING ONE: 12:05 to 12:55 p.m.
SEATING TWO: 1:10 to 2:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer – Dr. Addie J. Butler
- 2:05 p.m. Forum with Top 3 Candidates for Bishop **(90 seconds to answer each question)**
- 2:20 p.m. Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 2:25 p.m. Prayer – Mr. Damar Wilson
Fourth Ballot for Bishop
- 2:35 p.m. United Lutheran Seminary – The Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin, President
- 2:45 p.m. Anniversary Celebrants - Individuals
- 3:05 p.m. ELCA Churchwide Representative
Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
- 3:30 p.m. Announcement from Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 3:35 p.m. Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson
- 3:45 p.m. Vitality Team
- 3:55 p.m. Forum with Top 2 Candidates **(5 minutes each to present)**
- 4:05 p.m. Prayer – Tracey A. Beasley, SEPA Synod Vice President
Fifth Ballot for Bishop
- 4:10 p.m. Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
The Rev. Rebecca Schanely, Chairperson
- 4:25 p.m. Third Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
The Rev. Jennifer Casey, Chairperson
- 4:50 p.m. Final Report of the Committee for the Election of a Bishop
Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, ELCA Secretary
Mr. Bruce McCullough, Esq., Chairperson

- 5:05 p.m. Unfinished Business
Recognition of Outgoing Synod Council Members
Installation of Synod Council Members
- 5:20 p.m. Report of the Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
Order for Closing