

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Proposed Program for the
Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Assembly**

May 30-31, 2025

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
1000 W Main Steet, Lansdale, PA 19446**

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

- 8:15 a.m. Check-in opens. (Pre-registered members only. No on-site registration.)
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Refreshments available in Hyson Hall
- 8:45 a.m. Orientation to Assembly Proceedings (optional) in Sanctuary
The Rev. Joseph Klinger, Parliamentarian
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Order for the Opening of Assembly
- 10:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions – Bishop Bryan J. Penman
- 10:30 a.m. Report of the Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
- 10:35 a.m. Report of the Secretary – The Rev. Karl Richard
Presentation of the Program
Rules of Procedure
Reception of Reports
- 11:00 a.m. ELCA Churchwide Representative - Keynote Address
Mr. Iain Chester, Executive Director, Innovation, ELCA
- 11:25 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee
Ms. Emily Valentine, Chairperson
- 11:50 a.m. Prayer & Ponder Anew Spiritual Practices
Deacon Tammy Devine, Principal for Devine Coaching
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch / Workshops (Refer to your nametag for your seating.)
- Group A: Lunch 12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.
Workshop (Devine): 1:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Group B: Workshop (Chester): 12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.
Lunch 1:10 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 2:10 p.m. Spotlights - Block One
- 2:50 p.m. First Report of Reference and Counsel
The Rev. Jennifer Casey, Chairperson

- 3:25 p.m. Report of the Treasurer – Ms. Janet Huber Neff
Presentation of the Audit of 2024 – (Fiscal Year ending 1/31/25)
- Report of the Finance Committee – Ms. Pia Graham, Chairperson
Presentation of the Budget for 2026 – (Fiscal Year ending 1/31/2027)
- 3:45 p.m. First Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
(Balloting for all Positions Except Synod Vice President)
The Rev. Ray Miller, Chairperson
- 4:05 p.m. Second Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
The Rev. Jennifer Casey, Chairperson
- Spotlight Block Two (if no R&C time is needed)*
- 4:25 p.m. Recognition of Congregational Anniversaries (in increments of 25 years)
- 4:40 p.m. Prayer & Ponder Anew Spiritual Practices
Deacon Tammy Devine, Principal for Devine Coaching
- 4:50 p.m. Dinner / Visit Mission Center (Refer to your name tag for seating.)
- Dinner Seating A: 4:50 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Dinner Seating B: 5:55 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Bishop’s Address by Bishop Bryan J. Penman
- 7:45 p.m. Prayer & Ponder Anew Spiritual Practices
Deacon Tammy Devine
- Adjournment of Friday Session

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Check-in Opens
- 8:00 a.m. Refreshments are available in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
Bishop Bryan J. Penman, Preaching
- 10:15 a.m. Third Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
The Rev. Jennifer Casey, Chairperson
- Spotlight Block Three (if no R&C time is needed)*
- 10:35 a.m. Report of SEPA Synod Vice President – Ms. Tracey A. Beasley
- 10:55 a.m. Vice Presidential Candidate Presentations *(3 Minutes Each)*
- 11:15 a.m. Break

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- 11:25 a.m. Second Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
(*Balloting for Synod Vice President*)
The Rev. Ray Miller, Chairperson
- 11:35 a.m. Recognition of Anniversary Celebrants – Individuals
- 11:50 a.m. Prayer - Ponder Anew Spiritual Practices
Deacon Tammy Devine, Principal for Devine Coaching
- 12:05 p.m. Lunch / Workshops
Refer to your name tag for seating.
- Group A: Workshop (Chester): 12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lunch 1:15 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- Group B: Lunch 12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Workshop (Devine): 1:15 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- 2:15 p.m. Third Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
(*runoffs - all positions - if needed*)
The Rev. Ray Miller, Chairperson

Spotlight Block Four (if no runoffs are needed)
- 2:25 p.m. Ponder Anew Resources for Congregations in Transition
Pastor Karen Sease & TMDT
- 2:45 p.m. Introduction of Candidates for Rostered Ministry
Ms. Lisa Pressley, Candidacy Committee Chair &
The Rev. Erika Wesch, Assistant to the Bishop for Formation
- 2:55 p.m. Fourth Report of the Committee on General Elections and Balloting
(*Elected Candidates Announced*)
The Rev. Ray Miller, Chairperson
- 3:05 p.m. Unfinished Business
Recognition of Outgoing Synod Council Members
Affirmation of Christian Vocation
Installations & Sendoffs
 - Prayers for Churchwide Members
 - Installation of New Synod Council Members & Vice President / Reinstallation of Current Members
 - Installation of New Synod Staff
- 3:35 p.m. Report of the Registrar – Ms. Cynta Outterbridge
Order for Closing

Important! Please be aware times are approximate and may run ahead or behind schedule. Keep this in mind as far as being present for nominations, voting etc.