

2010 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly

April 17-18, 2010

Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls

It is that time of year again to begin thinking about the Synod Assembly. The 2010 Synod Assembly will be held on April 17-18 at the Redwood Area Community Center and Redwood Falls High School in Redwood Falls. At this time, we would like to make some Assembly announcements.



2010 Synod Assembly Theme

Theme: God's work. Our hands.

Theme Text: John 21: 1-19

Theme Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW #708)

Service Projects

The Synod Assembly Planning Committee is excited to announce you'll have the opportunity to do God's work with your hands at this year's assembly. On Saturday afternoon, service projects will be offered in addition to traditional workshops. More details will be provided in the Pre-Assembly book.

Assembly Offerings

Our 2010 Assembly worship offerings will be designated to our Mission Partners. As in the past, congregations are encouraged to send, with their voting members, an offering of \$1 per baptized member for the assembly offering.

Additionally, there will be a separate World Hunger offering taken during a plenary session sponsored by the Synod Hunger Committee.

Finding your Voting Members

Look for your registration packets at the beginning of January. However, it's not too early to begin finding your **voting members** now to attend the assembly. Choosing your voting members early will not only insure your voice at the assembly, it will also help you take advantage of the **early bird registration** deadline of **March 5, 2010**.

Please see the enclosed letter from Bishop Anderson.

Dakota Road is coming

We are excited to announce Dakota Road will be with us the entire assembly to lead us in gathering music, worship, and other surprises throughout the assembly.

Dakota Road has become known nationally for their stirring original music and playful performance style. They craft powerful stories of life and faith woven in colorful musical styles ranging from acoustic ballads to rocking anthems. Their songs of struggle and hope connect with people of all ages and walks of life.

Visit their website www.dakotaroad.com.



Calling All Artists!

The Synod Assembly Planning Committee is looking for logo designs to be submitted by people living within our synod. The committee would like a simple logo, using our theme. The 2010 theme is "God's work. Our hands." The theme text is John 21: 1-19. ELW hymn #708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" has been selected as our assembly hymn. It might be helpful to integrate something from these into the design. While we encourage the use of color, please keep both your design and color choices to a minimum for the sake of reproduction. The logo will be used on many of the Synod Assembly materials in addition to the cover of our yearly Southwestern Minnesota Synod Handbook. An honorarium will be given to the selected artist.

Please send your design via email as a Word or Jpg document to Liza Eekhoff at liza.eekhoff@swwnelca.org. Please submit designs **by Friday, December 4, 2009**.

** Please pass the above note on to someone you think would create a good assembly logo or perhaps publish the information in your church bulletin or newsletter.

2010 Synod Assembly Video Invitation

This past summer, the ELCA sent out an invitation asking for videos which depicted the ELCA tagline "God's work. Our hands." Likewise, the Synod Assembly Planning Committee is inviting members of our synod to make videos for our assembly. All you have to do is shoot a short 30-90 second video on what our assembly theme "God's work. Our hands." means to you. As time allows, all videos will then be shown during the assembly in April. If you are interested, please see our website, www.swwnelca.org, for more details. All videos should be submitted on a DVD or CD and mailed to the synod office at P.O. Box 499, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-0499. We welcome video entries now until **March 1, 2010**.

Congregation Banners

Help us bring the assembly alive with our witness through the beauty of a banner to show the presence of your congregation. We especially invite the banners that relate directly to our Synod Assembly theme.

The banners will be displayed in the Fieldhouse throughout the assembly. Please bring your banner with a banner stand. Banners will not be displayed without a furnished stand.

Thank you for your assistance in our 2010 Assembly.
See you in April!



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