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### Other materials required:

- Eastern North Dakota Synod Constitution *(Since there are two resolutions related to constitutional changes, a paper copy of this will be available at each table at the assembly)*
- Proposed 2018 Compensation and Policy Guidelines for Rostered Ministers and Lay Paid Staff
- 2016 Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly Minutes

### Other optional materials:

- 2017 Reports to the Assembly
- 2017 ELCA Churchwide Report
Saturday, June 3

7:30 a.m.  REGISTRATION OPEN

8:30 a.m.  OPENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Preacher: Bishop Terry A. Brandt

9:45 a.m.  PLENARY 1
Opening of the Assembly
Report of the Credentials Committee
Declaration of a Quorum
Adopt Agenda and Rules of Procedure
Report of the Secretary
Report of the Elections/Nominating Committee
Resolutions

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  KEYNOTE: ERIC BARRETO

11:15 a.m.  STATE OF THE SYNOD: BISHOP TERRY A. BRANDT

12 p.m.  LUNCH
Deadline for Treasurer Nominations *(Nominations should be turned into the Business Table)*
Recognition of Church Anniversaries: 100 and 125 years

12:45 p.m.  STATE OF THE ELCA
The Rev. Rubén F Durán - Director, New Congregations, ELCA Domestic Mission Unit

1:30 p.m.  Break

1:45 p.m.  EDUCATIONAL BREAKOUTS – SESSION 1

2:30 p.m.  Break

2:45 p.m.  CONFERENCE CAUCUSING

3:15 p.m.  Break: Treats sponsored by Mission Investment Fund

3:30 p.m.  GLOCAL EDUCATION AND MUSIC SESSION
4 p.m.  
PLENARY 2  
Report of the Credentials Committee  
First Ballot for Treasurer  
Report of the Treasurer: Darin Ohe  
Presentation of the 2018 Proposed Mission Plan (Budget)  
Resolutions

4:30 p.m.  
HEALING OF THE NATIONS SERVICE  
Deadline for Synod Council Nominations (Nominations should be turned into the Business Table)

Saturday Evening Optional Activity

6 p.m.  
EVENING IN AFRICA DINNER & AUCTIONS  
Journey + Faith Lutheran Church, West Fargo  
Registration Required: $25/person  
All proceeds benefit mission and ministry in our companion synod, Central African Republic.  
(Only cash and check will be accepted for purchases.)

Sunday, June 4

8 a.m.  
REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK OPEN

8:30 a.m.  
GLOCAL EDUCATION AND MUSIC SESSION

9 a.m.  
PLENARY 3  
Report of the Vice President: Dr. Phyllis Johnson  
Report of the Credentials Committee  
Report of the Elections/Nominating Committee  
Second Ballot for Treasurer (if needed)  
Other Elections  
Adoption of the 2018 Mission Plan  
Resolutions

9:45 a.m.  
KEYNOTE: ERIC BARRETO  
Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries: 20+ years (honored in five year increments)

10:15 a.m.  
PLENARY 4  
Report of the Credentials Committee  
Resolutions

10:45 a.m.  
Break

11 a.m.  
EDUCATIONAL BREAKOUTS – SESSION 2

12 p.m.  
BRUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

1 p.m.  
CLOSING WORSHIP  
Joint Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation  
Preacher: Bishop John Folda, Fargo Catholic Diocese  
Offering to benefit Ministry in Central African Republic, South Sudan and Multi-Ethnic Mission Development in Eastern North Dakota
1. The agenda and the rules of procedure will be adopted at the first session of the assembly. Once adopted, they may only be changed by a two-thirds vote of the assembly.

2. Official voting members are to be seated at tables on the plenary floor. Persons granted voice, but not vote [S7.23.] may also be seated on the floor. Visitors are welcome to sit on the floor but will be designated with a different colored name tag.

3. One-half of the members of the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum [S7.14.].

4. If the lack of a quorum prevents action on any item of business, the disposition of which is essential for the ongoing work of the synod, that matter shall be referred to the Synod Council for action, and the action of the Synod Council shall be binding on the synod.

5. How to make a motion:
   a) The motion, amendment or referral must be in writing (forms available at the business table). Keep one copy, send one to the assembly chairperson.
   b) Address the chairperson, “Mr. or Ms. Chairperson,” to be recognized.
   c) Give your name, congregation, and city.
   d) State your motion, “I move that . . . .”.
   e) As a general rule, every motion shall be seconded.
   f) The chairperson will restate the motion as made and seconded before it is debated.

6. Unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the assembly, all speeches in general discussion shall be limited to two minutes, and no person shall speak more than twice on the same subject.

7. Only resolutions received 30 days prior to the assembly and distributed two weeks prior to the assembly shall come before the synod assembly with the exception of resolutions dealing with events or issues originating within 50 days prior to and including the assembly. The exceptional resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee, if received prior to the assembly, or by Committee on Reference and Counsel, if submitted at the assembly, to ascertain whether it is permissible to grant exceptional status.

8. A Committee on Reference and Counsel (two clergy and three laypersons) shall be appointed by the bishop and announced at the first session of the assembly. Its duties shall be:
   a) To review all resolutions of a general character which are not germane to the pending question or report. The proposer shall submit the resolution to the synod secretary or to the committee. Resolutions submitted by voting members shall be reviewed by the Committee on Reference and Counsel, which when reporting to the synod assembly may move:
      1) to adopt the resolution as submitted by (voting member’s name).
      2) to adopt the resolution, proposed by (voting member’s name) as amended by the Committee on Reference and Counsel.
      3) to refer the resolution, submitted by (voting member’s name) to the Synod Council for (specify expectation).
4) to adopt the substitute resolution for the resolution submitted by (voting member’s name).

5) to decline the resolution as proposed by (voting member’s name).

b) To recommend special orders for hearing by voting members
c) To grant or deny permission to distribute printed material not issued from the synod secretary.
d) To give such assistance to the chairperson as may be desired in the course of the assembly.

In reviewing proposed memorials, resolutions, and main motions, the Reference and Counsel Committee may edit, prepare an alternative memorial, resolution, or motion, or consolidate into a single proposed action multiple memorials, resolutions, or main motions on the same or similar subjects. Whenever the Reference and Counsel Committee recommends an edited or alternative memorial, resolution, or motion, the report to the assembly shall contain the text of the original motion.

9. No resolution shall be accepted by the Committee on Reference and Counsel after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017 without two-thirds vote of approval by the assembly.

10. The following election process shall be followed:

a) The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for each vacancy to be filled by election [S9.03.01, 9.05, 9.06].

b) Nominations in addition to those submitted may be made from the floor by any voting member. **Nominations for the Synod Treasurer will be accepted from the floor until 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday, June 3.**

c) All elections shall be by ballot. Except where otherwise provided, a majority of votes cast on any ballot shall elect.

d) If more than two persons are nominated for any position and there is no election on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be candidates on the succeeding ballot.

e) The result of each ballot in every election shall be announced in detail to the assembly.

11. The latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure of this Synod Assembly, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or of the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

12. Rostered leaders serving under contract who are currently rostered in a different synod shall have voice, but not vote, at this assembly.
For Fair and Orderly Meetings & Conventions

Provides common rules and procedures for deliberation and debate in order to place the whole membership on the same footing and speaking the same language. The conduct of ALL business is controlled by the general will of the whole membership - the right of the deliberate majority to decide. Complementary is the right of at least a strong minority to require the majority to be deliberate - to act according to its considered judgment AFTER a full and fair "working through" of the issues involved.

Robert's Rules provides for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly. Under no circumstances should "undue strictness" be allowed to intimidate members or limit full participation.

The fundamental right of deliberative assemblies require all questions to be thoroughly discussed before taking action!

The assembly rules - they have the final say on everything!
Silence means consent!

- Obtain the floor (the right to speak) by being the first to stand when the person speaking has finished; state Mr./Madam Chairman. Raising your hand means nothing, and standing while another has the floor is out of order! Must be recognized by the Chair before speaking!
- Debate can not begin until the Chair has stated the motion or resolution and asked "are you ready for the question?" If no one rises, the chair calls for the vote!
- Before the motion is stated by the Chair (the question) members may suggest modification of the motion; the mover can modify as he pleases, or even withdraw the motion without consent of the second; if mover modifies, the seconder can withdraw the second.
- The "immediately pending question" is the last question stated by the Chair! Motion/Resolution - Amendment - Motion to Postpone
- The member moving the "immediately pending question" is entitled to preference to the floor!
- No member can speak twice to the same issue until everyone else wishing to speak has spoken to it once!
- All remarks must be directed to the Chair. Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment - avoid all personalities, never allude to others by name or to motives!
The agenda and all committee reports are merely recommendations! When presented to the assembly and the question is stated, debate begins and changes occur!

The Rules

- **Point of Privilege:** Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary!
- **Parliamentary Inquiry:** Inquire as to the correct motion - to accomplish a desired result, or raise a point of order
- **Point of Information:** Generally applies to information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker) a question."
- **Orders of the Day (Agenda):** A call to adhere to the agenda (a deviation from the agenda requires Suspending the Rules)
- **Point of Order:** Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking. Must be raised immediately after the error is made
- **Main Motion:** Brings new business (the next item on the agenda) before the assembly
- **Divide the Question:** Divides a motion into two or more separate motions (must be able to stand on their own)
Consider by Paragraph: Adoption of paper is held until all paragraphs are debated and amended and entire paper is satisfactory; after all paragraphs are considered, the entire paper is then open to amendment, and paragraphs may be further amended. Any Preamble can not be considered until debate on the body of the paper has ceased.

Amend: Inserting or striking out words or paragraphs, or substituting whole paragraphs or resolutions

Withdraw/Modify Motion: Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor

Commit /Refer/Recommit to Committee: State the committee to receive the question or resolution; if no committee exists include size of committee desired and method of selecting the members (election or appointment).

Extend Debate: Applies only to the immediately pending question; extends until a certain time or for a certain period of time

Limit Debate: Closing debate at a certain time, or limiting to a certain period of time

Postpone to a Certain Time: State the time the motion or agenda item will be resumed

Object to Consideration: Objection must be stated before discussion or another motion is stated

Lay on the Table: Temporarily suspends further consideration/action on pending question; may be made after motion to close debate has carried or is pending

Take from the Table: Resumes consideration of item previously "laid on the table" - state the motion to take from the table

Reconsider: Can be made only by one on the prevailing side who has changed position or view

Postpone Indefinitely: Kills the question/resolution for this session - exception: the motion to reconsider can be made this session

Previous Question: Closes debate if successful - may be moved to "Close Debate" if preferred

Informal Consideration: Move that the assembly go into "Committee of the Whole" - informal debate as if in committee; this committee may limit number or length of speeches or close debate by other means by a 2/3 vote. All votes, however, are formal.

Appeal Decision of the Chair: Appeal for the assembly to decide - must be made before other business is resumed; NOT debatable if relates to decorum, violation of rules or order of business

Suspend the Rules: Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except Constitution); the object of the suspension must be specified

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<td>COMPLAIN ABOUT HEAT, NOISE, ETC</td>
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<td>GIVE CLOSER STUDY TO ISSUE</td>
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<td>TAKE UP A MATTER PREVIOUSLY TABLED</td>
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# CHART OF NONRANKING MOTIONS

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RESOLUTION #1  Conference Election Bylaw Change

WHEREAS, the geographic distribution of individuals serving on committees and boards of the synod and churchwide structures is highly beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the geographic conference structure of the synod facilitates such distribution; and

WHEREAS, the activity of conference nominations and elections is performed best with active participation from as many congregations and voters as possible; and

WHEREAS, that broad and active participation may be achieved annually by giving conferences the flexibility to either caucus at synod assembly or another time different than at a Fall Conference Assembly; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws S12.01.41 and S12.01.43 of the “CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, and CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS of the EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA” be amended to read, “Conference councils shall meet at least annually, to conduct elections and nominations within the conference as required in 12.01.51, 12.01.52, 12.01.53, and 12.01.54”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that S12.01.53 of the same be amended to read, “In advance of each Churchwide Assembly, the conference council shall nominate, for election by the Synod Assembly, voting members to the Churchwide Assembly according to a procedure worked out by the Synod Council.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the phrases “fall”, “at its fall assembly” and “at the fall assembly” be removed respectively from S11.05.01 and S12.01.54; and be it further

RESOLVED, that S12.01.42 be amended to read “the bishop of the synod or his or her appointee shall be invited to attend the annual meeting of the conference council.”

Submitted by the Eastern North Dakota Synod Council

RESOLUTION #2  World Food Day

WHEREAS, the United Nations has declared October 16th of every year World Food Day; and

WHEREAS, as Christians we hold up Matthew 25:40 (NRSV) where Jesus says, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me”; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA is committed to preventing and ending hunger around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Dakota Synod is committed to World Hunger efforts and has embraced World Food Sunday (October 15, 2017); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all congregations in the synod be called upon to dedicate a Sunday of their choice to raising awareness, education, and gathering an offering for World Hunger.

Submitted by the Hunger and Justice Committee of the Eastern North Dakota Synod
RESOLUTION #3  ELCA World Hunger

WHEREAS, the ELCA constitution states the church shall serve in response to God's love to meet the human needs of those in our world who are hungry and thirsty and in need of dignity and justice; and

WHEREAS, a major portion of the current five-year “Campaign For The ELCA, Always Being Made New’ will be devoted toward ELCA World Hunger; and

WHEREAS, we can celebrate the Eastern North Dakota Synod giving to ELCA World Hunger at the end of fiscal year 2016 is $211,700 ($2.29/baptized member) shows an increase of 15 cents/baptized member from the previous year's giving; and

WHEREAS, as a way of highlighting the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation by biking a combined total of 500 miles in our synod (approximately 62.5 miles in each of our eight conferences) we are sponsoring “Change Makers Bike Rides” June 23 and 24 to raise awareness about ELCA World Hunger and have set a financial goal in each conference of $5,000; and

WHEREAS, members of the Eastern North Dakota Synod as individuals, families and congregations support local food drives, the Great Plains Food Bank, and other worthy, hunger-based organizations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Eastern North Dakota Synod continue to challenge their membership to raise their annual giving through our world hunger program of the ELCA, exceeding our current average giving of $2.29/baptized member; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we lend our support and encouragement to the Change Makers Bike Rides in whatever way possible, including the invitation to each congregation in our synod to take a special bike ride offering prior to the ride and to present the congregational checks during the ride; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each congregation make use of the many resources of the ELCA World Hunger program to address the tremendous needs of an impoverished and hungry world.

Submitted by the Hunger and Justice Committee of the Eastern North Dakota Synod

RESOLUTION #4  Eco-Reformation in the Context of Climate Change

WHEREAS, 2017 marks observances of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which addressed fundamental threats to human well-being and all of God’s creation in theological, social, and political ways; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 ELCA Social Statement “Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice” affirmed that, “we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth;” and

WHEREAS, in 1993 with “Caring for Creation” we realized the urgency was already “widespread and serious, according to the preponderance of evidence from scientists worldwide (of) dangerous global warming, caused by the buildup of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide” from the burning of fossil fuels, and that “action to counter degradation, especially within this decade, is essential to the future of our children and our children’s children. Time is very short;” and

WHEREAS, in the 1999 Social Statement “Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All,” this church declares that “Too often the earth has been treated as a waste receptacle and a limitless
storehouse of raw materials to be used up for the sake of economic growth, rather than as a
finite, fragile ecological system upon which human and all other life depends;” and

WHEREAS, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton wrote in a pastoral letter on September 19, 2014: “Daily we see
and hear the evidence of a rapidly changing climate. Glaciers are disappearing, the polar ice
cap is melting, and sea levels are rising. Incidents of pollution-created dead zones in seas and
the ocean and toxic algae growth in water supplies are occurring with greater frequency. Most
disturbingly, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rising at an
unprecedented rate. At the same time we also witness in too many instances how the earth’s
natural beauty, a sign of God’s wonderful creativity, has been defiled by pollutants and waste...
The present moment is a critical one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as faithful
individuals and churches in solidarity with God’s good creation”; and

WHEREAS, global population is projected to increase from its current 7.3 billion to 9.2 billion or more by 2050
(one generation); and

WHEREAS, this level of population growth is projected to require a 60-70% increase in food production; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change on food production are not fully understood, but are projected to
be more negative than positive; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Dakota Hunger and Justice Committee, together with the Hunger Table of the
Northwest Minnesota Synod has been in a year-long study, including hosting special speakers,
and a Region 3 hunger retreat focused on climate change and its impact on food production;
therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Eastern North Dakota Synod, recognizing the need for ongoing reformation of the ELCA,
memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to make climate change and
ecological justice major themes in ELCA planning and activities following the observance of the
500th anniversary of the Reformation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this synod find ways to support and engage conversations, members, the churchwide
organization, and agencies and institutions of this church to adopt and advocate for policies
that reduce energy use, and with it our dependence on fossil fuels, as an expression of this
church’s commitment to address climate change and to care for God’s creation; and re-
examine lifestyles and environmental footprints as they relate to the climate crisis; and be it
further

RESOLVED, that this synod commits itself to participate with the ELCA in becoming even more faithfully a
denomination that embraces creation care throughout its life and mission.

Submitted by EaND Synod Hunger and Justice Committee
Rev. Elwood Rieke and Jessica Arneson, Co-Chairs
April 28, 2017
RESOLUTION #5  Constitutional Update

WHEREAS, the model constitution for Synods has been revised by the Office of the Secretary of the ELCA to reflect the changes voted on by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a committee formed within our Eastern North Dakota Synod has proposed changes to the EaND Synod constitution to bring our constitution into compliance with the current model constitution for Synods; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Eastern North Dakota Assembly approve the changes made to our constitution.

Submitted by the Eastern North Dakota Synod Council

RESOLUTION #6  2018 Compensation and Policy Guidelines for Rostered Ministers & Lay Paid Staff

WHEREAS, congregations of the Eastern North Dakota Synod request and appreciate the aid and counsel of their companion congregations in this synod and synod leadership in ascertaining fair, equitable, and adequate compensation and benefits for pastors and professional staff; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern North Dakota Synod Council has discussed and approved these guidelines and commends them to the 2017 Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly and to the congregations of this synod for deliberation and use; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly adopt, approve, and commend to the congregations of this synod these guidelines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this assembly approve the publication and distribution of these “Guidelines” to congregations of this synod through the usual and appropriate means employed by the synod office.

Submitted by the Eastern North Dakota Synod Council
Joe Askew – Fargo, ND
Since 2002, I have been a member of Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo. Prior to being a member at Olivet, my family and I were members of Good News Lutheran Church (when Good News closed the property was transferred to Olivet).
I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management from NDSU and a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from UND. I work in Perham, Minnesota as Controller for Industrial Finishing Services, Inc.
I have served as Congregation Treasurer for both Good News Lutheran and Olivet Lutheran Churches. I served Good News on the Council for ten years and on the Olivet Council for nine years, off and on. I have worked closely with staff at Olivet to transition accounting software to make the bookkeeping easier to understand. At year-end I assist with reconciling the books to meet Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures. I enjoy the Olivet community and am thankful for being able to contribute to the church in this way.
Other volunteer work has included auditing the books for the Fargo South Parent-Teacher’s Association and some co-coaching for my son’s recreational basketball team.
I am a Casselton native and met my wife Lori at UND. We have been married for 31 years and have two children. Kate is a speech-language professional in the Miles City, Montana School District; and Tom who just graduated with his accounting degree from NDSU. I enjoy camping with my family at various campgrounds and weekend trips to state parks.
Thank you for your consideration. If elected, I would be honored to serve the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

David D. Johnsen - Fargo, ND
I am currently a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo. I was previously a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Valley City for 37 years, serving on Church Council and acting as treasurer for many of those years, then as newly formed Faith Lutheran Foundation Board member and treasurer.
I grew up on a farm in Eastern South Dakota, graduating from South Dakota State University in December of 1974. I taught Vo-Ag in Lisbon, ND in 1974-75. In September of 1975 I moved to Valley City where I was in banking for 37 years, which included being Regional President for Dacotah Bank until retirement in January 2013.
During my banking career I served on the North Dakota Bankers Association Legislative Committee and then served as a board member. In Valley City I was on the Sheyenne Care Center board for two separate terms, the Barnes County Seniors Council as treasurer then as President. I was on the Barnes County Housing Authority Board for many years and also the Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation, all as volunteer roles.
Since retiring from banking and moving to Fargo I have worked part time as adjuster for Federal Crop Insurance.
My family consists of my wife Jeanne of 45 years, three children, Candice in Locust Grove, GA, Jeff and his wife Sadie in Green Bay, WI. Kellie and her husband Steve in Fargo, and 7 grandchildren.
With my extensive background in banking and finance I feel I would be qualified to serve as Treasurer for the Eastern North Dakota Synod.
Nominee for **Treasurer** to the Eastern North Dakota Synod (four-year term):

**S8.40. Treasurer**

**S8.41.** The treasurer shall be elected by the Synod Assembly. The treasurer shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The treasurer may be either a layperson or an ordained minister.

**S8.42.** The treasurer shall provide and be accountable for:

- management of the monies and accounts of this synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, evidences of claims and revenues, and trust funds, holding the same at all times subject to the order of this synod.
- investment of funds upon the authorization of the Synod Council.
- receipt and acknowledgment of offerings, contributions, and bequests made to this synod, collecting interest and income from its invested funds, and paying regular appropriations and orders on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Synod Council. The treasurer shall transmit each month to the treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the funds received by this synod for the general work of this church.
- maintenance of a regular account with each congregation of this synod and informing the congregation, at least quarterly, of the status of this account.
- rendering at each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly a full, detailed, and duly audited report of receipts and disbursements in the several accounts of this synod for the preceding fiscal year, together with the tabulation, for record and publication in the minutes, of the contributions from the congregations.
- giving of corporate surety in the amount determined by the Synod Council, which shall be in the custody of the secretary, and the premium therefore shall be paid by this synod. Fidelity coverage provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed a fulfillment of this requirement.

Vote for one (1):

**Joe Askew**, Olivet Lutheran / Fargo
(1st term, 2021)

**David D. Johnsen**, Hope Lutheran / Fargo
(1st term, 2021)
Nominees for EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD COUNCIL (two-year term):

S10.07.01.B
One pastor and one lay person from each conference nominated at the Conference Assembly and elected by the Synod Assembly. The terms of conference representatives shall be two years, with term of office arranged so that half of the terms expire annually. Each representative shall be eligible for two consecutive re-elections.

S10.97.01.d
Two lay representatives who are persons of color and/or whose primary language is other than English. These persons are elected by the Synod Assembly for a two-year term, eligible for two consecutive re-elections.

S10.07.01.c
Each youth member of the Synod Council shall be a voting member, elected by the Synod Assembly for a one-year term and electable for two consecutive re-elections.

**Spirit Lake Conference:**
Vote for one (1) lay
___ Jared Schlenker

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**Fargo Conference:**
Vote for one (1) lay
___ Stan Franek, incumbent

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**Grafton Conference:**
Vote for one (1) pastor
___ Rev Jessica Merchant

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**Grand Forks Conference:**
Vote for one (1) lay
___ Kathy Fick

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**Jamestown Conference:**
Vote for one (1) pastor
___ Rev Ryan Ferwerda

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**Mayville Conference:**
Vote for one (1) pastor and one (1) lay
___ Rev Julie Johnson, incumbent
___ Beth Christianson-Melby

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**Prairie Rose Conference:**
Vote for one (1) pastor and one (1) lay
___ Rev Jerry Rosin, completing an unexpired term
___ Eldo Haugen, incumbent

___

**Wahpeton Conference:**
none

Nominee for multicultural member to SYNOD COUNCIL (two year term):
Vote for one (1) lay or pastor

___ Matour Alier
   South Sudan Lutheran
   Fargo, ND

Nominees for youth representatives to SYNOD COUNCIL (one year term):
Vote for two (2)

___ Nadia Robb
   Concordia College
   Hillsboro, ND

___ Thomas Raymond
   Concordia College
   Grand Forks, ND

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## Mission Plan

**Eastern North Dakota Synod of the ELCA**

**2016 Actual, 2017 Revised Plan and 2018 Proposed Plan**

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### Notes
- **2017 Budget**: 41.5% of Mission Support
- **2018 Budget**: 42.0% of Mission Support

### Support of Congregations

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