

Draft Agenda June 6-7, 2025 Marriott Conference Center, College Park, MD

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Child Care	Room: 1101/1102
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration – Natalie Cain, Interns Synod Council	Lobby Room: 1105
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Orientation and Refresher for Voting Members <i>Mr. Richard Ahlberg and The Rev. Alex Stall</i> Worship Assistant Training	<i>Gen. Vessey Ballroom</i> <i>Chesapeake Ballroom</i>

Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Chesapeake Ballroom

Plenary Session 1 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Chesapeake Ballroom

Opening of Assembly
Report of the Registrar – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau
Seating of Voting Members
Approval of Absences
Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of 2024 Synod Assembly Minutes
Adoption of Rules of Procedure
Recognition of Ecumenical Guests
Report of the Synod Transition Team – Mr. Jackson Droney
Process of Electing a Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel
Bishop Voting Process – The Rev. Kari Parsons
Report of the Registrar – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau
Prayer & First Ballot for Bishop—nominating ballot – Bishop Matthew Riegel
Report of the Nominating Committee – The Rev. Tony Prinsen
Report of the Bishop – The Rev. Leila Ortiz, Bishop
First Reading of the Mission Spending Plan – Ms. Julie Hamre

(10:30 a.m. Registration Closed for Pre-Bishop Ballot Count)

(12:30 p.m. Registration Reopens)

Midday Prayer 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 pm Chesapeake Ballroom

Report of the First Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel

1:15 pm – 3:00 pm Lunch & Workshops

Lunch & workshop instructions/Prayer – Assembly Chaplain
Pick up box lunch

“Christian Nationalism: Ferocious Wolves in Sheeps’ Clothing” <i>Presented by Duke Taylor and the Racial Equity Team</i>	<i>Gen. Vessey Ballroom</i>
“I Love to Tell the Story! Effective Strategies for Growing Generosity” <i>Presented by Stewardship and Mission Support Table</i>	<i>Chesapeake Ballroom</i>
“Resourcing Congregational Vitality” <i>Presented by the New and Renewing Mission Table</i>	<i>Room 1105</i>

Poor People's Campaign – Presented by Rev. Betty Landis
“Embracing AI in Ministry” – Presented by Rev. Mike Gutzler

Room 0101 (lower level)
Room 0105 (lower level)

Plenary Session 2	3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	<u>Chesapeake Ballroom</u>
We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain		
First Ballot for Synod Elections – The Rev. Tony Prinsen		
Synod Elections Voting Process – The Rev. Kari Parsons		
Report of the DEM – The Rev. Jason Shank		
Report of the Synod Treasurer – Ms. Julie Hamre		
Proposed Constitutional Amendments – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau		
First Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards		
The Second Ballot for Synod Elections – The Rev. Tony Prinsen		

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Break and Hotel Check-in

4:30 P.M. DEADLINE

**WITHDRAWAL FROM ELECTION FOR BISHOP AND ALL BISHOP
CANDIDATE FORMS DUE**

(4:45 p.m. Registration Closed for Pre-Bishop Ballot Count)

Plenary Session 3	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<u>Chesapeake Ballroom</u>
We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain		
Report of the Synod Council Vice President – Ms. Jennifer Slagle Peck		
Introduction to Compensation Guidelines – Ms. Jennifer Slagle Peck		
Report of the Registrar – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau		
Second Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel		
Report of the Assistant to the Bishop – The Rev. Sarah Garrett Krey		
Report of Youth+Family Ministry – Y+F Ministry Team		
Instructions for Conference Breakfasts – Synod Transition Team		
Instructions for dinner and meal prayer – Synod Assembly Chaplain		

(6:00 p.m. Registration Reopens)

Dinner	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm	<u>Gen. Vessey Ballroom</u>
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Plenary Session 4	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<u>Chesapeake Ballroom</u>
We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain		
Report of the Second Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel		
Second Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards		
Anniversary Recognition		
Statements from the Nominees for Bishop – Mr. Jackson Droney		
Report of the Registrar – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau		
Third Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel		

Evening Prayer	8:30 pm – 9:00 pm	<u>Outdoor Munich Garden</u>
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SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

(7:00 a.m. Registration Reopens)

8:00am - 5:00pm

Child Care

Room: 1101/1102

(Breakfast pick-up begins at 7:30am)

Conference Breakfasts

8:00 - 9:30am

District of Columbia & Montgomery Conferences
Maryland & Virginia Conferences
Fairfax & Potomac Conferences

Room: *Gen Vessey Ballroom*
Room: *0101 (lower level)*
Room: *0105 (lower level)*

Festival Worship

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Chesapeake Ballroom

Plenary Session 5

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Chesapeake Ballroom

Opening Prayer – Bishop Ortiz (5 min)
Report of the Third Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel
Third Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards
Gifts of Hope Recognition
Instructions for Hearings – Synod Transition Team
Prayer-Assembly Chaplain

Gifts of Hope Celebration

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Hearing One

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

District of Columbia & Montgomery Conferences
Maryland & Virginia Conferences
Fairfax & Potomac Conferences

Room: *Gen Vessey Ballroom*
Room: *0101 (lower level)*
Room: *0105 (lower level)*

Break

11:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Hearing Two

11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

District of Columbia & Montgomery Conferences
Maryland & Virginia Conferences
Fairfax & Potomac Conferences

Room: *Gen Vessey Ballroom*
Room: *0101 (lower level)*
Room: *0105 (lower level)*

Break

12:20 p.m. to 12:25 p.m.

Hearing Three

12:25 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.

District of Columbia & Montgomery Conferences
Maryland & Virginia Conferences
Fairfax & Potomac Conferences

Room: *Gen Vessey Ballroom*
Room: *0101 (lower level)*
Room: *0105 (lower level)*

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gen. Vessey Ballroom

(1:00 p.m. Registration Officially Closed)

Plenary Session 6

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Chesapeake Ballroom

We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain
Report of the Registrar – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau
Fourth Ballot for Bishop & Report of the Fourth Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel
Discussion and proposed adoption of Mission Spending Plan – Ms. Julie Hamre
Fourth Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards
Statements from bishop nominees – Synod Transition Team
Report of the Registrar – Ms. Barbara Bilodeau
Fifth Ballot for Bishop & Report of the Fifth Ballot for Bishop – Bishop Matthew Riegel
Prayer for the Bishop-elect

Unfinished Business

Break

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Plenary 7

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 pm

Chesapeake Ballroom

We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly

Chaplain

Comments from Bishop Ortiz

Comments from Bishop-Elect

Closing Worship with Installation of Synod Council