

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Twentieth Assembly
The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel
May 31-June 2, 2007

Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks be to God

Synod Bishop Election Items in Red
Other Election Items in Blue

Thursday, May 31

- 10:00 Assembly Registration Begins
10:00 – 6:00 Pictures for Pictorial Directory Taken in Alden Bridge Room (for rostered and professional leaders)
12:00 – 12:30 Orientation for New Voting Members (Visitors Welcome) Ballroom 2 and 3
1:00 Opening Worship – Ballroom 4 and 5
2:30 Break
3:00 Opening of the Assembly
3:00 Business Session 1
Announcements
Credentials Report: Darrell Reimer
Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order
Secretary's Report: The Rev. Cliff Akerman
3:15 Introduction to Bishop's Election: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
3:40 Bishop's Election – Ballot #1 (Nominating)
4:10 Mission Moment
4:15 Keynote: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
5:00 Report of the Synod Nominating Committee (Synod Elections)
Nominations from the Floor
5:30 Report of the ELCA – Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
6:10 Report on Bishop's Election Ballot #1 (Nominating Ballot)
6:45 Announcements
7:00 Dinner (on your own)
7:30 Deadline to Withdraw from the Nomination for Bishop – Facilitator Table

Friday, June 1

- 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast (with Round Table Discussions)
8:00 Opening of the Day
Gathering Songs, Scripture, and Prayer
8:15 Business Session 2
Call to Order and Announcements
Credentials Report: Darrell Reimer
Synod Election Ballot #1 (Place in Ballot Box by 10:00 a.m.)
8:45 Report on Bishop's Election Ballot #1
Bishop's Election – Ballot #2
9:00 Pictures for Pictorial Directory Taken in Alden Bridge Room (for rostered and professional leaders – until 6:00)
9:55 Mission Moment – Noisy Offering – Disaster Preparedness
Vice President's Report: Erika Soechting
Treasurer's Report: Arwin Strehlow
10:30 Keynote: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
11:15 Gathering Song and Devotions
Report on Bishop's Election Ballot #2
(Deadline to Submit Vita for Bishop Election 1:00 p.m. – Spring Room)

- 11:45 Mission Moment
Greetings: Carlos Peña, ELCA Vice President
- 11:55 Announcements
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (with Round Table Discussions)
- 1:00 Gathering Songs, Scripture, and Prayer
- 1:15 Business Session 3
Credentials Report: Darrell Reimer
[Report on Synod Ballot #1](#)
[Synod Election Ballot #2 \(Place in Ballot Box by 1:45 p.m.\)](#)
- Resolutions
- 1:30 Synod Staff Report
Adopt Budget
- 2:45 [Gathering Song](#)
- 2:50 [Seven Candidates Speak \(5 minutes each\)](#)
[Bishop's Election – Ballot #3](#)
- 4:00 Mission Moment – ELCA Mission Investment Fund, The Rev. Carol Spencer
- 4:05 Endowment Fund Report: Mr. Larry Petershagen, Chair
- 4:15 Leadership Team Report on Compensation Guidelines: The Rev. Liz Stein, Chair
- 4:30 Lutherhill Corporation Board – Board President: Mr. Lauri Tokoi
- 5:00 [Report on Bishop's Election Ballot #3](#)
Announcements
Recess
- 5:30 – 6:30 [Conversations with 3 Candidates](#)
[\(Rooms: Montgomery A, Montgomery B, The Woodlands\)](#)
- 6:30 Cocktail and Reception, Banquet Honoring Bishop Blom and the Synod Staff
(and Special Recognitions and Anniversaries)

Saturday, June 2

- 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Opening of the Day
Gathering Songs, Scripture, and Prayer
- 8:15 Announcements
- 8:20 Credentials Report – Darrell Reimer
- 8:30 [Bishop's Election – Ballot #4](#)
- 8:45 Mission Moment
- 8:50 Business Session 4
Resolutions
- 9:25 Mission Moment
- 9:30 [Report on Bishop Election Ballot #4](#)
- 9:40 [Q&A with Final Two Bishop Candidates in Plenary Session](#)
- 10:30 [Gathering Song](#)
- 10:35 [Bishop's Election – Ballot #5](#)
- 11:00 [Mission Moment](#)
- 11:05 Other Business
- 11:20 [Report on Bishop's Ballot #5 – New Bishop](#)
- 11:30 [Greeting from the Bishop-elect](#)
- 12:00 Announcements
Installation of Newly Elected to Synod Council and Committees
Closing Prayer and Song
Closing of the Assembly