

The basics

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Assembly update

*Everything you
need to know
about the synod's
annual gathering*



Have you registered yet?

If you're reading this and haven't registered yet, you're late! Registration for all voting members and visitors was due March 1. Please help us make the assembly a great experience for everyone, especially you, by registering promptly and following through on time for rooms and meals.

The second assembly mailing, with room and meals information, will be going out in March to those who have already registered. If you haven't registered, you won't receive that mailing.

By action of the Synod Assembly several years ago, the assembly must be self-sustaining. Any costs that the assembly incurs must be passed along to the congregations in the form of increased fees. In order to be good stewards of congregational finances and keep fees as low as possible, the Synod Assembly Planning Committee has decided that the 2007 Bulletin of Reports (BoRe) will be made available on the synod website this year rather than printed and mailed. It's important that all voting members read the BoRe before coming to the assembly, which they'll be able to do online. They'll also be able to download and print the entire BoRe or just segments that they need. Watch for it at DeMdSynod.org.

Who is Judy Bultman and why is she this year's keynote speaker? This year emphasizes the "serve" portion of our tagline, "Sent To Share and Serve," and Judy Bultman epitomizes that concept. As site director of the Hurricane Katrina Ministry of Bethel Lutheran Church, Biloxi, Miss., she has been involved from the very beginning in what has become a long-term recovery effort. She's coming to the assembly to thank people for their outpouring of love, to share the amazing stories of how God has responded to their varied needs, and to make clear that the need continues to be great.

Other key participants: Bishop Jerry Knoche will lead the Bible study as well as preside over the business sessions. The ELCA representative will be Kristi Bangert, executive director for Communication Services.

Although we're returning to the same site as last year, there will be a major change. Specifically, all food will be prepared and served by and in the conference center. Assembly planners are working hard to be sure that the choices will be more varied and the quality improved. Plus there won't be a hike both directions to the Sports Arena!

Be sure to read the additional assembly story in this issue of FaithLines OnLine: Pack it up!