

Living in God's Amazing Grace:



Called to Lead

May 15, 2006

Thank you for registering for the Nineteenth Annual Assembly of Central States Synod. We look forward to this time when we can worship, learn, work and pray together as the body of Christ in this place.

Enclosed in this mailing are the following items:

- Tentative Assembly Agenda
- Workshop listing
- Preparation information from the Synod Assembly Team
- Synod Assembly Offering envelope

Copies of the Assembly resolutions, nominations, Synod Guidelines and Treasurer's report/ Proposed Budget are being mailed to congregations and will be available on the synod web site, www.css-elca.org soon.

The Assembly officially opens at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 2. An *Orientation for New Voting Members* will be held at 5 p.m. in Hahn Classroom (near Stroble-Gibson). Registration will take place in Ericson Classroom outside of Stroble-Gibson, where the assembly plenary sessions will be held. Registration will be open on Thursday, June 1 from noon until 7 p.m., and will resume on Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Thursday morning, 8 a.m. - noon, Augsburg Fortress will offer a workshop on *AKALOO*, the new education curriculum. If you want to attend you need register at the Augsburg Fortress web site, <http://www.augsburgfortress.org> – click “AKALOO” and then “seminars” to register.

Also, please note on the agenda “Stretch and Pray” beginning at 6:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday morning. Pastor Ashley Masoni, from Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kan. will lead these sessions in the Hahn Gym. “Stretch and Pray” is an exercise program design by Bishop Murray Finck, from the Pacifica Synod. Bishop Finck has recently written a book and there is a DVD is coming out this summer. It is a great way to start your day!

The Assembly Choir that will participate in the Sunday morning worship will rehearse on Friday, June 2 from 6–6:45 p.m. and on Saturday 5:15–5:45 p.m. in Presser Hall. For more information contact Daniel Mahraun at mahraund@bethanylb.edu.

If you have any questions, contact Rev. Cynthia Schnaath, Assembly Manager at 816-861-6584 or cschnaath@css-elca.org.

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