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REGISTRATION FEES

- ◆ Early-bird registration is \$65 and is available thru May 15th.
- ◆ Beginning May 16, 2016 the registration fee is \$90.
- ◆ The registration fee is non-refundable.
- ◆ Fees are to be **PAID IN FULL WITH** registration forms.

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Synod Assembly check-in is located just inside the doors of the Conference Center.

MAKING A VOTING MEMBER CHANGE

Should it be necessary to make a voting member change, please advise as soon as possible, preferably before arrival at the Assembly. Changes may also be made upon check-in at the registration desk. Allow a few extra minutes so the change can be noted and a new name tag printed.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds for those who have a pastoral or personal emergency will be distributed after the Assembly.

VISITORS

All **non-voting** members and visitors must register and pay applicable fees and are to be seated in the Visitors Area. **Only** voting members are to be seated on the Plenary Session floor.



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29th Annual Synod Assembly

June 2-3-4, 2016
Embassy Suites / Conference Center, East Peoria, IL



Guest Speaker Pastor Doug Cox
Executive Director of
Global Health Ministries

Pastor Doug Cox is the Executive Director of Global Health Ministries. As an ELCA pastor, Pastor Cox served congregations in Maryland and Minnesota. He also served as an ELCA missionary in Madagascar and has Master's degrees in both divinity and Islamic Studies.

In Madagascar, Doug served health clinics, churches, and consulted with the Malagasy Lutheran Church on Christian/Muslim relations. Consistently he has seen health care at the forefront of tangible and unconditional witness to the love of Christ among Muslims and all people.

Through his time living and working outside the USA (in Australia, Egypt, France, Tunisia and Madagascar) Doug developed many cross-cultural communication skills including speaking French, Malagasy, and some Arabic.



Global Health Ministries
Helping the hands that heal

Global Health Ministries (GHM) is a non-profit organization committed to building partnerships that support Lutheran efforts in healthcare around the world. Working in dozens of countries GHM's vision is to empower thriving community health systems that are measurably stronger, more effective and sustainable.

We believe God is calling us to continue the healing work of Jesus Christ in countries deeply challenged by poverty. We believe these ministries are tangible expressions of God's love. We partner to help ensure that vulnerable people have access to quality health care.

We are Church for the Sake of the World

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of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



ELCA CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Dana Dutcher

Manager for Relationships, Asia Pacific and Madagascar, West and Central Africa

Dana Dutcher is the Manager for Relationships for the Companion Synod Program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Dana's portfolio covers the Asia Pacific region, as well as Madagascar, West and Central Africa and she remains firmly planted in both contexts and cultures within her work.



Dana received her Bachelors of Science from Valparaiso University in International Business, and minors in Chinese language and Urban Studies. During college she studied abroad in China and developed a deep passion and sense of calling for international and cross cultural ministry, which led her to serve through ELCA Global Mission in Tokyo, Japan for three years upon her graduation.

Prior to her current position with the ELCA, Dana was working for a direct service non-profit agency in Chicago, IL working to address the needs of her community and identifying root causes while educating youth in the city as to how they can change their immediate environment.

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

Information on what constitutes a resolution/memorial, how to write a resolution / memorial, what makes a good resolution / memorial, and who may submit a resolution / memorial is available on the synod web site: www.csis-elca.org

THE FESTIVAL OFFERING

is designated for ministries of the Lutheran Church, Madagascar.

GUEST ROOM RESERVATIONS



Embassy Suites and Conference Center 100 Conference Center Drive East Peoria IL 61611 309.694.0200

Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card or advance deposit equal to the value of one night's accommodation. Should it become necessary, cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to the date of check-in.

Check-in begins at 4:00pm on Thursday, should you want to check-in earlier, you may try to do so. If they have guest rooms available, they will accommodate as many early requests as possible. If your room is not ready, please feel free to check your baggage at the bell stand.

Reservation Code: SYN
Phone: 1.800.362.2779
Single / Double: \$109 +tax
(includes breakfast)

Reservations must be made no later than 11:59 p.m., May 11, 2016. All remaining guest rooms will be released after this date.



VOTING MEMBERS PER CONGREGATION

LAY VOTING MEMBERS

Each congregation is entitled to two (2) lay voting members (one male and one female). Larger congregations that qualify for additional voting members shall elect/choose equally male and female members. **In addition** to the minimum number of lay delegates to the assembly, each congregation may include as a voting member a youth or young adult age 21 or below who is a voting member of that respective congregation.

ROSTERED LEADERS AS VOTING MEMBERS

All rostered ordained clergy (active, retired, specialized ministry), Associates in Ministry and Diaconal Ministers are entitled to both voice and vote. Rostered individuals who are On-Leave-from-Call Status should register as visitors.

CHART FOR ADDITIONAL VOTING MEMBERS

Baptized membership as of December 31, 2015

- ◆ 500-1000...1 additional member...male or female
- ◆ 1001-1500...2 additional members...one male and one female
- ◆ 1501-2000...3 additional members...one male, one female, one either male or female
- ◆ 2001-2500...4 additional members...two male and two female
- ◆ 2501-3001...5 additional members...two male, two female, one either male or female



WHO / WHAT

Parents are asked to fill out a registration form for each child and return it to the synod office as soon as possible. A fee of **\$25.00 per child** is requested to cover the cost of supplies, snacks, etc. The childcare providers are licensed professionals and have had background checks.

WHEN

Childcare will be provided during the following time frames:

- ◆ All Plenary Sessions
- ◆ Forum / Discussion times
- ◆ Friday Evening Banquet

CHILD CARE

MEALS WHILE IN CHILD CARE

The only meal provided will be during the Banquet on Friday evening. Reservations for this meal **MUST** be made in advance. Parents are responsible for all other meals. Childcare will not be available during other meal times.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Please note that it is important to promptly pick-up your child(ren) at the appointed closing time...one-half hour past the end of the banquet, plenary sessions, worship, or other sessions. To leave children in childcare beyond these times may result in the loss of childcare privilege.