

To Members of the Southeast Michigan Synod,
and especially to Voting Members of the Synod Assembly:

Grace to you and peace!

At a meeting March 7, the Synod Council adopted ***“Guidelines for Voting Members and Rules of Procedure for the Synod Assembly, May 18-20.”*** The full text of the document is available on the Synod website.

In preparation for the upcoming Assembly, we wanted you to be particularly aware of three items in the “Guidelines.”

1. *Electronic Devices*

All voting members will use their own tablet, laptop, desktop computer or smart phone to participate in voting in the Assembly.

Note: The first ballot for the Bishop’s election will be a paper ballot. All other votes will be cast from members’ devices.

2. *The right to speak and vote is granted to:*

- a. lay voting members who have been accredited to the Assembly by the Credentials Committee;
- b. rostered ministers under call on the roster of this Synod;
- c. rostered ministers from full communion partners who have been invited into extended service in this Synod;
- d. retired rostered ministers who have been elected by their congregation as voting members;
- e. Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) serving as pastoral presences in the congregation they serve;
- f. Officers of the Synod;
- g. Synod Council members.

3. *The Introduction of Business*

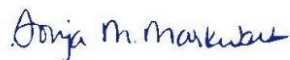
Resolutions submitted less than thirty days in advance of the Assembly must be accompanied by two hundred fifty paper copies of the item to be considered, and may be considered only after other previously submitted resolutions have been voted upon.

We look forward to our time together at the Blue Water Convention Center, and are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel here in Southeast Michigan!

In Christ,



Mr. Paul Archer, LLM
Synod Vice President



Ms. Sonja Markwart
Synod Secretary