

2024 Eastern District Synod

Synod has a new location this year on the Priscilla Payne Hurd (South) Campus of Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA! This venue provides some wonderful opportunities for us. Because of the new location, the synod planning committee wants to be sure everyone feels prepared for what they will find. We will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to those with a disability. If you are elected as a delegate to synod, you will outline those needs on your registration form (due February 1st).

Here are some things to consider as congregations discern prayerfully their synod representation:

- The terrain of the PPH Campus is hilly and steep in some areas. We will travel back and forth (600+ feet) several times a day from The Hill (residence hall) to Foy Hall (plenary sessions) to various committee locations. Foy Hall has an elevator that can accommodate those who need it most. There is limited seating at floor level of Foy Hall.
- Plenary and committee sessions may last up to 90 minutes between breaks. Of course it is acceptable to leave to use the rest room, and snacking will be permitted throughout the sessions.
- All speakers will utilize microphones in the plenary sessions in Foy Hall. Seats can be requested near the stage for lip reading. There are no microphones in the committee rooms.
- All materials will be delivered electronically as PDF documents prior to synod. Pre-synod meetings will occur via Zoom. During synod, materials will be delivered in hard copy with 11-point font (black print on a variety of paper colors). There are limited power outlets available in committee rooms and no outlets available for delegates in Foy Hall.
- Meals will be provided in the Clewell Hall facility with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.

The planning committee is looking forward to welcoming all delegates to our synod this summer and providing for a wonderful experience. We will depend upon our delegates to make us aware of your needs on the registration form. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Hergenrother (sharon@mcnp.org).