



**EASTERN  
WASHINGTON  
IDAHO SYNOD**

of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Welcome to Synod Assembly, 2010!

This year we gather under the theme, “Live Christ!” as a way of fulfilling part of the Guiding Principles of the Synod. Under those Guiding Principles we have committed ourselves to be a church that focuses on “Jesus: First, Last, and Always,” and the final principle, “Come, Lord Jesus.” These principles confirm our fundamental commitment: We will a Jesus people, putting all our final trust in him, both as the center and Savior of the biblical story and the Christ of faith.

This is the purpose of our synodical church. Nested within those Guiding Principles we seek to be a church that lives from gratitude rather than entitlement; a church fearless even in the face of daunting challenges (No Fear!); a church that expects to see and then sees “Miracles of Hope;” and a church that welcomes all to the adventure of faith.

During the course of this assembly everything we do will be guided by these principles and our theme, Live Christ! In learning, conversation, deliberation, voting, and worship we will confirm for ourselves and the world around us that to be centered in Christ is to live from Christ.

As our guest speaker, Professor Mark Allan Powell, of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, will lead us into the implications of this faith and this theme. Professor Powell has been well received across our church and we are very grateful for his teaching ministry. In addition to his book, “Loving Jesus” (Minneapolis: Fortress 2004), Professor Powell has been an excellent resource for Lutheran Christians eager to learn from scripture as “the authoritative source and norm of our proclamation and life.”

So welcome! The site in Boise is a beautiful one with walking trails along the Boise River right outside our doors. In addition to the Assembly, our Global Mission and Companion Synod committees will be hosting a mini-Global Mission Fest and you will have a chance to meet the bishop of our Tanzanian companion synod, Ulanga Kilombero. Bishop Renard Mtenji and his wife Rosemary will join us in the adventure of living Christ, now across the world to south-central Africa.

Grace and peace to you in your preparations!

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