

ANNOUNCEMENT!



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in addition to the voting members to Synod Assemblies established by the constitutional provisions, **each congregation may send as one additional voting member a confirmed youth/young adult up to the age of 25 who is a voting member of their congregation;**

(From a resolution passed by the 2008 Synod Assembly)

Young people are the church of today and their voices are important and needed at all levels of leadership. We are hoping that every congregation takes advantage of this new opportunity to lift up young leaders in your congregation to serve as a part of your voting member team for the 2009 SEPA Synod Assembly.

This new voting member position is for a youth or young adult who has been confirmed and is a voting member of your congregation. They must be 25 years or younger upon registration for the assembly. While this new position is specifically for someone 25 and under, congregations may choose to send more youth/young adult voting members in their regular voting member positions.

In order to encourage these new voting members in their very important work at assembly, plans are in the works to provide mentoring, support and fellowship. Some of these plans include:

- Matching groups youth/young adult voting members up with a Synod Council member who will communicate with them via email in the weeks leading up to the assembly. This electronic mentor will be able to answer questions, provide helpful tips as these voting members prepare for assembly and be one of the initial connections to assembly outside of the youth/young adult's congregation
- On the Friday of assembly, space will be provided for youth/young adult voting members to gather over dinner to debrief the assembly so far, ask questions, mingle with others, meet their electronic mentor face to face and reflect on their experience so far.
- All youth/young adult voting members are invited to spend Friday night of assembly at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville (5 minutes from where Synod Assembly is held). The synod will provide transportation to and from the church as well as activities at the church, snacks and breakfast in the morning. There will be a separate sign up for the overnight sent to registered voting members in the spring.

Start recruiting a youth/young adult voting member now! Feel free to contact Molly Beck Dean, Youth Ministry Specialist, with any questions – mbeck@sepa.org.