

SYNOD ASSEMBLY LIFE TOGETHER

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WARNING: EVENTS LISTED HERE ARE CLOSER THAN THEY MAY APPEAR ON YOUR CALENDAR...

TRANSITION TEAMWORK



The Synod Council-appointed Transition Team for the Process of Electing a Bishop will have materials available soon (you may have already received them).

Please note that in our traditional rotation of alternating assemblies between Thursday-starts and Friday-starts, this year's assembly will continue into Sunday morning. The transition team strongly encourages pastors to remain at the assembly for Sunday morning's agenda, as it will likely include the fourth and fifth ballots for the election of the bishop and vice president. That is why the transition team is calling for a "fast" from Holy Communion and providing a sermon by Bishop Donges to be read in the congregations. Thus, the synod gathered in assembly at the convention center, and the synod assembled in congregations that morning, will be united in prayer and devotion at this important time in our life together.

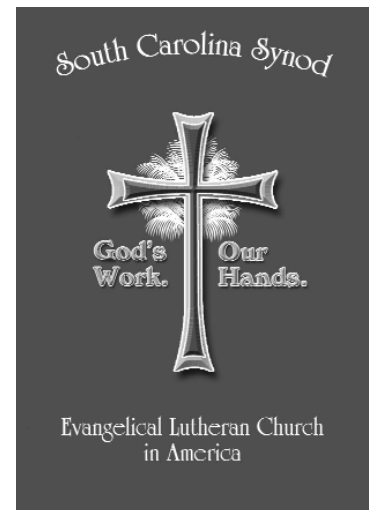
ABOUT THIS YEAR'S BANNER

Logo explanation. . .

The logo and banner for the 2008 assembly features a Palmetto tree behind a prominent cross, and the words: "God's Work. Our Hands."

The Palmetto tree, of course, reminds us of the context of our life and mission here in the beautiful state of South Carolina. The cross in the foreground is a strong symbol of our faith in Christ and our baptismal calling to live our faith in daily life.

The words "God's Work Our Hands" lead us to ask, "What is God doing, and how can we help?" Answering this question gives purpose to congregations and persons eager to be servants in God's mission to love, bless and heal the world.



WHEN AND WHERE...

DATES: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
May 16, 17, 18, 2008

PLACE: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Ctr.
1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia
In the "Vista" near the Colonial Center

TIMES: Registration begins Friday morning
First Plenary early Friday afternoon

Don't miss the Celebration Banquet for Bishop Donges on Saturday night!

The Assembly should end Sunday by 1pm.

ABOUT THOSE ACCOMMODATIONS...

Rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$110 plus 12% tax at the new Hampton Inn, 822 Gervais Street, in the "Vista" of Columbia, and adjacent to the convention center. Call the Hampton Inn directly at (803)231-2000.

Our "group name" is "SC Synod Assembly." Spell "Synod" if you have to, because the desk clerks, working in Columbia, may think they heard you say "Senate" and have difficulty handling your registration.

Because the first and second evenings of the assembly end after 9 pm, please give serious consideration to renting hotel rooms for your voting members and visitors if they'd be commuting an uncomfortable or unsafe distance late at night.