



2026 NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING



Total Registered Voters

304

Total in Attendance

291

Total Collected for Tanzania Water Project:

\$2778

Total Collected for Mission Congregations:

\$2150



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SUMMARY OF APPROVED MOTIONS

Constitutional Changes

APPROVED

2027-2028 Mission Spending
Plan

APPROVED

2027-2028 Compensation
Guidelines for Rostered Ministers

APPROVED



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SUMMARY OF ELECTIONS



Position

Synod Council Vice President ('26-'30)
 Synod Council, Central, Lay, '26-'29
 Synod Council, At-Large, Lay, '26-'29
 Synod Council, Maumee Valley, Rostered, '26-'29
 Synod Council, Youth/Young Adult, '26-'29
 Synod Council, Toledo, Lay, '26-'29
 Synod Council, Eastern, Rostered, '26-'29
 Synod Council, Southeast, Lay, '26-'29
 Nominating Committee, At-Large, '26-'29
 Nominating Committee, At-Large, '26-'29
 Nominating Committee, Eastern, '26-'29
 Discipline Committee, Lay, '26-'32
 Discipline Committee, Rostered, '26-'32
 Consultation Committee, Rostered, '26-'32
 Nominating Committee, North Central, '27-'30
 Nominating Committee, Southwest, '27-'30
 Nominating Committee, Southeast, '27-'30
 Consultation Committee, Rostered, '27-'33
 Consultation Committee, Lay, '27-'33
 Discipline Committee, Rostered, '27-'33
 Discipline Committee, Lay, '27-'33

Person Elected

Steve Detmer
 Jacob Branan
 Raegan Homan
 Rev. Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri
 Kelsey Schwiebert
 Dawn Milner
 Rev. Clayton Bailey
 Jerusha Walker
 Kelly Weber
 Jessica Sornchai
 Hannah Mapus
 Brian Miller
 Rev. Mark Wentz
 Rev. Adam Sornchai
 Rev. Brandi Bailie
 Rev. Carol Pretorius
 Linda Aufdencamp
 Rev. Doug Pretorius
 Jeannine Fuhrhop
 Deacon Jennifer Heinze
 Steve Reinhard



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Position

Synod Council, At-Large, Minority, '27-'30
 Synod Council, North Central, Rostered, '27-'30
 Synod Council, Southwest, Rostered, '27-'30
 Synod Council, Southwest, Lay, '27-'30
 Synod Council, Southeast, Rostered, '27-'30
 Synod Council, North Central, Lay, '27-'30
 Provisional Churchwide Voting Member '28
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Person Elected

Rev. Birdena Martin
 Rev. Robin Small
 Rev. Mark Bauer
 Ingrid Miller-Tebbe
 Rev. Tanyce Addison
 Andy Kessler
 Paul Brooks
 Shea McGrew
 Helena Morris
 Rev. Chris Hanley
 Rev. Rebecca West-Estell
 Rev. Tanyce Addison
 Latrina Smith
 Phoebe Jackson
 Becky Seibert
 Nick Wenzel
 Rev. Clayton Bailey
 Jessica Sornchai

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2026 ASSEMBLY SUPPLEMENTAL ♥ MATERIALS ♥

As we reflect on our time together at Synod Assembly, we invite you to explore the Assembly Supplemental Materials available on the synod website. Whether you attended Assembly in person or are catching up on the work and ministry that was shared, these resources provide additional information and opportunities for engagement.

Materials include:

- Digital assembly documents including financial documents
- Reports from synod partners
- Resources from our “Stories of Love” presentations
- NWOS resources

Access our 2026 Assembly Supplemental Materials by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.nwosassembly.org/assemblydocuments

