



Central States Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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E-NEWS

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2012 SYNOD ASSEMBLY — JUNE 7-9 — BETHANY COLLEGE

Shaping the Church For God's Mission: Raising and Equipping Leaders for Life

Pre-Assembly materials have been posted and registration is open for the 2012 Assembly of Central States Synod. Please visit <http://css-elca.org/about/synod-assembly/> for updates, and remember to register no later than May 7 for the Early Registration Rate.

2% DISCOUNT AVAILABLE — HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALL EARN A 2% DISCOUNT ON OUR ELCA HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS AGAIN IN 2012.

Each congregation and organization in our synod will receive a 2% discount on contributions for all of 2012 if 65% of the eligible ELCA-primary plan members and spouses in our synod complete the online Mayo Clinic Health Assessment by April 30. **Our estimated collective savings for 2011 is \$36,000.** And we have a good start! By the end of January, 45 out of the 108 needed had taken the assessment — GREAT JOB!

If you have ELCA-primary health benefits, please plan to take 30 minutes before April 30 to complete the assessment. Completing the assessment earns you a \$150 credit in your personal wellness account to offset out-of-pocket medical expenses.

Completing the assessment is an act of stewardship for you and this church.

Learn more about the assessment at: <https://www.elcabop.org/Home/UnderstandMyBenefits/Health/ELCAPrimary/HealthAssessment/Overview.aspx>

TOMAH SHINGA

Brochures for the 2012 season at Camp Tomah Shinga have been mailed to all CSS congregations. Remember the Early Bird Discount rate if you register by April 1. For questions and registration call 888-656-6254 or visit www.tomahshinga.com.

PMA CONVO

The 2012 PMA Convo will be held on April 27 and 28 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 12601 West 95th Street, Lenexa, Kansas. This will be a time of spiritual renewal with the theme, "Claiming God's/My Story." Click [HERE](#) for more information. Registration will be open soon!

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Are your plans shaping up for the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer? Get the latest update from Mindy Tillberg, Synod Coordinator, at <http://css-elca.org/ministries/youth/>

NEW CLUSTER FORMING IN MAY

PARTNERSHIP FOR MISSIONAL CHURCH — TENTATIVELY SET FOR THE KANSAS CITY AREA — MAY 4-5, 2012

Have you heard of the Partnership for the Missional Church, but are unclear about the details of how a congregation becomes involved? Or, are you unsure how congregations commit to a three to five year process and what the outcome is? Are you asking "What's in this for my church?" For answers to these questions, please go to <http://css-elca.org/ministries/partnership-for-missional-church/> or contact Pr. Len Dale in the synod office.

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