**Northeastern Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa**

**Agenda**

**1st Sitting of the VIII Church Synod**

**from 19 to 22 October 2023**

I. **VENUE**

Augsburg Congregation, Mpumalanga

II. **SCHEDULE OF SYNOD MEETING**

a) Arrival Thursday 19 October 17h30

b) Opening Church Service 19 October at 18h00

c) Deliberations on **Thursday**

 Session 1 Dinner / Devotion

 **Friday**

 Session 2 / Break

 Session 3 / Lunch

Session 4 / Break

Session 5 / Dinner

Session 6 / Devotion

 **Saturday**

 Session 7 / Break

 Session 8 / Lunch

 Session 9 / Break

 Session 10 / Dinner

Session 11 / Devotion

d) Closing Service with Holy Communion and induction of newly elected office bearers, on Sunday 22 October at 8h30 at the Augsburg Church, (same location as Synod).

III. **AGENDA**

1. Opening Service and Administering of Oaths of **all** Synod Delegates for the first Session of the VIII Synod

2. Constituting the Synod

3. Reports

4. Submission of Church Laws

5. Motions by Church Council

6. Motions from Circuits and Congregations

7. Motions / questions from Church Synod

8. Elections *The following need to be elected:*

1. *President of Church Synod and Deputy*
2. *Treasurer and Deputy*
3. *Ordained member of Church Council and Deputy*
4. *Synod Council and Alternates*
5. *Deans and Deputies*

*f) Possible filling of posts that become vacant due to the above elections or for other reasons.*

9. Inputs and discussion on the theme: “**HOPE**”, by Pastor Felix Meylahn

10. Input by Bishop em. Dieter Lilje

11. Presentations from the Ministry and Discipleship Team; Theological Education at the University of Stellenbosch

12. Feedback on “Church Structures and Ministry Models”

13. Church Service with Holy Communion and inductions

 14. Refreshments and departure after the Church Service