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To all Pastors, Delegates to the Church Synod and Congregational Councils
of the NELCSA

**Invitation, including the agenda, for a virtual session – finances - of the
third sitting of the VII Church Synod of NELCSA
on 9 October 2021.**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Sisters and Brothers

The Church Council of the Northeastern Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa hereby officially invites you to the virtual session on finances of the third sitting of the VII Church Synod on 9 October 2021 from 9h00 – 12h00.

The Zoom link for the sitting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84997795503?pwd=R2VlcTBtOVE2QWhORHIRc0tXR0lQUt09>
Meeting ID: 849 9779 5503 Passcode: 199578

According to section 31 of the NELCSA Constitution, Church Synod “represents both the unity and the diversity of the congregations, offices and ministries. It is called to collectively develop objectives of the NELCSA. Together with the Bishop and Church Council it has ultimate responsibility for life and the ministries within the NELCSA. The members of Church Synod are not bound by orders or instructions.”

In accordance with section 36 of the Constitution, we hereby officially convey to you the above-mentioned decision of the Church Council within the given time and forward to you this invitation and other important documents as listed below. As communicated on 28 May 2021 Church Council decided to postpone the Synod 2021, with the exception of the Finance Section, which takes place virtually in order to finalise the budget and adopt the associated Church Law I of 2021.

Furthermore, virtual Synod preparation meetings on the finances will be held on 14 August 2021 from 09h00 – 12h00 and on 28 August 2021 from 09h00 – 12h00. All delegates and pastors are to attend one of these sessions. We urge all congregational councils, especially the treasurers to also attend one of these sessions. The same Zoom link applies.

The purpose of these meetings is to allow for questions and suggestions prior to synod, so that, if necessary, suggestions can still be incorporated before

the final representation at synod. Since most treasurers are not synod delegates, these meetings are your opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the NELCSA budget, which includes the costs payable by congregations that you have to explain and present to your congregation.

All relevant material for this Church Synod consisting only of the finance section is attached.

The Annual Financial Statements will be available on the NELCSA webpage.

Should there be any change of delegates to the Church Synod, we ask you to please notify us without delay, also indicating the reasons for the change.

Let us in our circuits, congregations and homes remember the planning and preparations for this part of the Synod 2021 in our prayers.

With sincere greetings,



Horst Müller
Bishop



Henning Springer
President of Synod

Attachments

1. List of delegates
2. Agenda
3. Church Law 1 & Finances
4. NELCSA Budget 2022 23
5. Treasurer's Report 2019 20

Most documents are also available on the website <https://www.nelcsa.net/nelcsa-synod-2021.html>:
There you can also find the Minutes of the 2nd Session of the VII Synod.