** Northeastern Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa**

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**Time Schedule**

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

**from 19 to 22 October 2023**

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| **Thursday****“Hope”** | **19 October** |
| Arrival by 17:30  | 17:30 |
| **Opening Service**Administering of Oaths of **all** DelegatesSermon: Dr. Imke Engelbrecht (Text: Lamentations 3, 21-24)Liturgy: Dean Mark Meier | 18:00 |
| **Dinner** | 19:00 |
| **Session 1**WelcomingEstablishing the QuorumProcedures of SynodAppointing CommitteesFinalising the Work GroupsCall for Nominations for ElectionsIntroduction of the Augsburg Congregation | 20:00 |
| Devotion: Ms. Rutendo Gora  | 21:00 |

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| **Friday****“Hope”** | **20 October** |
| Devotion: Group devotion | 08:30 |
| **Session 2**Church Council Report | 08:40 |
| **Break** | 10:30 |
| **Session 3**Presentation: Ministry and Discipleship (MaD)Presentation: Theological Education in Stellenbosch | 11:00 |
| **Lunch** | 13:00 |
| **Session 4**Finance ReportChurch Law 1 | 14:00 |
| **Break** | 15:30 |
| **Session 5**Presentation by Bishop em. Dieter Lilje on “Dealing responsibly with Sexuality in the broader context of the Lutheran Theology of Grace and Acceptance.**”** Table Discussions  | 16:00 |
| **Dinner** | 18:30 |
| **Session 6**Church LawsMotions | 19:15 |
| Devotion: Mr. Tristan Krüger | 21:00 |

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| **SATURDAY****“Hope”** | **21 October** |
| Morning Prayer: Pastor Petra Röhrs | 08:30 |
| **Session 7**Topic of SynodPastor Felix Meylahn **“Hope. Live it!” Romans 5, 1-5** | 08:40 |
| **Break** | 10:30 |
| **Session 8**Topic of Synod continuedand Table DiscussionFeedback on the Investigation into “Church Structures and Ministry Models” as was ratified by Synod 2021 | 11:00 |
| **Lunch** | 13:00 |
| **Session 9**Reports continuedElections The following office bearers have to be elected:President of Church Synod and DeputyTreasurer and DeputyOrdained member of Church Council and DeputySynod Council and AlternatesDeans and Deputies*Possible filling of posts that become vacant due to the above elections or for other reasons.* | 14:00 |
| **Break** | 15:30  |
| **Session 10**ElectionsWords of Greeting to be read |  |
| **Dinner** | 18:30 |
| **Session 11**GeneralWord of Greeting from Synod to Congregations Closing of deliberations | 19:15 |
| Closing Prayer: Mr. Heino Küsel | 21:00 |

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| **SUNDAY****“Hope”** | **22 October** |
| Closing Service with Holy CommunionInduction of all newly elected office bearers Sermon: Bishop Theo Jäckel Liturgy: Pastor Dr. Reiner Focke | 08:30 |
| **Refreshments, Departure** | 10:00 |
| Short meeting of Synod Council with old and new Church Council | 10:00 |

