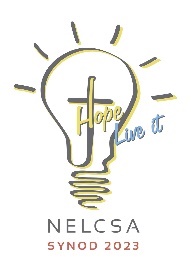
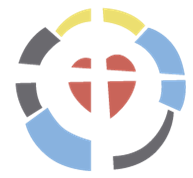
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**Time Schedule**

**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** Delegates  Sermon: Dr. Imke Engelbrecht (Text: Lamentations 3, 21-24)  Liturgy: Dean Mark Meier | 18:00 |
| **Dinner** | 19:00 |
| **Session 1**  Welcoming  Establishing the Quorum  Procedures of Synod  Appointing Committees  Finalising the Work Groups  Call for Nominations for Elections  Introduction 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 Report  Church 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 Laws  Motions | 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 Synod  Pastor Felix Meylahn **“Hope. Live it!” Romans 5, 1-5** | 08:40 |
| **Break** | 10:30 |
| **Session 8**  Topic of Synod continuedand Table Discussion  Feedback on the Investigation into “Church Structures and Ministry Models” as was ratified by Synod 2021 | 11:00 |
| **Lunch** | 13:00 |
| **Session 9**  Reports continued  Elections  The following office bearers have to be elected:  President of Church Synod and Deputy  Treasurer and Deputy  Ordained member of Church Council and Deputy  Synod Council and Alternates  Deans 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**  Elections  Words of Greeting to be read |  |
| **Dinner** | 18:30 |
| **Session 11**  General  Word 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 Communion  Induction 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 |

