



Florida-Bahamas Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Moment of Reflection

As you prepare for the Synod Assembly, we invite you to spend time in prayer, reflection, and discussion, especially for the bishop's election. Below we offer some questions you might use in your discernment.

Centering Prayer:

God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we look forward to the 21st century and ministry to the diverse people of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, **what gifts and skills** would be helpful?

How does the bishop and staff **support and encourage** your community?

What **main topic** would you discuss with the bishop today?

What is your **greatest hope** for our synod and congregations?

What **challenges** lie ahead for this synod over the next six years?

Prayer for Guidance:

Dear heavenly Father, you number our hairs and determine our days, you hang the stars and feed the sparrows, you open doors no one can shut and shut doors no one can open. Surely, we can trust you when the time comes for making big decisions, or for that matter, any decisions. We are in just such a season again, Father, and we know we are not alone. We will trust you for generous wisdom, straight paths, and peaceful hearts, all for your glory. Amen.

If you would like to share thoughts or recommendations with the Office of the Bishop, please e-mail them to info@fbsynod.org. Thank you.