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INTRODUCTION



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2021 Allegheny Synod AGENDA

A final version will be made available on Friday morning of Assembly.

Friday June 4, 2021

8:30 am Opening of Assembly/Welcome/Introductions
Procedural Items
Worship
Break
First ballot for Bishop **Prayer**
Close first ballot for Bishop
Officer Reports:
Gary Gable
David Finney
Bill Layton
Bishop
Break
Bishop Larson-Bible Study
Synod Balloting
Report of first ballot for Bishop
Second ballot for Bishop **Prayer**

Lunch
Anniversary Recognitions
Remembrance of the Departed
Report of second ballot for Bishop/Top 7
Report of Synod ballot/Second ballot
Treasurer-Budget Presentation
Bishop Larson-Bible Study
Break
Top Seven Nominees Speak/Zoom
Break
Third ballot for Bishop **Prayer**
Report of third ballot for Bishop/Top 3 or ties
Closing prayer

Saturday, June 5, 2021

8:30 am Opening Worship-Camp Staff
Report of Synod ballot
Break
Top Three Nominees speak/Synod Office
Break
Fourth ballot for Bishop **Prayer**
Budget Vote
Reference & Council Recommendations
Fifth ballot for Bishop/Top 2/Bishop Election
Prayer
Voting for top 2
Bishop Election
Newly elected Bishop's Remarks
Unfinished Business
Closing Worship

Rules of Procedure for the Virtual 2021 Allegheny Synod Assembly

One of the first matters of business each year at the beginning of Synod Assembly is to adopt the Rules of Procedure. We begin with two procedural rules related to Robert's Rules of Order, both of which are routinely adopted at Churchwide Assembly. A two-thirds (2/3) vote to adopt these rules is required, as both of these items are changes or additions to Robert's Rules of Order.

1. Moving the Previous Question – A member who has spoken on the pending question(s) may not move the previous question(s). A motion to end debate by moving the previous question shall apply only to the immediately preceding motion. A motion to end debate on all matters on the floor or more than the immediately pending question is not in order.

2. Substitute Motions – When a substitute motion is made, secondary amendments may be offered first to the original motion. After all secondary amendments to the original motion have been disposed of, secondary amendments to the substitute motion may be offered. When all amendments to the substitute motion have been disposed of, the vote shall be taken on whether the substitute motion is to be substituted as the original motion or be rejected.

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of the Synod Assembly, unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly. **S7.32.**

Proxy and absentee voting shall not be permitted in the transaction of any business of the Synod Assembly. **†S7.31.**

Visitors may join Synod Assembly by using our designated Social Media platforms.

Visitors are not be permitted to interact with Synod Assembly on the Zoom platform.

Privilege

The privilege of voice and vote is extended to all Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministers of Word and Service on the roster of the Allegheny Synod, members of Synod Council, and Voting Members from congregations.

The privilege of seat and voice are given to: The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and any other official representative

of the church, recognized lay professional leaders, non-voting members of task forces and committees in connection with their reports, committee chairpersons, representatives of institutions and agencies related to this Synod, representatives of the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization, Lutheran Men in Mission, and youth of this Synod.

Plenary Sessions & Motions

Those addressing the chair should use the Zoom meeting platform and should state their name and home congregation. In all plenary sessions, speeches from the voting members shall be limited to three minutes. No person shall speak more than twice on the same questions, except by consent of the Assembly. This rule shall not apply to persons presenting a report nor when direct questions are posed to specific individuals for clarification.

When there is significant discussion on any motion for and against, the chair will attempt to recognize alternately persons making pro and con statements.

All motions, other than routine motions, shall be written in advance by the mover of the motion and emailed to the Synod Secretary (SynodSec814@gmail.com) to be forwarded to the Committee on Reference & Counsel. No motion shall be debated until a written copy is in the hands of the chair.

These two Continuing Resolutions adopted by Allegheny Synod Council in April 2020 are in effect during Synod Assembly, on advice of the Synod Attorney.

- **S7.11.A20.** — This Allegheny Synod may hold the Allegheny Synod Assembly by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.
- **S7.11.B20.** — The Allegheny Synod Assembly and its committees may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

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Election Procedures

The Bishop's Election: S9.04.

The bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly by ecclesiastical ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the *first ballot*. If no one is elected, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast on the *second ballot* shall be necessary for election. The *third ballot* shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot, and two-thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. The *fourth ballot* shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot, and 60 percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. On *subsequent ballots* a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot.

All other elections: S9.08.

In all elections, except for the bishop, the names of the persons receiving the highest number of legal votes, but not elected by a majority of the legal votes cast on a preceding ballot, shall be entered on the next ballot to the number of two for each vacancy unfilled. On any ballot when only two names appear, a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.

Election Results Report: S9.09.

The results of each ballot in every election shall be announced in detail to the Assembly.

Reference & Counsel S11.01.A17.

The *Committee on Reference and Counsel* shall be appointed by the Bishop at the opening session of the Assembly.

- A. The Committee shall receive resolutions not germane to matters before the Assembly.
1. The committee shall review those resolutions and transmit them to the Assembly with one of the following recommendations:
 - that the Assembly consider the resolution. If the committee recommends that the Assembly consider the resolution, the committee may also recommend:
 - that the Assembly pass the resolution;

- that the Assembly defeat the resolution;
- that the Assembly amend the resolution in a specified manner.
- that the Assembly refer the resolution to the Synod Council, a committee of the synod, or some other defined group for its consideration;
- that the Assembly not consider the resolution.

2. The Committee shall state its reasons for its recommendations if it recommends anything other than that the Assembly considers the resolution
 3. The Committee shall determine if a resolution submitted after the pre-Assembly deadline is of imminent concern. Resolutions of imminent concern would include any resolutions pertaining to issues which call for attention or action prior to the next regularly scheduled Assembly of this synod.
- B. May edit resolutions and the committee may combine similar resolutions to expedite the work of the Assembly, but the committee shall not change the substance of any resolution.
- C. May consult with the author of a resolution and encourage them to take action that would not bring the resolution to the Assembly.
- D. In consultation with the chair, shall recommend the order in which resolutions are transmitted to the Assembly. Whenever possible, resolutions of a similar nature should be presented consecutively.
- E. May recommend that a resolution be considered as a special order.
- F. May grant or deny permission to distribute printed matter not introduced on the floor of the Assembly.
- G. Shall give assistance to the chair as requested by the chair during the Assembly. Anyone wishing to distribute printed matter not introduced on the floor as part of report to the Assembly or as part of the business of the Assembly must receive the approval of the Committee on Reference and Counsel before distributing the material.

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