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**PLENARY SESSION ONE – Executive Session**
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

1.1 Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda
Agenda items have been distributed electronically. Additional items will be distributed electronically as they are available.

**CC ACTION**
**Recommended:**
To adopt the agenda and to permit the chair to call for consideration of agenda items in the order the chair deems most appropriate.

1.2 Nominations and Elections

1.2A Election of the Executive Director for the Mission Advancement Unit
According to bylaw 14.21.21. of the ELCA Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions: “Unless otherwise specified in this constitution and bylaws, the Church Council shall elect the executive director for each churchwide program unit to a four-year term in consultation with and with the approval of the presiding bishop of this church. Nomination of a candidate for election shall be made by the presiding bishop....”

Adoption of the following continuing resolution will allow for the election of an executive director of the Mission Advancement unit.

The Church Council will meet in executive session to receive a nomination from Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson for the executive director for the Mission Advancement unit.

**CC ACTION**
**Recommended:** Two-thirds vote required

*Unless otherwise specified in this constitution and bylaws, the Church Council shall elect the executive director for each churchwide service unit to a four-year term in consultation with and with the approval of the presiding bishop of this church. Nomination of a candidate for election shall be made by the presiding bishop. The*
presiding bishop, as chief executive officer, shall arrange within the policy of this church for an annual review of each executive director. A unit executive director shall be eligible for reelection. The employment of the executive director may be terminated jointly by the presiding bishop of this church and the Executive Committee of the Church Council.

CC ACTION
Recommended:
To elect Christina Jackson-Skelton to a four-year term as executive director of the Mission Advancement unit, beginning September 1, 2011.

1.2B Election of the Treasurer (Executive Session)

Section 13.50. of the ELCA constitution describes the position, responsibilities, and process for election of the ELCA Treasurer. According to provision 13.52., “The treasurer shall be elected by the Church Council to a six-year term and shall be a voting member of a congregation of this church.” Churchwide bylaw 19.31.01.d. specifies “The treasurer shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Church Council.” The term of the treasurer, elected at the July 2011 meeting of the ELCA Church Council, will begin on October 1, 2011.

In accordance with provision 13.51, “The treasurer of this church shall serve under the presiding bishop of this church,” Bishop Hanson will bring a nomination for consideration by the Church Council. Additional information related to the interview process and recommendation will be provided in executive session.

CC ACTION
Recommended: Two-thirds vote required
To elect [to be provided] to a six-year term as treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, beginning October 1, 2011.
PLENARY SESSION TWO  
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

2.1 Welcome

2.2 Report of Actions in Executive Session

2.3 Updates from the Officers
   2.3A Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
   2.3B Vice President Carlos Peña
   2.3C Secretary David Swartling
   2.3D Treasurer Christina Jackson-Skelton

2.4 Authorization of Background Check and Screening
   Continuing resolution 19.31.A09 indicates that “Background checks and screening shall be required and completed for persons nominated as churchwide officers prior to their election, if possible, or as soon as practical after their election. The specific procedures and timing of background checks and screening shall be determined by the Church Council.”

CC ACTION
Recommended:
To authorize and direct Human Resources staff in the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in accordance with continuing resolution 19.31.A09 and churchwide practices and policies, to conduct the appropriate background checks and screening on candidates for the position of treasurer of the ELCA.

2.5 Approval of En Bloc Items
   The following en bloc resolution includes agenda items that will be considered at the end of the Church Council meeting. Inclusion of these items in the en bloc action reflects a judgment that these items are relatively non-controversial in nature and may not require plenary discussion and a separate vote.

   Each of the items is noted as [En Bloc] in Exhibit A. At the beginning of the Council meeting, the chair will provide an opportunity for members to indicate whether they wish to discuss separately any of the items listed in the en bloc resolution; any such item will be removed from the en bloc resolution and discussed at the appropriate point in the agenda.

   The chair will not call for a discussion or separate vote on those items that are not removed from the en bloc resolution by the end of the first day of plenary sessions. The
items remaining in the en bloc resolution normally will be considered as the last item of council business.

NOTE: The resolutions in Exhibit A were approved by synod assemblies as memorials, but were received as resolutions by the Office of the Secretary because they direct specific units or offices of the churchwide organization to take action. A report on these actions will be provided to the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

CC ACTION
Recommended:
To take En Bloc action on the items listed in Exhibit A.

2.6 Adjournment