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2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

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Resources

The *2013 Pre-Assembly Report* contains the following recommendations of the Church Council and other documents for consideration during the course of the 2013 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

Section V: Recommendations of the Church Council

- The Election of the Presiding Bishop
- The Election of the Secretary
- Social Statement on Criminal Justice
- Amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA*
- Book of Faith Initiative
- 2014 – 2016 Budget Proposal
- 25th Anniversary Campaign for the ELCA

Section VI: Other Assembly-Related Documents

- A Conversation regarding the Election of the Churchwide Officers
- Addressing Social Concerns Review Task Force Report
- College Corporation Meetings
- Message on the Body of Christ and Mental Illness
- Observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
- Policies and Procedures of the ELCA for Addressing Social Concerns
- Report of the Communal Discernment Task Force
- Report on Implementation of Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust (2009)
- Report on the ELCA Malaria Campaign
- Secretary's Memo on Elections and the Transition to a Triennial Assembly

Section VII: Report of the Memorials Committee

- Report of the Memorials Committee

Section VIII: Report of the Nominating Committee

- Report of the Nominating Committee

Deadlines

See Order of Business, p.17, or Rules of Organization and Procedure, PART EIGHTEEN, p. 25.

Plenary Session One

Monday, August 12

Beginning: 3:30 P.M.

Ending: 5:45 P.M.

Reports and Recommendations Requiring Action or Review

References are to the *2013 Pre-Assembly Report* by section and report name (e.g., V: Election of the Presiding Bishop), unless otherwise noted. Recommended actions, also in the *2013 Pre-Assembly Report*, are noted by similar page citations. Unless otherwise specified, favorable action requires a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Order for Opening the Churchwide Assembly	Worship and Song	
Welcome		
Report: Credentials Committee	I: Rules of Organization; I: Roll of Assembly Members	
Greeting: Region 8		
Introduction of Local Chairs		
Introduction to Electronic Voting	I: Rules of Organization	
Organization of Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roll of Voting MembersIntroduction of Parliamentarian	I: Rules of Organization; I: Roll of Assembly Members	
Consideration of Rules of Organization and Procedure	I: Rules of Organization	I: Rules of Organization p.2 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
<i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i>	To adopt the amended Rules of Organization and Procedure for the 2013 Churchwide Assembly (exclusive of quoted and highlighted constitutional provisions and bylaws that already are in force).	
Consideration of Order of Business		
<i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i>	To approve the Order of Business as the agenda of the 2013 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in keeping with the provisions of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the calling of items of business before the assembly.	
Report: Credentials Committee	I: Rules of Organization	
Elections: First Ballot for Presiding Bishop	I: Rules of Organization; V: Election of Presiding Bishop	
Announcements		

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:
9:30 P.M., August 12**

**REMOVAL OF RESPONSES TO MEMORIALS FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION;
SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE RESPONSES TO MEMORIALS**

Deadline for electronic or paper form submission of notification to the secretary for requests for the removal of responses to synodical memorials from the en bloc motion for separate consideration, or for offering substitute responses to synodical memorials. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook Application.

Deadline for submission of proposed amendments to memorials. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook Application.

Plenary Session Two

Tuesday, August 13

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Morning Prayer		
Election Report: First Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Results of the First Ballot for Presiding Bishop	
<i>Deadline for withdrawal of name for consideration: 11:00 A.M.</i>		
Report: Nominating Committee	VIII: Nominating Committee	
Reports of the Vice President and Church Council	II: Report of the Vice President; XI: Report of the Church Council	
2014–2016 Budget Proposal: First Presentation	V: 2014-2016 Budget Proposal	
Introduction: 25 th Anniversary Campaign	V: 25 th Anniversary Campaign	
Consideration: Book of Faith Initiative		V: Book of Faith Initiative, p. 4
Report: Renewing Congregations		
Report: Mission Investment Fund	IV: Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA	
Report: Addressing Social Concerns	VI: Addressing Social Concerns Review Task Force Report	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

OFFICIAL NOTICES: 11:00 A.M., August 13

REMOVAL OF AMENDMENTS FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO ELECTIONS; NOMINATIONS

Deadline for submission to the secretary of requests for removal from the en bloc motion related to election amendments for the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook application.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of nominations to the Church Council, churchwide boards and committees. Nominations may be filed at the Nominations Desk in the Assembly Office, Room 333 or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook application.

Plenary Session Three

Tuesday, August 13

Beginning: 2:15 P.M.

Ending: 4:30 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Elections: Second Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop	
Consideration: Amendments to <i>Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions</i> related to elections		V: Amendments to Governing Documents p. 2 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Greeting: Catholic Bishop		
Introduction: Proposed Social Statement on Criminal Justice	V: Social Statement on Criminal Justice	
Report: Memorials Committee	VII: Report of the Memorials Committee	
Report: New Congregations		
Orientation to Hearings	I: Rules of Organization	
5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.		7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th Anniversary Campaign Room 315/316• 2014-2016 Budget Room 321• ELCA World Hunger Room 306/307• Social Statement on Criminal Justice Room 310/311• Healthcare Reform - Portico Benefits Services Room 302-305		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Concerns Review Room 319• LIFT: Mission Planning Room 320• Women and Justice social statement listening event Room 310/311• ELCA Malaria Campaign Room 306/307• Communal Discernment Room 321• 25th Anniversary Campaign Room 315/316• Healthcare Reform – Portico Benefits Services Room 302-305
Election Report: Second Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Results of the Second Ballot for Presiding Bishop	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

Plenary Session Four

Wednesday, August 14

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Morning Prayer		
Distribution of Biographic Information on Seven Nominees for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Question and Answer forum for Seven Nominees for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Addresses by Seven Nominees for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Elections: Third Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Election Report: Third Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Results of the Third Ballot for Presiding Bishop	
Elections: First Common Ballot	VIII: Report of the Nominating Committee	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:
1:00 P.M., August 14**

NON-GERMANE RESOLUTIONS

Deadline for submission to the secretary of resolutions not germane to matters before the assembly or on the assembly agenda. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform, or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook application.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:
2:30 P.M., August 14**

**FIRST COMMON BALLOT;
AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STATEMENT AND IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS**

Deadline for submission of the First Common Ballot. After this time, the polls are closed and no further ballots shall be transmitted to the Elections Committee.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the social statement "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" and to the implementing resolutions related to it. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook application.

Plenary Session Five

Wednesday, August 14

Beginning: 2:15 P.M.

Ending: 6:00 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Greeting: Military Chaplain	III: Report of the Executive for Administration	
Introduction to ELW Prayer Book for the Armed Services		
Three Nominees for Presiding Bishop Respond to Questions	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Elections: Fourth Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Election Report: Fourth Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Results of the Fourth Ballot for Presiding Bishop	
College Corporation Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana College• Luther College• St. Olaf College• Wartburg College	VI: College Corporation Meetings	
Elections: Fifth Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Presiding Bishop	
Election Report: Fifth Ballot for Presiding Bishop	V: Election of the Presiding Bishop; X: Results of the Fifth Ballot for Presiding Bishop	
Response from Presiding Bishop-elect		
Report: Leadership		
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	IX: Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee	
Report: Credentials Committee	I: Rules of Organization	
Elections: First Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:
6:00 P.M., August 14**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014–2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL;
REMOVAL FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONSTITUTIONS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS**

Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the 2014–2016 Budget Proposal. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary’s deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider’s side) of the speakers’ platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook application.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of requests for removal from the en bloc motion related to proposed amendments to the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such notice may be submitted in paper form to the secretary’s deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider’s side) of the speakers’ platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook application.

Plenary Session Six

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Thursday, August 15

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Morning Prayer		
Election Report: First Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Results of the First Ballot for Secretary	
<i>Deadline for withdrawal of name for consideration: 11:00 A.M.</i>		
Report of the Presiding Bishop	II: Report of the Presiding Bishop	
Report: Conference of Bishops		
Report of the Secretary	II: Report of the Secretary	
Servus Dei Award Presentation		
Elections Report: First Common Ballot	VIII: Report of the Nominating Committee; X: Results of the First Common Ballot	
Elections: Second Common Ballot	VIII: Report of the Nominating Committee	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

OFFICIAL NOTICE:
2:30 P.M., August 15

SECOND COMMON BALLOT

Deadline for submission of the Second Common Ballot. After this time, the polls are closed and no further ballots shall be transmitted to the Elections Committee.

Plenary Session Seven

Thursday, August 15

Beginning: 2:15 P.M.

Ending: 6:00 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Greetings: Ecumenical Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada• Full Communion Partners• World Council of Churches		
Report of the Treasurer	II: Report of the Treasurer	
Consideration: 2014–2016 Budget Proposal		V: 2014-2016 Budget Proposal, p. 1
Elections: Second Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary	
Report: Global Church with greetings from Malagasy Lutheran Church, and Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore		
Report: Memorials Committee	VII: Report of the Memorials Committee	
Greetings: Interfaith <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jewish Council• World Sikh Council		
Greeting: Lutheran World Federation		
Elections Report: Second Common Ballot	VIII: Report of the Nominating Committee; X: Results of the Second Common Ballot	
Election Report: Second Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Results of the Second Ballot for Secretary	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

Plenary Session Eight

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Friday, August 16

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Morning Prayer		
Distribution of Biographic Information on Seven Nominees for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Secretary	
Question and Answer forum for Seven Nominees for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Secretary	
Elections: Third Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Secretary	
Election Report: Third Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Results of the Third Ballot for Secretary	
Report: ELCA Malaria Campaign	VI: Report on the ELCA Malaria Campaign	
Consideration: Social Statement on Criminal Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee		V: Social Statement on Criminal Justice, p. 1 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Consideration: Social Statement Implementing Resolutions ¹		V: Social Statement on Criminal Justice, p. 38
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

¹ Implementing resolutions will only be considered if the social statement is adopted

Plenary Session Nine

Beginning: 2:15 P.M.

Ending: 6:00 P.M.

Friday, August 16

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Report: Relief and Development	III: Congregational and Synodical Mission & Global Mission	
Addresses by Three Nominees for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Secretary	
Elections: Fourth Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Secretary	
Election Report: Fourth Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Results of the Fourth Ballot for Secretary	
Consideration: 25 th Anniversary Campaign		V: 25 th Anniversary Campaign, p. 1
Elections: Fifth Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Secretary	
Election Report: Fifth Ballot for Secretary	V: Election of the Secretary; X: Results of the Fifth Ballot for Secretary	
Response from the Secretary-elect		
Consideration: Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i>		
• <i>En Bloc</i> Amendments		V: Amendments to Governing Documents, p. 7 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Amendments Removed from <i>En Bloc</i> Action		V: Amendments to Governing Documents, p. 7 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Other Proposed Amendments		XII: Governing Documents <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Greeting: Women of the ELCA		
Greeting: Lutheran Men in Mission		

Report: Reference and Counsel Committee

IX: Report of the Reference
and Counsel Committee

Recognition of Service: Past ELCA officers and the
Commission for a New Lutheran Church

Announcements

Hymn and Prayer

Worship and Song

Plenary Session Ten

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Saturday, August 17

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Morning Prayer		
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	IX: Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee	
Report: Memorials Committee	VII: Report of the Memorial Committee	
Recognition of Service: Church Council Class of 2013 and outgoing Synodical Bishops		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

Plenary Session Eleven

Beginning: 1:45 P.M.

Ending: 4:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 17

Agenda Item	Reference	<i>Recommended Action</i>
Unfinished Business		
Announcement of 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly		
Order for Closing the Churchwide Assembly		
Announcements		
Adjournment		

Deadlines

Certain deadlines are a part of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Churchwide Assembly to help ensure the orderly conduct of business. These include the following:

Removal of Responses to Synodical Memorials from the <i>En Bloc</i> Motion	9:30 P.M., Monday, August 12
Substitute Responses and Amendments to Synodical Memorials	9:30 P.M., Monday, August 12
Proposed questions for the question-and-answer forum with nominees for presiding bishop	8:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 13
Amendments to the ELCA Constitution Related to Elections	
Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i>	11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 13
Removal of Proposed Amendments from the <i>En Bloc</i> Motion	11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 13
Non-Germane Resolutions (New Business)	1:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 14
Amendments to the Social Statement <i>The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries</i> and Implementing Resolutions	2:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 14
Amendments to Governing Documents:	
Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i> (New Proposals)	6:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 14
Removal of Proposed Amendments from the <i>En Bloc</i> Motion	6:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 14
Amendments to the 2014–2016 Budget Proposal	6:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 14

Notice of the foregoing items should be submitted to the secretary of this church in paper form through the secretary's deputy, who will be seated during plenary sessions at the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform or electronically through the ELCA Guidebook Application.

Elections

Deadline for Nominations from the Floor 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 13

The Nominations Desk, located in the Assembly Office, Room 333 in the Convention Center, will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday, August 12	8:30 A.M.–9:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 13	8:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
Withdrawal from ballot for Presiding Bishop	11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 13
Polls Closed for First Common Ballot	2:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 14
Withdrawal from ballot for Secretary	11:00 A.M., Thursday, August 15
Polls Closed for Second Common Ballot	2:30 P.M., Thursday, August 15