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I. Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda items have been distributed electronically.

**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.

II. Church Council Election

The nominating committee has nominated Mr. William “Bill” Rice, Norway, MI, to fill the vacancy of Mr. Philip Wirtanen, Northern Great Lakes Synod [5G], who died in a car accident on February 1, 2020. Biographical information for the nominee is provided [here](#).

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

To elect Mr. William “Bill” Rice, Norway, MI [5G], to the Church Council for a term ending 2022.

III. Report of the Program and Services Committee

The following report is provided by the Program and Services Committee.

A. Proposed Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement

The Proposed Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement was written at the request of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly [CA19.05.29] and authorized by the Church Council [19.11.47w].

Social messages are teaching documents of the ELCA focused on particular social topics. They are intended to focus attention and urge action on timely, pressing matters of social concern to church and society. ELCA social statements are more comprehensive documents developed via a five-year process led by a task force and adopted at churchwide assemblies. To read more about the upcoming work toward a social statement on church and state, click [here](#).

At its June 19 meeting, Program and Services Committee reviewed and approved the amendments to the Proposed Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement and now recommends its adoption.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

To adopt “Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy” as a social message of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

IV. En Bloc Approval of Certain Items

The following en bloc resolution includes agenda items considered 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 En Bloc Items.

If a Church Council member wishes to remove an item from en bloc, they should notify Secretary Sue Rothmeyer by email at Sue.Rothmeyer@elca.org before 12:00 pm CT on June 24, 2020. Any such item removed from the en bloc resolution will be discussed prior to the en bloc resolution vote.

The chair will not call for a discussion or separate vote on those items that are not removed from the en bloc resolution.

**CC ACTION**

**Recommended:**

To take action En Bloc on the items listed in En Bloc Items.
V. Discussion on November 2020 Church Council meeting
   This is an opportunity for the Church Council to discuss the options of conducting an in-person or virtual meeting for the November 2020 Church Council meeting.

VI. Updates from Officers and Conference of Bishops *(only as needed and if time allows)*
   A. Presiding Bishop
   B. Secretary
   C. Treasurer
   D. Conference of Bishops Chair

VII. Adjournment