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Section V: Recommendations of the Church Council

- The Election of the Vice President
- Roster of Ministry of Word and Service
- Amendment of Certain Continuing Resolutions
- Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service
- General Amendments to the Constitutions of the ELCA
- Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist
- AMMPARO Strategy
- 2017–2019 Budget Proposal

Section VI: Other Assembly-Related Documents

- Report and Recommendations of the Word and Service Task Force
- Memorandum on Rationale for Constitutional Amendments
- Ecumenism: The Vision of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification
- From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation 2017
- Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist
- A Social Message on Gender-based Violence
- Foundational Documentation for a Social Message on Gender-based Violence
- Ministry to and with Same-Gender Couples and Their Families Working Group Report and Recommendations
- Theological Education Advisory Council (TEAC)
- AMMPARO Strategy

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

Monday, August 8, 2016

9:45 p.m. Separate consideration (removal from *en bloc*) of responses to synod memorials
Proposed changes to the responses to synod memorials

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

10:45 a.m. Separate consideration (removal from *en bloc*) of proposed general amendments to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions
Proposed changes to the general amendments to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions
Proposed amendments from the floor to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions
Nominations from the floor

3:00 p.m. Withdrawal from ballot for vice president

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

10:45 a.m. Non-germane resolutions
Proposed amendments to the 2017-2019 budget proposal
Proposed amendments to the Word and Service proposal
Separate consideration (removal from *en bloc*) of proposed amendments to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions related to the Word and Service proposal
Proposed changes to the amendments to the constitutions, bylaws and continuing resolutions related to the Word and Service proposal

2:15 p.m. First common ballot

Elections

The Nominations Desk is located near the Registration Desk. It is open on Monday, August 8, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Election deadlines

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

10:45 a.m. Nominations from the floor
3:00 p.m. Withdrawal from ballot for vice president

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

2:15 p.m. First common ballot

The chair will announce the deadline for the second common ballot, if needed.

Plenary Session One

Beginning: 6:30 p.m.

Ending: 9:30 p.m

Monday, August 8

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|---|--|--|
| Order for Opening the Churchwide Assembly | Worship and Song | |
| Welcome | | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure I: Roll of Assembly Members | |
| Greetings: Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod | | |
| Introduction of Local Chairs | | |
| Introduction to Electronic Voting | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| Organization of Assembly | | |
| • Roll of Voting Members | I: Roll of Assembly Members | |
| • Assembly Committees | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| • Parliamentarian | | |
| Consideration: Rules of Organization and Procedure | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure, p. 2 Two-Thirds Vote Required |
| Consideration: Order of Business | Recommendation for Assembly Action: To approve the Order of Business as the agenda of the 2016 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. | |
| Introduction: Word and Service Proposal | V: Roster of Ministry of Word and Service VI: Report and Recommendations of the Word and Service Task Force | |
| Update: <i>Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA</i> | III: <i>Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA</i> | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| First Ballot for Vice President | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure V: The Election of the Vice President | |
| Announcements | | |
| Hymn and Prayer | Worship and Song | |

**OFFICIAL NOTICES: REMOVAL OF RESPONSES TO MEMORIALS FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION;
9:45 p.m., August 8 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 synod memorials from the en bloc motion for separate consideration, or for offering amendments or substitute responses to synod memorials. Such notice may be submitted electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

Plenary Session Two
Beginning: 8:00 a.m.
Ending: 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 9

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| Morning Prayer | Worship and Song | |
| Elections Report: First Ballot for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Results of the First Ballot for Vice President | |
| Report: Nominating Committee | VIII: Nominating Committee | |
| Reports: Vice President and Church Council | II: Report of the Vice President XI: Report of the Church Council | |
| <i>Servus Dei</i> Award Presentation | | |
| Introduction: Declaration on the Way | V: Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist VI: Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist | |
| Introduction: 2017-2019 budget proposal | V: 2017-2019 Budget Proposal | |
| Introduction: Word and Service Amendments | V: Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Word and Service VI: Report and Recommendations of the Word and Service Task Force VI: Memorandum on Rationale for Constitutional Amendments | |
| Greeting: Publishing House of the ELCA | IV: Publishing House of the ELCA | |
| Announcements | | |
| Prayer | Worship and Song | |

**OFFICIAL NOTICES: REMOVAL OF AMENDMENTS FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION REGARDING
10:45 a.m., August 9 GENERAL AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS;
CHANGES TO GENERAL AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS;
OTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS;
FLOOR NOMINATIONS**

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

Deadline for submission to the secretary of substitute proposals to proposed general amendments for the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such notice may be submitted electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposals to amend the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such notice may be submitted electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of nominations to the Church Council, churchwide boards and committees. Nominations may be filed electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form at the Nominations Desk (near the registration desk).

Plenary Session Three**Tuesday, August 9****Beginning: 2:30 p.m.****Ending: 4:30 p.m.**

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| Hymn | Worship and Song | |
| Greeting: Women of the ELCA | IV: Women of the ELCA | |
| Report: Conference of Bishops | | |
| Report: Memorials Committee | VII: Report of the Memorials Committee | |
| Video: Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA | IV: Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA | |
| Greeting: International Bishop | | |
| Introduction: AMMPARO Strategy | V: AMMPARO Strategy VI: AMMPARO Strategy | |
| Orientation to Hearings | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| <i>5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</i> | <i>7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</i> | |
| • Roster of Ministry of Word and Service Room 206 | • Roster of Ministry of Word and Service (repeat) Room 206 | Room 206 |
| • Declaration on the Way Room 207 | • Declaration on the Way (repeat) Room 207 | Room 207 |
| • ELCA World Hunger Room 208 | • Women and Justice social statement Room 208 | Room 208 |
| • Budget Room 209 | • AMMPARO Strategy Room 209 | Room 209 |
| • Campaign for the ELCA Room 210 | • Theological Education Room 210 | Room 210 |
| • Called Forward Together in Christ Room 214 | • Called Forward Together in Christ (repeat) Room 214 | Room 214 |
| Announcements | | |
| Hymn and Prayer | Worship and Song | |

OFFICIAL NOTICE: WITHDRAWAL FROM BALLOT FOR VICE PRESIDENT**3:00 p.m., August 9**

Deadline for those nominated on the first ballot for vice president to notify the secretary of their withdrawal from further consideration of their names on the second ballot for vice president. 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.

Plenary Session Four
Beginning: 8:00 a.m.
Ending: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| Morning Prayer | Worship and Song | |
| Greeting: Military Chaplain | | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| Second Ballot for Vice President | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure V: The Election of the Vice President X: Report of the Elections Committee | |
| Elections Committee: First Common Ballot | | |
| Report: Memorials Committee | VII: Memorials Committee Report | |
| Report: Secretary | II: Report of the Secretary | |
| Greeting: Board of Pensions of the ELCA | IV: Board of Pensions of the ELCA | |
| Greeting: International Bishop | | |
| Announcements | | |
| Prayer | Worship and Song | |

**OFFICIAL NOTICES: NON-GERMANE RESOLUTIONS;
10:45 a.m., August 10** **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017-2019 BUDGET PROPOSAL;
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WORD AND SERVICE PROPOSAL;
REMOVAL OF AMENDMENTS FROM THE EN BLOC MOTION REGARDING
WORD AND SERVICE AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS;
PROPOSED CHANGES TO WORD AND SERVICE AMENDMENTS TO
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

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 electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the 2017-2019 Budget Proposal. Such notice may be submitted electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the Church Council recommendation regarding a roster of Ministry of Word and Service. Such notice may be submitted electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

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

Deadline for submission to the secretary of amendment or substitute proposals to proposed amendments for the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America related to a roster of Ministry of Word and Service. Such notice may be submitted electronically through the ELCA Guidebook app or in paper form to the secretary's deputy, seated during the plenary session to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: FIRST COMMON BALLOT
2:15 p.m., August 10 *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.*

Plenary Session Five
Beginning: 2:30 p.m.
Ending: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|---|---|--|
| Hymn | Worship and Song | |
| Elections Report: Second Ballot for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Results of the Second Ballot for Vice President | |
| Greetings: International (The Lutheran World Federation, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) | | |
| College Corporation Meetings | Other: College Corporation Meetings | |
| Greetings: Ecumenical (The Episcopal Church, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) | | |
| Consideration: Declaration on the Way | V: Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist VI: Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist | V: Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist, p. 2 |
| Greetings: Inter-Religious | | |
| Update: Inter-Religious Vision Statement | | |
| Update: ELCA World Hunger | | |
| Report: Reference and Counsel Committee | | |
| Consideration: AMMPARO Strategy | V: AMMPARO Strategy VI: AMMPARO Strategy | V: AMMPARO Strategy, p. 1 |
| Elections Report: First Common Ballot | X: Report of the Elections Committee | |
| Report: Treasurer | II: Report of the Treasurer | |
| Consideration: 2017-2019 Budget Proposal | V: 2017-2019 Budget Proposal | V: 2017-2019 Budget Proposal, p. 1 |
| Church World Service Founder Award | | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| Elections Committee: Second Common Ballot | X: Report of the Elections Committee | |
| Announcements | | |
| Prayer and Hymn | Worship and Song | |

Plenary Session Six
Beginning: 8:00 a.m.
Ending: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 11

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| Morning Prayer | Worship and Song | |
| Distribution of Biographical Information on Nominees for Vice President | X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Vice President | |
| Question and Answer Forum for Nominees for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Vice President | |
| Report: Presiding Bishop | II. Report of the Presiding Bishop | |
| Greeting: African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church | | |
| Report: Churchwide Organization | III. Reports of the Churchwide Organization | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| Third Ballot for Vice President | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure V: The Election of the Vice President | |
| Elections Report: Third Ballot for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Results of the Third Ballot for Vice President | |
| Announcements | | |
| Prayer | Worship and Song | |

Plenary Session Seven

Beginning: 8:00 a.m.

Ending: 10:30 a.m.

Friday, August 12

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|--|---|---|
| Morning Prayer | Worship and Song | |
| Elections Report: Second Common Ballot | | |
| Consideration: Word and Service Proposal | V: Roster of Ministry of Word and Service VI: Report and Recommendations of the Word and Service Task Force | V: Roster of Ministry of Word and Service, p. 4 |
| Consideration: Word and Service Amendments to Governing Documents | V: Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service | V: Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service, p. 1 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i> |
| Consideration: Word and Service Amendments removed from the above <i>en bloc</i> motion | V: Constitutional Amendments Related to a Roster of Ministry of Word and Service | <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i> |
| Greeting: International Bishop | | |
| Report: Reference and Counsel Committee | IX: Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee | |
| Addresses by Nominees for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Biographical Information on Nominees for Vice President | |
| Prayer | Worship and Song | |

Plenary Session Eight
Beginning: 3:45 p.m.
Ending: 5:45 p.m.

Friday, August 12

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|--|---|---|
| Hymn | Worship and Song | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| Fourth Ballot for Vice President | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure V: The Election of the Vice President | |
| Elections Report: Fourth Ballot for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Results of the Fourth Ballot for Vice President | |
| Greeting: International Bishop | | |
| Recognition of Youth and Young Adults | | |
| Report: Credentials Committee | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure | |
| Fifth Ballot for Vice President | I: Rules of Organization and Procedure V: The Election of the Vice President | |
| Elections Report: Fifth Ballot for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President X: Results of the Fifth Ballot for Vice President | V: The Election of the Vice President, p. 1 |
| Response from the Vice President-elect | | |
| Consideration: Amendments to Governing Documents | V: General Amendments to the Constitutions of the ELCA | V: General Amendments to the Constitutions of the ELCA, p. 1 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i> |
| Consideration: Amendments to Governing Documents removed from the above <i>en bloc</i> motion | V: General Amendments to the Constitutions of the ELCA | <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i> |
| Report: Reference and Counsel Committee | IX: Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee | |
| Report: Memorials Committee | VII: Report of the Memorials Committee | |
| Announcements | | |
| Hymn and Prayer | Worship and Song | |

Plenary Session Nine

Beginning: 10:30 a.m.

Ending: 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 13

| Agenda Item | Reference | Recommended Action |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| Committee of the Whole: Called Forward Together in Christ Conversation | | |
| Greeting: Lutheran Men in Mission | | |
| Update: Lutheran Disaster Response | | |
| Report: Reference and Counsel Committee | IX: Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee | |
| Unfinished Business | | |
| Honoring Outgoing Synod Bishops | | |
| Recognition of Church Council Youth Members | | |
| Order for the Closing of the Assembly | Worship and Song | |
