



RULES OF PROCEDURE 2011 Convocation

1. The business of this convocation shall be as outlined in the official agenda distributed to the convocation.
2. The rules set forth in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised," shall govern this convocation in all applicable cases and to the extent consistent with the rules and agenda adopted by this convocation, and according to the constitution of the North American Lutheran Church.
3. Once adopted, the rules shall not be amended or suspended except by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at this convocation.
4. The voting body for this convocation will include all ordained ministers of the North American Lutheran Church, who are properly registered to attend; and those laypersons who have been elected as delegates by congregations of the North American Lutheran Church, who are properly registered to attend. The quorum for conducting business shall be such registered delegates who are in attendance.
5. Lay members of the executive council and lay members of the Court of Adjudication, who are not delegates to this convocation, shall have the right of voice at this convocation.
6. Unless otherwise determined by a majority of the convocation, all speeches during discussion shall be limited to three minutes. A signal shall be given one minute before the speaker's time ends.
7. All elections shall follow the procedures outlined in the provisional constitution. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted for all positions. Prior to a nomination the person being nominated shall indicate a willingness to serve if elected.
8. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. Should a first ballot not result in an election, a second ballot shall be cast. The nominees for a second ballot shall include only the names of those two persons who have received the highest vote on the first ballot, plus ties. For election as bishop, the first ballot will include the names of all who have been properly nominated. The second ballot, if necessary, shall include the names of those four persons who receive the highest number of votes on the first ballot. A third ballot, if necessary, shall include the names of those two persons who receive the highest number of votes on the second ballot.
9. In the case of a nomination for bishop, the nominee will indicate, prior to nomination, a willingness to accept this new call and a willingness to locate in the Columbus, Ohio, area. If, following the floor nominations process, only four persons are nominated, each nominee will address the convocation prior to the casting of the first ballot. If, however, more than four persons are nominated, the top four nominees will address the convocation prior to the casting of the second ballot. Such addresses will be limited to five minutes.
10. Following action on the amendments to the constitution, a time of twenty minutes will be provided for consideration of a title for the regional subdivisions of the North American Lutheran Church. Speeches will be limited to one minute per person. The convocation will consider two names for these subdivisions: deanery or mission district. Following the discussion, the convocation will vote on this matter.