



Anglican Diocese of the Living Word

The Rules of Order

Synod 2026

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition) shall be the parliamentary authority for the conduct of this Synod, except as superseded by these rules. Only accredited voting delegates shall vote and shall be entitled to speak in debate.

With respect to the debate on any debatable motions during any Synod business, delegates will move to a microphone and give their name, congregation, or mission. Each speaker will be allowed up to two minutes to speak to a debatable motion, speaking to a motion only once for each respective motion. The Registrar will be the official timekeeper.

The agenda for our business has been published and is included in the Synod documents online.

When we vote for members of the Standing Committee and Ecclesiastical Court, we shall vote using the Vevox electronic voting platform by preferential ballot, with each voter designating a numerical preference for each candidate nominated. We are electing one clergy and one lay person to the Standing Committee and one clergy and one lay person to the Ecclesiastical Court. Nominations closed on May 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (EDT), and the slate of candidates is published in the document center.

When we vote to amend the Constitution, the vote shall be a standing vote in each order (clergy and laity; the bishops will vote with the clergy). A majority vote in each order is required for the vote to pass.

Any other voting shall be a voice vote of all delegates. A majority vote is required for the vote to pass.

Constitutional amendments 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be taken separately.

Canonical amendments 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 will be taken together.

Canonical amendments 6, 8, 10, and 17 will be taken separately.