



## Legislative Update Monday, August 8, 2016

The Credentials Committee reported at 7:32 p.m. that 945 voting members had registered. The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), declared that a quorum was present for the 2016 Churchwide Assembly in Hall C of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La.

The Roll of Assembly Members was accepted without objection as the organization of the assembly.

### Consideration of the Rules of Organization and Procedure

Reference: *2016 Pre-Assembly Report, Section I, Rules of Organization and Procedure.*

During its first plenary session the 2016 Churchwide Assembly acted on the proposed Rules of Organization and Procedure.

#### ASSEMBLY

**TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED**

#### ACTION

**YES-932; NO-4**

#### CA16.01.01

**To adopt the “Rules of Organization and Procedure” for the 2016 Churchwide Assembly (exclusive of quoted and highlighted provisions and bylaws which are already in force).**

In accordance with the adopted rules, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton declared the committees of the assembly authorized and constituted. Without objection, she appointed an *ad hoc* committee to consider proposed amendments to the proposal to unify the three existing official lay rosters. This committee will bring a report and specific recommendations for the assembly's consideration.

### Consideration of the Order of Business

Reference: *Order of Business and 2016 Pre-Assembly Report, Section I, Rules of Organization and Procedure.*

The 2016 Churchwide Assembly acted on the proposed agenda.

#### ASSEMBLY

#### ACTION

**YES-881; NO-3**

#### CA16.01.02

**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 of the Word and Service Proposal

Reference: *2016 Pre-Assembly Report, Section V, Roster of Ministry of Word and Service, and Section VI, Report and Recommendations of the Word and Service Task Force.*

The Rev. William O. Gafkjen, bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and chair of the Word and Service Task Force, introduced the recommendation of the Church Council regarding a proposal to unify the existing three lay rosters of this church into a roster of Ministry of Word and Service. The assembly will vote on the recommendation during plenary session seven the morning of Friday, August 12.

### Elections: First Ballot for Vice President

Reference: *2016 Pre-Assembly Report, Section I, Rules of Organization and Procedure, and Section V, Election of the Vice President.*

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton lead the assembly in casting the first ballot for vice president. The Credentials Committee reported that 959 voting members had registered to cast ballots.

### **Deadlines for 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
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### **Hearings for Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

#### **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

- Roster of Ministry of Word and Service Room 206
- Declaration on the Way Room 207
- ELCA World Hunger Room 208
- Budget Room 209
- Campaign for the ELCA Room 210
- Called Forward Together in Christ Room 214

#### **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

- Roster of Ministry of Word and Service (*repeat*) Room 206
- Declaration on the Way (*repeat*) Room 207
- Women and Justice social statement Room 208
- AMMPARO Strategy Room 209
- Theological Education Room 210
- Called Forward Together in Christ (*repeat*) Room 214