



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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# Order of Business

**Twelfth Churchwide Assembly**

August 15-19, 2011  
Orlando, Florida

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# Plenary Session One

Monday, August 15

**Beginning:** 1:30 P.M.

**Ending:** 3:30 P.M.

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## Reports and Recommendations Requiring Action or Review

References are to the *2011 Pre-Assembly Report* by section and page number (e.g., I:7), unless otherwise noted. Recommended actions, also in the *2011 Pre-Assembly Report*, are noted by similar page citations. Unless otherwise specified, favorable action requires a majority vote of those voting members present and voting.

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Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Order for Opening the Churchwide Assembly	Worship and Song	
Welcome		
Report: Credentials Committee	I:10 (I:40)	
Greeting: Florida-Bahamas Synod		
Introduction to Electronic Voting	I:10	
Organization of Assembly		
• Roll of Voting Members	I:6–8, 31–38	
• Constitution of Assembly Committees	I:9–10, 39–40	
• Introduction of Parliamentarian		
Consideration of Rules of Organization and Procedure	I:5–22	I:6 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
<b><i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i></b>		<b>To adopt the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the 2011 Churchwide Assembly (exclusive of quoted and highlighted constitutional provisions and bylaws that already are in force).</b>
Consideration of Order of Business		
<b><i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i></b>		<b>To approve the Order of Business as the agenda of the 2011 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.</b>
Introduction: <i>Living Into the Future Together</i> (LIFT)	IV:29–30; V:21–92	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

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# Plenary Session Two

Monday, August 15

Beginning: 7:15 P.M.

Ending: 9:00 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
2012–2013 Budget Proposal: First Presentation	IV:67–92 (I:6, 11, 17–18)	
Report: Nominating Committee	VII:1–96 (I:9–10, 14–16, 39–40)	
Introduction: Constitutional Amendments (LIFT)	IV:31–36; V:21–92	
Introduction: Proposed Social Statement on Genetics	IV:3–25 (I:13–14); V:1-8	
Report: Credentials Committee	I:10 (I:40)	
Introduction: ELCA Malaria Campaign	IV:27–28; V: 97–98	
Consideration: ELCA Malaria Campaign		IV:28
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

## OFFICIAL NOTICES: 9:30 P.M., August 15

**AMENDMENTS TO THE *LIVING INTO THE FUTURE TOGETHER* (LIFT) IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS;  
SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FOR REMOVAL FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION RELATED TO LIFT;  
REMOVAL FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE *CONSTITUTIONS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS* RELATED TO LIFT;**

**REMOVAL OF RESPONSES TO MEMORIALS FROM THE *EN BLOC* MOTION;  
SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE RESPONSES TO MEMORIALS**

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the Living Into the Future Together proposals. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.*

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the governing documents related to the LIFT proposal. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions 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 the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such written notice may be submitted 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 the "Notice" form for requests for the removal of responses to synodical memorials from the en bloc motion for separate consideration, or for offering substitute responses to synodical memorials.*

*Deadline for submission of proposed amendments to memorials. Such written notice and texts of proposed amendments and substitutions may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.*

# Plenary Session Three

Tuesday, August 16

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Report of the Presiding Bishop	II: 1-5 (I:20–21)	
Consideration: LIFT Implementing Resolutions		IV:29–30
Consideration: Amendments to <i>Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i> related to LIFT		IV:32–36 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
10:00 A.M.: Special Order		
Consideration: Amendments to <i>Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i> related to program committees		IV:34–36 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

## OFFICIAL NOTICE:

11:00 A.M., August 16

### NOMINATIONS

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of nominations to churchwide boards and committees. Nominations may be filed at the Nominations Desk in the Assembly Office, Canary 1.*

## OFFICIAL NOTICES:

8:30 P.M., August 16

### SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE CHURCHWIDE ORGANIZATION REDESIGN; REMOVAL FROM THE EN BLOC MOTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE CHURCHWIDE ORGANIZATION REDESIGN

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America related to the churchwide organization redesign. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions 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 to the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America related to the churchwide organization redesign. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.*

# Plenary Session Four

Wednesday, August 17

**Beginning:** 8:15 A.M.

**Ending:** 10:30 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Report of the Secretary	II:7–24 (I:21)	
Introduction: Churchwide Organization Redesign	III: i-v; IV:37–48	
Greeting: The Lutheran World Federation		
Report: Credentials Committee	I:10 (I:40)	
Elections: First Common Ballot	VII: 1–96; (I:9–10, 14–1, 18–20)	
Greeting: Military Chaplain		
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–64 (I:9, 12–13, 18, 39)	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:  
8:00 A.M., August 17**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STATEMENT AND  
IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS**

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the social statement “Genetics, Faith and Responsibility” and to the implementing resolutions related to it. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary’s deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider’s side) of the speakers’ platform.*

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:  
1:00 P.M., August 17**

**NON-GERMANE RESOLUTIONS;  
FIRST COMMON BALLOT**

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of resolutions not germane to matters before the assembly or on the assembly agenda. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary’s deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider’s side) of the speakers’ platform.*

*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

Wednesday, August 17

Beginning: 2:30 P.M.

Ending: 5:30 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Update: ELCA World Hunger Appeal	III:2-3, 24, 26, 28-30; IV:67, 69-74, 76, 81-84, 92	
Report of the Treasurer and Mission Investment Fund	II:25-68; III-Part 2:5-20	
Servus Dei Award Presentation		
Report of the Vice President and Church Council	IV:1-92; IX:1-42 (I: 7, 6, 31, 38)	
Consideration: <i>Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i> related to the churchwide organization redesign		IV:37-48 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Greeting: Ministry Partners		
Update: Lutheran Disaster Response	III: 2-3, 14, 15	
College Corporation Meetings	College Corporation Booklet (I:22)	
• Dana College	p. 3	
• Luther College	pp. 4, 5	p. 5
• St. Olaf College	pp. 6, 7	p. 7
• Wartburg College	pp.8-10	pp. 9-10
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1-64 (I: 9, 12-13, 18, 39)	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

## OFFICIAL NOTICES: 5:30 P.M., August 17

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2012-2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL;  
SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS;  
REMOVAL FROM THE EN BLOC MOTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CONSTITUTIONS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS**  
*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the 2012-2013 Budget Proposal. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.*  
*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the governing documents (including constitutional amendments, bylaw amendments, continuing resolution amendments, amendments to the Constitution for Synods, and amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations). Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions 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 to the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Such written notice may be submitted to the secretary's deputy, seated during plenary sessions to the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.*  
*Deadline for questions for the question-and-answer session with Bishop Hanson.*

# Plenary Session Six

Thursday, August 18

Beginning: 8:15 A.M.

Ending: 10:30 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Consideration: Recommendation on Social Statements		IV:2
Consideration: Social Statement on Genetics		IV:3 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee		
Consideration: Social Statement Implementing Resolutions <sup>1</sup>		IV:22
Report: Credentials Committee	I:10 (I:40)	
Elections Report: First Common Ballot	VII: 1–96; (I: 9–10, 14–17)	
Elections: Second Common Ballot	VII: 1–96; (I: 9–10, 14–17)	
Greeting: Full Communion Partners		
Consideration: Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i>		
• <i>En Bloc</i> Amendments	IV:48–64 (I:18–19)	IV:48–64 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Amendments Removed from <i>En Bloc</i> Action	IV:48–64 (I:18–19)	IV:48–64 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Other Proposed Amendments	I:18–19	IV:48–64 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Greeting: Interfaith Partner		
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 11–13, 17–18, 40)	
Greeting: Women of the ELCA		
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

<sup>1</sup>The implementing resolutions for the social statement will be considered only if the social statement is adopted.

# Plenary Session Seven

Thursday, August 18

Beginning: 2:30 P.M.

Ending: 5:30 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Recognition of Service: Mr. John G. Kapanke		
Consideration: 2012–2013 Budget Proposal	IV:67–92 (I:6, 11, 17–18)	IV:67
Greeting: African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church		
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–64 (I: 9, 12–13, 18, 39)	
Greeting: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada		
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 11–13, 17–18, 40)	
Greeting: Lutheran Men in Mission		
Committee of the Whole	I:25	
<i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i>	<b>To go into a committee of the whole for a period of 40 minutes to participate in a question and answer forum with Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson. During the time of the discussion in the committee of the whole, the rules regarding speaking on the floor in PART THREE of the Rules of Organization and Procedure will apply; during the committee of the whole no parliamentary motions will be in order and no votes will be taken.</b>	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	
<b>OFFICIAL NOTICE:</b> <b>6:00 P.M., August 18</b>	<b>SECOND COMMON BALLOT</b> <i>Deadline for submission of the Second Common Ballot. After this time, the polls are closed and no further ballots shall be transmitted to the Elections Committee.</i>	

# Plenary Session Eight

Friday, August 19

Beginning: 8:15 A.M.

Ending: 12:00 NOON

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Elections Report: Second Common Ballot	VII: 1-96; (I: 9-10, 14-17)	
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1-64 (I: 9, 12-13, 18, 39)	
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 11-13, 17-18, 40)	
Recognition of Service: Church Council Class of 2011	I:38	
Unfinished Business		
Announcement of 2013 Churchwide Assembly		
Holy Communion with the Order for Closing the Churchwide Assembly		
This begins at 10:30 A.M. and ends at 12:00 NOON		
Adjournment		

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## NOTES

## Deadlines

Certain deadlines are a part of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Churchwide Assembly to help ensure the orderly conduct of business. These include the following:

### ***Living Into the Future Together (LIFT) Implementing Resolutions***

<b>Amendments to the <i>LIFT</i></b>	9:30 P.M., Monday, August 15
<b>Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions (LIFT)</i></b>	9:30 P.M., Monday, August 15
<b>Removal of Proposed Amendments from the <i>En Bloc Motion (LIFT)</i></b>	9:30 P.M., Monday, August 15

### **Removal of Responses to Synodical Memorials from the *En Bloc Motion***

9:30 P.M., Monday, August 15

### **Substitute Responses and Amendments to Synodical Memorials**

9:30 P.M., Monday, August 15

### **Amendments to the ELCA Constitution Related to the Churchwide Redesign**

<b>Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i></b>	8:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 16
<b>Removal of Proposed Amendments from the <i>En Bloc Motion</i></b>	8:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 16

### **Amendments to the Social Statement *Genetics, Faith and Responsibility* and Implementing Resolutions for the Social Statement**

8:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 17

### **Non-Germane Resolutions (New Business)**

1:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 17

### **Amendments to Governing Documents**

<b>Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions (New Proposals)</i></b>	5:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 17
<b>Removal of Proposed Amendments from the <i>En Bloc Motion</i></b>	5:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 17

### **Amendments to the 2012–2013 Budget Proposal**

5:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 17

### **Questions for question-and-answer session with Bp. Hanson**

5:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 17

Written notice of the foregoing items should be submitted to the secretary of this church through the secretary's deputy, who will be seated during plenary sessions at the left (presider's side) of the speakers' platform.

## Elections

### **Deadline for Nominations from the Floor** 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 16

The Nominations Desk, located in the Assembly Office, Canary, will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday, August 15	8:00 A.M.–9:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 16	8:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

### **Polls Closed for First Common Ballot** 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 17

### **Polls Closed for Second Common Ballot** 6:00 P.M., Thursday, August 18