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# Plenary Session One

Monday, August 17

Beginning: 7:00 P.M.

Ending: 9:30 P.M.

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## Reports and Recommendations Requiring Action or Review

References are to the *2009 Pre-Assembly Report* by section and page number (e.g. I:7), unless otherwise noted. Recommended actions, also in the *2009 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:9 (I:40)	
Greetings: Host Synods		
Introduction to Electronic Voting	I:10	
Organization of Assembly		
• Roll of Voting Members	I:6–8, 31–38	
• Constitution of Assembly Committees	I:9, 39–40	
• Introduction of Parliamentarian	I:39	
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 2009 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 2009 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>
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

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# Plenary Session Two

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday, August 18

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Report of the Presiding Bishop	II:1–6 (I:20)	
2010–2011 Budget Proposal: First Presentation	IV:55–86 (I:6, 10, 16–17)	
Report: Nominating Committee	VII:1–88 (I:9, 13–15, 39–40)	
Report: Credentials Committee	I:9 (I:40)	
Introduction: Funding of the HIV and AIDS Strategy	IV:11–13; V:45–73	
Introduction: Social Statement on Human Sexuality	IV:19–39 (I:13); V:75–83	
Quasi Committee of the Whole	I:28	

***Recommendation for Assembly Action:***

To go into a quasi committee of the whole for a period of one hour to discuss the proposed recommended social statement: “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust,” the proposed implementing resolutions, and responses proposed by the Memorials Committee to synodical memorials on issues related to human sexuality. (This discussion does not include issues related to the Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies, which will be the subject of a later discussion in a quasi committee of the whole.) The discussion will begin with brief conversations within the plenary hall, followed by discussion in the whole assembly. During the time of the discussion in the whole assembly, the rules regarding speaking on the floor in PART THREE of the Rules of Organization and Procedure will apply; people who are undecided or who want to ask questions may so indicate with a white card. In addition, during the quasi committee of the whole no parliamentary motions will be in order and no votes will be taken.

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Worship and Song

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

**11:15 A.M., August 18:**

*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 18

Beginning: 2:00 P.M.

Ending: 4:00 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Consideration: Lutheran Malaria Initiative	IV:15–18	IV:17–18
Greeting: Lutheran World Relief		
Report of the Vice President and Church Council	I:6; IX:1–34 (I:10, 31, 38)	
Greeting: President of the Lutheran Youth Organization		
Report of the Secretary	II:7–22 (I:20)	
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Orientation to Hearings	Program 10 (I:21)	
<b>4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M.</b>		
• 2010–2011 Budget Proposal . . . . .	101 B	
• “Book of Faith”: Lutherans Read the Bible . . . . .	101 A	
• Evangelizing Congregations . . . . .	101 C	
• Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) . . . . .	102 C/D	
• Middle East Strategy . . . . .	101 D	
• Recommendation on Ministry Policies . . . . .	101 I	
• Social Statement on Human Sexuality . . . . .	101 F	
• UMC Full Communion Agreement . . . . .	101 E	
<b>7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.</b>		
• Board of Pensions Update . . . . .	101 B	
• “Book of Faith”: Lutherans Read the Bible . . . . .	101 A	
• Evangelizing Congregations . . . . .	101 C	
• HIV and AIDS Strategy . . . . .	101 D	
• Recommendation on Ministry Policies . . . . .	101 I	
• UMC Full Communion Agreement . . . . .	101 E	
• World Hunger Appeal/Disaster Response . . . . .	101 F	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICE: AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STATEMENT AND IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS**

**2:00 P.M., August 18:** *Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the social statement “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” 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.*

# Plenary Session Four

Wednesday, August 19

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 11:00 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Consideration: Funding of the HIV and AIDS Strategy	IV:11–13; V:45–73	IV:13
Report: Credentials Committee	I:9 (I:40)	
Elections: First Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	IV:1 <i>Three-Fourths Vote Required</i>
Greeting: Youth Convocation		
Report of the Treasurer and Mission Investment Fund	II:23–46; III.2:13–26 (I:20)	
Greeting: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada		
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 12, 40)	
Greeting: Military Chaplains		
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** **SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS; REMOVAL FROM THE EN BLOC MOTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS, BYLAWS, AND CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS; PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDATION ON MINISTRY POLICIES.**

**11:15 A.M., August 19:** *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 submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the Recommendation on Ministry Policies. 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 NOTICE:** **NOMINATIONS**  
**2:00 P.M., August 19:** *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, Room 211 B.*

# Plenary Session Five

Wednesday, August 19

Beginning: 2:00 P.M.

Ending: 5:45 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Bible Study: Prof. Diane Jacobson		
Consideration: Social Statement on Human Sexuality	IV:19–38 (I:13); V:75–83	IV:19 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee	I:9–10, 13	
Consideration: Social Statement Implementing Resolutions <sup>1</sup>	IV:39	IV:39
4:30 P.M.: College Corporation Meetings	College Corporation Booklet (I:20)	
• Dana College		p. 4
• Luther College		p. 6
• St. Olaf College		pp. 8, 9
• Wartburg College		pp. 12, 13–17
Introduction: Recommendation on Ministry Policies	IV:41–42; V:85–93, 95–97, 99–101	
Quasi Committee of the Whole ( <i>to be held in Session Six</i> )	I:28	
<b><i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i></b>	<b>To go into a quasi committee of the whole beginning at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 20, to discuss the Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies and responses proposed by the Memorials Committee to synodical memorials related to the recommendation. The discussion will begin with 90 minutes in small groups, which will take place at assigned tables in Ballroom A/B (the dining hall), followed by discussion of the whole assembly in the plenary hall until 11:00 A.M. To facilitate discussion during the time in the plenary hall, the rules regarding speaking on the floor in PART THREE of the Rules of Organization and Procedure will apply; people who are undecided or who want to ask questions may so indicate with a white card. In addition, during the quasi committee of the whole, no parliamentary motions will be in order and no votes will be taken.</b>	
Elections Report: First Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	
Announcements		
Hymn and 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 Six

Thursday, August 20

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 11:00 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
<b>8:00–9:30 A.M. (Ballroom A/B)</b>		
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Quasi Committee of the Whole: Recommendation on Ministry Policies	IV:41–42; V:85–93, 95–97, 99–101 (I:28)	
<b>9:45 A.M.–11:00 A.M. (Plenary Hall)</b>		
Quasi Committee of the Whole: Recommendation on Ministry Policies ( <i>cont.</i> )	IV:41–42; V:85–93, 95–97, 99–101 (I:28)	
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**  
**11:15 A.M., August 20:**

**NON-GERMANE RESOLUTIONS**

*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.*

# Plenary Session Seven

Thursday, August 20

Beginning: 2:00 P.M.

Ending: 5:45 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Bible Study: Bp. Jessica R. Crist		
Report: Credentials Committee	I:9 (I:40)	
Consideration: Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i>		
• <i>En Bloc</i> Amendments	IV:45–53 (I:17–18)	IV:45 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Amendments Removed from <i>En Bloc</i> Action	IV:45–53 (I:17–18)	IV:45 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
• Other Proposed Amendments	I:17–18	IV:45 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Elections: First Common Ballot	VII:1–88 (I:9, 13–16)	
Elections: Second Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	IV:1 <i>Three-Fourths Vote Required</i>
Consideration: Full Communion with The United Methodist Church	IV:3–10 (I:13)	IV:7 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 12, 40)	
Ecumenical Greetings:	III.3:1–6	
• Full Communion Partners		
• Bilateral Partners		
• Conciliar Partners		
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**  
**6:00 P.M., August 20:**

## FIRST COMMON BALLOT

*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 Eight

Friday, August 21

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 11:00 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Consideration: Recommendation on Ministry Policies	IV:41–42; V:85–93, 95–97, 99–101	IV:41–42
• Report of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Committee	I:9–10, 13	
• Resolution 1 <sup>2</sup>		IV:41
• Resolution 2		IV:41
• Resolution 3		IV:41
• Resolution 4		IV:41–42
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**  
**8:30 A.M., August 21:**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010–2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

*Deadline for submission to the secretary of proposed amendments to the 2010–2011 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.*

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<sup>2</sup> The Church Council transmitted the resolutions comprising the Recommendation on Ministry Policies as four separate actions. The Churchwide Assembly will determine how it will consider the resolutions. Depending on the assembly’s actions, some may not be in order.

# Plenary Session Nine

Friday, August 21

Beginning: 2:00 P.M.

Ending: 5:30 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Bible Study: Pr. Ronald T. Glusenkamp and Mr. Peter Mayer		
Report: Credentials Committee	I:9 (I:40)	
Elections: Second Common Ballot	VII:1-88 (I:9, 13-16)	
Elections Report: Second Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15-16, 18-20)	
Elections: Question and Answer Forum for Seven Nominees for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15-16, 18-20)	
Consideration: Recommendation on Ministry Policies ( <i>cont.</i> )	IV:41-42; V:85-93, 95-97, 99-101	IV:41-42
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 12, 40)	
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1-96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Elections: Third Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15-16, 18-20)	IV:1 <i>Two-Thirds Vote Required</i>
Elections Report: Third Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15-16, 18-20)	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

**OFFICIAL NOTICE:**  
**6:00 P.M., August 21:**

**SECOND COMMON BALLOT**

*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.*

# Plenary Session Ten

Saturday, August 22

Beginning: 8:00 A.M.

Ending: 11:00 A.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn, Scripture, and Prayer	Worship and Song	
Bible Study: Pr. John A. Nunes		
Consideration: 2010–2011 Budget Proposal	IV:55–86 (I:6, 10, 16–17)	IV:55
Elections: Addresses by Three Nominees for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	
Report: World Hunger Appeal and Program	II:27–28, 31, 42; III.1:20; IV:55, 62–63, 67, 70, 73, 80, 84, 86	
Greeting: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service		
Consideration: Proposed Social Statement on Justice for Women	IV:43–44	IV:44
Greeting: The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod	III.3:2	
Greeting: Lutheran World Federation	III.3:1–4, 5–6	
Report: Credentials Committee	I:9 (I:40)	
Elections: Fourth Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	IV:1 <i>Sixty Percent Vote Required</i>
Elections Report: Fourth Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	
Greeting: Lutheran Men in Mission	III.1:3, 7	
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 12, 40)	
Announcements		
Closing Prayer	Worship and Song	

# Plenary Session Eleven

Saturday, August 22

Beginning: 2:00 P.M.

Ending: 5:45 P.M.

Agenda Item	Reference	Recommended Action
Hymn	Worship and Song	
Report: Credentials Committee	I:9 (I:40)	
Elections: Fifth Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	IV:1
Elections Report: Fifth Ballot for Vice President	IV:1 (I:9, 10, 15–16, 18–20)	
Greeting: Women of the ELCA	III.1:31–33	
Introduction to the Quasi Committee of the Whole		
Quasi Committee of the Whole:	III.1:1–4; V:5–12, 33–42, 43–44	
<i>Recommendation for Assembly Action:</i>	<b>To go into a quasi committee of the whole for a period of one hour to discuss the evangelical mission of this church. The discussion will begin with brief conversations within the plenary hall, followed by discussion in the whole assembly. During the discussion in the whole assembly, the time limit for each speaker will be one minute. In addition, during the quasi committee of the whole no parliamentary motions will be in order and no votes will be taken.</b>	
Report: Memorials Committee	VI:1–96 (I:6, 9, 12, 39)	
Report: Reference and Counsel Committee	VIII (I:9, 12, 40)	
Announcements		
Hymn and Prayer	Worship and Song	

# Plenary Session Twelve

Sunday, August 23

Beginning: 10:30 A.M.

Ending: 12:00 NOON

Agenda Item	Referent	Recommended Action
Prayer	Worship and Song	
Recognition of Service: Church Council Class of 2009	I:38	
Unfinished Business		
Announcement of 2011 Churchwide Assembly		
Order for Closing the Churchwide Assembly	Worship and Song	

## 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:

<b>Removal of Responses to Synodical Memorials from the <i>En Bloc</i> Motion</b>	11:15 A.M., Tuesday, August 18
<b>Substitute Responses and Amendments to Synodical Memorials</b>	11:15 A.M., Tuesday, August 18
<b>Amendments to the Social Statement “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” and Implementing Resolutions for the Social Statement</b>	2:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 18
<b>Amendments to Governing Documents</b>	
<b>Amendments to the <i>Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions</i> (New Proposals)</b>	11:15 A.M., Wednesday, August 19
<b>Removal of Proposed Amendments from the <i>En Bloc</i> Motion</b>	11:15 A.M., Wednesday, August 19
<b>Amendments to the Recommendation on Ministry Policies</b>	11:15 A.M., Wednesday, August 19
<b>Non-Germane Resolutions (New Business)</b>	11:15 A.M., Thursday, August 20
<b>Amendments to the 2010–2011 Budget Proposal</b>	8:30 A.M., Friday, August 21

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

<b>Deadline for Nominations from the Floor</b>	2:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 19
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The Nominations Desk, located in the Assembly Office, Room 211 B, will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday, August 17	12:00 NOON–4:00 P.M. 5:45 P.M.–7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 18	8:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 19	8:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

<b>Polls Closed for First Common Ballot</b>	6:00 P.M., Thursday, August 20
<b>Polls Closed for Second Common Ballot</b>	6:00 P.M., Friday, August 21