

Rule for Hearings Prior to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly

The hearings for the 2022 Churchwide Assembly will be held by remote communication the week prior to the assembly and notice of the hearings shall be provided electronically.

Certain proposals that are scheduled for assembly action or information at the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly are the subject of hearings. Voting members, advisory members, resource members, and other categories approved by the Church Council may attend with voice. Others may watch the hearing through identified livestream options and shall not have voice. Hearings have no legislative authority.

The chair of the hearing shall endeavor to maintain decorum and order and may call upon the assistance of technology support staff for serious breaches of order. Insofar as is possible during discussion, a speaker on one side of the question shall be followed by a speaker on the other side.

Adoption of this rule will follow the procedure required by *Robert's Rules of Order*.