

**Continuing Resolutions
of the
West Virginia--Western Maryland Synod
(as amended by Synod Council on 20 September 2019)**

CR 1.01. When the election of the Synodical Bishop occurs during a regular synod assembly, the agenda shall include the following:

- a. distribution of biographical information for each candidate prior to the third ballot;
- b. questioning of each candidate prior to the third ballot, the questions being generated by the conferences and vetted by the synod council; and
- c. a teaching period by each candidate prior to the fourth ballot.¹

CR 2.01 An ordained minister on leave from call on the roster of this synod shall be granted voting membership in the Synod Assembly upon the consent of the Synod Council; such consent shall be applicable to the Synod Assembly in question; such consent may be renewed.

CR 2.02. Prior to each Synod Assembly, the Synod Council shall consider and, at its discretion, seat with voice and vote in the immediate Synod Assembly those Ministers of Word & Sacrament (or the equivalent) who are serving synod congregations and who also belong to church bodies with which the ELCA has full-communion.²

CR 2.03 Prior to each Synod Assembly, the Synod Council shall consider and, at its discretion, seat with voice but without vote in the immediate Synod Assembly to those Ministers of Word & Sacrament (or the equivalent) who are serving a synod congregation but have not been otherwise enfranchised.³

CR 3.01. When there is a disagreement among people or factions within a congregation, as related to †S17.11 of the West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod Constitution, and the Consultation Committee is called in to consider the matter, the Committee shall deliver, in writing, a report to the congregation, within 60 days of the receipt, by the chair of the Committee, of the request for assistance.⁴

CR 3.02. If the Consultation Committee thinks it will be unable to finish the report within 60 days, the Committee must contact the synodical bishop as soon as possible to request extra time, up to 30 days, for a total of no more than 90 days from the receipt of the request for assistance, to finish the report. The exact amount of extra time is granted at the bishop's discretion and can be denied.⁵

CR 3.03. The synodical bishop, after being contacted by the Consultation Committee for a request for more time, has the right to grant, refuse, or amend the request based on his or her assessment of the situation and the work of the Committee.⁶

CR 4.0. The bishop, vice-president, and secretary shall review and approve the minutes of the Synod Council after each session.⁷

¹ SA14

² SC19.3.10.

³ SC19.3.12.

⁴ SC19.1.17.

⁵ SC19.1.17

⁶ SC19.1.17

⁷ SC19.3.3.

CR 5.0. Synod Council and all other committees may, at the discretion of the chair, employ absentee voting so long as all members have been notified of the call for vote and have acknowledged that call for vote, a unit veto striking down the question.⁸

⁸ SC19.9.2.