

How do we meet the technical participatory requirements?

- This is a process, since it does involve several considerations. **We urge congregations to consider methods of helping their members to meet these issues.** The synod will also have volunteers available to help with these issues, will produce some training videos, and will be conducting some live test sessions to familiarize people with the systems. More information with specifics will be updated when available.
- **As a minimum**, voting members will need to be able to connect to a Zoom meeting during the assembly, to be able to receive and read emails in real time, and to log into a web browser and/or phone app to allow for secure voting.
- We encourage people to attend the assembly from a place where there is solid internet service with good connections. If there is sufficient bandwidth in a particular congregation, perhaps the congregation's voting members could safely congregate at the church for the assembly, to enable watching the live stream together, and to provide some opportunity for discussion during breaks. This also may be a way of sharing or extending available devices to enable voting members to have a better experience.
- There is obviously coordination involved in this, but it can all be done on one device, as long as there are continuing internet connections during the assembly. For a better experience, however, we recommend that two devices be available/used, so that transferring among the various operations is easier.