

### **Other than the fact that the assembly is a virtual meeting, what will be different?**

The answer is both as little as possible, and a great deal. The format obviously requires considerable difference in presentation. A few things include:

- The first (general) ecclesiastical ballot for Bishop will occur Friday, September 11 in the afternoon. There will be a briefer period than usual for withdrawals before the second ballot, which means that Ministers of Word and Sacrament whose names appear on the first ballot and who cannot easily and quickly be contacted may not have an opportunity to withdraw and thus have their names appear on the second ballot. The second ballot will also be taken on Friday, so that the seven final nominees (plus ties) will be known for overnight review, and so that these ministers can be at the John S. Knight Center for the presentations and for the Question & Answer sessions that are scheduled before the three final ballots, all of which will occur on Saturday, September 12.
- Nominations from the floor for additions to the Nominating Committee slate will be accepted, but will need to be submitted electronically by the time that the chair asks for them to be made. Since floor nominations can be submitted any time after the assembly is called to order, voting members will be encouraged to do so as soon as possible on Friday afternoon, to avoid delays and allow for efficiency.
- Amendments to the budget will have an early deadline, before the assembly, so that the finance committee can consider them and include recommendations in their report.
- There were no general Resolutions for Assembly action received prior to the original deadline. Only a resolution of an *emergency* nature will be considered for action at the assembly. All other resolutions will be referred to the synod council.
- Requesting the floor during the assembly will require submission of a Zoom chat to a specific address. Requests will be sorted by volunteers in order of receipt, and also by category (priority point; point of order, etc.; for; against; amend, etc.), so that recognitions can be made in appropriate sequence in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Some of these changes are subject to assembly votes as special rules of procedure that the assembly adopts as part of its initial administrative opening items. Others are administrative procedures.