

## **2023 Report of the Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel (ABC)**

### **Committee Members:**

Daniel Holste (Hands of Hope), Chair (2023)  
Bishop Lorna Halaas (Ex-Officio)  
Dagna Simmons, Synod Secretary (Ex-Officio)  
Tracy Gayer, Synod Vice President (Ex-Officio)  
Rev Jeffrey Hansen (At Large) (2023)  
Paige McGrath (Living Waters) (2023)  
Rev Zechariah Anderson (Seeds of Faith) (2024)  
Kay Broich, Staff (Advisory)

**The Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel (ABC Committee)** is described in the Synod Constitution, Section S7.40.04. Two constitutional provisions govern assembly business and parliamentary procedure:

S7.32.01. Any voting member of the Synod Assembly desiring to add an item of new business to the agenda of the Synod Assembly shall present such an item to the chair no later than one-half hour following the close of the first plenary session of the Assembly. The chair shall immediately refer it to the Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel.

S7.40.04.e. Every motion or resolution submitted to the Synod Assembly and its Committee of Assembly Business and counsel shall be presented to the Assembly in whole or part or by reference to the published reports. In presenting motions or resolutions, the Committee of Assembly Business and Counsel shall take one of the following actions:

- 1) to report a resolution or motion and recommend its adoption
- 2) to report a resolution or motion and recommend its adoption with amendment
- 3) to report a resolution or motion and recommend its defeat
- 4) to report a resolution or motion and offer a substitute resolution
- 5) to report a resolution or motion and recommend that the matter be referred by the bishop to an appropriate council, board, or committee
- 6) to report a resolution as information (A two-thirds vote of the Synod Assembly shall be required to consider a resolution reported as information.)

### **The resolutions for consideration at the 2023 synod assembly are:**

Resolution #1 – Western Iowa Synod 2023 Compensation and Care Guidelines: ABC recommends adoption

Resolution #2 – Adopt the Budget: ABC recommends adoption

Resolution #3 – Western Iowa Synod Assembly Date: ABC recommends defeat

Resolution #4 – Revisions proposed to the Social Statement on Abortion of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America: ABC recommends defeat