

**2010 Lutheran CORE Convocation
Grove City, Ohio
Rules of Procedure**

1. The business of this convocation shall be as outlined in the official agenda distributed to the convocation.
2. The rules set forth in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised," shall govern this convocation in all applicable cases and to the extent consistent with the rules and agenda adopted by this convocation, and according to the constitution of this ministry.
3. Once adopted, the rules shall not be amended or suspended except by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at this convocation.
4. The quorum for conducting business at this convocation shall be those who are in attendance at this convocation, registered for attendance, and who are members of Lutheran CORE.
5. This convocation will receive reports, conduct business, hold elections, consider constitutional amendments and a budget, and will take other actions regarding the ongoing ministry of Lutheran CORE.
6. This convocation will take provisional action on matters regarding the North American Lutheran Church. Provisional decisions will be made for one year or until the next convocation. These provisional matters will include the adoption of a constitution, the election of officers (who shall serve one-year terms), and other matters necessary for the initial ministry of the North American Lutheran Church.
7. For this convocation the election procedures being followed for Lutheran CORE will apply to the election procedures for the North American Lutheran Church.
8. The steering committee of Lutheran CORE will provide nominations for all positions for both Lutheran CORE and the North American Lutheran Church. Additional nominations for all positions may be made from the floor.
9. In all elections a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. Should a first ballot not result in an election, a second ballot shall be cast. The nominees for a second ballot shall include only the names of those two persons who have received the highest vote on the first ballot.
10. In the case of a tie in an election, those receiving the same number of votes shall be included on the second ballot. Should the second ballot result in a tie, a third ballot shall be cast and shall include the names of those receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot.
11. An elections committee, appointed by the steering committee, whose chair shall be named by the steering committee, shall oversee the conduct of elections according to the election procedures approved by this convocation.

12. Following an election, if an officer or member of the executive council for the North American Lutheran Church determines not to join the church within six months, the executive council will be authorized to fill that vacancy for one year with a person who is a member of the church.
13. Visitors who are registered and are not members of Lutheran CORE may attend this convocation. Visitors will not have the right of voice or vote.
14. The steering committee of Lutheran CORE will provide a time within this convocation for the installation into office of all those elected to leadership for Lutheran CORE and the North American Lutheran Church.
15. Unless otherwise determined by a majority of the convocation, all speeches during discussion shall be limited to three minutes. A signal shall be given one minute before the speaker's time ends. A second signal shall be given one minute later, and the speaker shall then sit down.
16. Delegates to this convocation will be afforded the opportunity to abstain on all votes regarding the formation of the North American Lutheran Church. Provision will be made for the recording of these abstentions in the official minutes of this convocation.

Note: Rule 16 addresses the matter of voting for the formation of the North American Lutheran Church. It is always possible to abstain from voting on any matter that is before the house. If a pastor wishes to do so - for whatever reason - that pastor may abstain from all actions at the convocation that are related to the North American Lutheran Church. Moreover, at the conclusion of the convocation, that pastor may come forward and sign an abstention sheet that will become a part of the minutes of the convocation.