

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Dear Brethren:

On behalf of the Diocese of the Southeast and the Program Committee, we welcome all of you to Charleston, SC. We pray that your presence and participation in this 150th anniversary celebration of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be a blessing to all. In putting our program together, we have tried to balance our time between worship, learning, and meetings whilst allowing extra time for fellowship and, perhaps, visiting parts of this beautiful and historic city.

I should probably have started with the words, “We finally made it!” As many are aware, we were originally scheduled to be in Charleston for our 2020 General Council. Plans had been made, hotels contracted, registrations received - only to have the pandemic undo all the work that had been done and to result in a Zoom General Council in 2021. But, alas, the Diocese of the Southeast graciously extended another invitation to host this General Council and we can joyfully say “We finally made it!”

General Council begins with the Communion Service

**Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul (ACNA)
Wednesday morning – June 7 – 9:00am sharp
Clergy requested to vest and process (see instructions below)**

Early Registration Check-in at the hotel – 7pm – 9pm - Tuesday evening

We would like to thank the Diocese of the Southeast for their warm welcome to us and for hosting us this week. In particular, we thank Bishops Al Gadsden and William White, both of whom helped with the original planning for General Council 2020 and the transitions that occurred when we had to cancel it. We also thank the current Bishop Ordinary of the Southeast, Bishop Willie Hill, his staff, the members of St. John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, and the many other volunteers who have labored and planned for this Council. I believe there are over 25 different individuals who have committed their time and labors in these preparations. Your kindness and service to the Lord and His church is certainly beyond measure.

We would also like to thank Archbishop Foley Beach and our fellow Bishops and brethren in the Anglican Church of North America for rejoicing with us in our opening Eucharist. In particular, we thank Bishop Chip Edgar, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, and Dean Peet Dickinson, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, for allowing us to worship in their beautiful cathedral. We thank Mr. Chris Walchesky, director of music at St. Philip’s Anglican Church - Charleston, for lending his incredible talents on the pipe organ and for coordinating the music and brass accompaniment during our opening Communion service. Finally, we thank Fr. Brian Foos and those of St. Andrew’s Academy & College for blessing us with their choir during the opening service. They drove all the way across the country from Northern California to be with us today.

It is most appropriate at this 150th anniversary that we devote a portion of our attention to some of the history of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Bishop Sutton extended an invitation to the Primus of the Free Church of England, the Most Rev. Dr. John Fenwick, to lead us in two sessions on “The Context and Vision of George David Cummins, the founding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church”. Deaconess Barbara West, third-generation Reformed Episcopalian and previous President of the Board of Foreign Missions, has prepared a short video and presentation on the history and impact of REC foreign missions. Finally, the Diocese of the Southeast has prepared a special presentation for our banquet dinner on Wednesday evening in honor of the ministry and

work of this particular Diocese. Three days is not sufficient to cover a full history of the Reformed Episcopal Church and to also complete all of our business and activities, but we do pray that these teachings and short history presentations coupled with the reports of our current mission and ministries will encourage you as we celebrate this great anniversary together. We remember the original call of Bishop Cummins in 1873 to “Restore the Old Paths” as we now “continue those old paths in a post-Christian world” one-hundred fifty years later.

Attached to this report are several items – all of which are considered a part of this report and recommended for adoption by the Council.

- Important Details & Instructions.
Please read this as it will provide most answers for you, including a schedule of events and important times.
- Order of Business
- Rules of Order

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason R. Grote', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote
Program Committee Chairman

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
IMPORTANT DETAILS & INSTRUCTIONS

KEY LOCATIONS & ADDRESSES

Francis Marion Hotel

387 King Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul

126 Coming Street
Charleston, SC 29403

St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church

91 Anson St.
Charleston, SC 29401

Harbor Cruise address (if purchased for Thursday night) – Boarding at 6:30pm.

Charleston Maritime Center
10 Wharfside St.
Charleston, SC 29401

PARKING & ARRIVALS

There is parking available in the city parking garage adjacent to the hotel on King Street. This can be used for overnight parking of hotel guests as well as for those needing day parking. Note: It is very probable that this parking garage will fill up based on the size of our group. If you are driving in locally for the day, you should leave additional time in case you need to find another parking area and walk a block or two.

If you are arriving at Charleston Airport, you can save money by not booking a car rental. The taxi ride or Uber from the airport is only about \$30 each way. The hotel is also within about a 1 mile radius of most downtown locations (for walking). If you rent a vehicle, you will not only have the rental cost but you will also incur between \$25-\$35 per day for parking at the hotel, if there is space available. Please see this link for possible solutions of traveling to/from the hotel and airport:

<https://www.charleston-airport.com/taxi.php>

SHUTTLES FOR WORSHIP

The Cathedral and St. John's are both about .3 miles from the Francis Marion and walkable in about 15 minutes. The expectation is that most can walk and/or drive. If you are unable to walk on either Wednesday or Thursday, the Diocese of the Southeast will be providing small shuttle vans to help transport you. These are not intended to transport everyone and if everyone asks to take the shuttle, it will be beyond the ability of the Diocese to provide it.

The shuttles for clergy needing a ride to the Cathedral on Wednesday should be in the lobby of the hotel by 8am and look for the Council Transportation Volunteer to direct you.

The shuttles for all others on both Wednesday and Thursday morning will begin at 8:15am. You need to be in the lobby and check in with a Council Transportation Volunteer who will direct you.

If you need to take a shuttle van, please email J2Grote@rechurch.org in advance of Council so we can gauge an approximate need in advance.

GENERAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Registration check-in will be available at the special registration desk in the hotel at the following times. Please note this is NOT the main registration desk where you check in. It is a specially designated area outside of the conference rooms. The hotel staff and signs can direct you to the location.

- Tuesday evening 7pm to 9pm
- Wednesday 7am-8am
- Wednesday Noon until 1pm

For those only coming to the banquet dinner, we will have a check-in at 6:15pm outside the Carolina Ballroom.

We encourage you to check in on Tuesday evening to help limit the line on Wednesday morning. At check-in you will receive your badge, and those who paid a full registration fee will also receive a General Council welcome bag.

YOUR ALL-IMPORTANT BADGE!

The badge you receive will indicate key items aside from your name and your representative status. The private breakfast each morning (Wed-Fri) is offered only to those who purchased it with a "Full General Council" registration or selected it as a part of your partial registration. Your badge will indicate whether or not you are eligible to enter the room and buffet line each morning. Likewise, the badge will indicate which sandwich choice you made for the Wednesday lunch. This will help provide you with the proper sandwich selection. Our sandwich orders are based on what your badge says. Do NOT take a different sandwich than that which your badge indicates. Your badge will indicate whether you purchased the Wednesday dinner banquet at the hotel as well as the special cruise dinner on Thursday evening. Finally, included on your badge is a QR code that you can scan to quickly visit the General Council webpage which will have much of this information and quick resources designed for a cell phone.

CLERGY VESTING FOR WORSHIP

All clergy and deaconesses are invited to vest and process for the **Wednesday morning Communion service**.

- Bishops - rochet and chimere with red stole
- Other Clergy - cassock/surplice with red stole
- Deaconesses - blue cassock.

You should arrive at the Cathedral by 8:15a for vesting and instruction. You will gather in the large room in the Parish Hall adjacent to the Sanctuary building (*Note: Bishops will vest in the Library in the Diocesan House*). Immediately following the service, we will ask that you remain vested so we can take a group photo.

At all other services, only the participating clergy and worship participants will vest. A separate and direct communication will be made to those participating in those service.

WORSHIP OFFERINGS

The offerings during each morning worship service will be designated for the support of a particular ministry and/or project in the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Council of Bishops have approved the Wednesday morning offering for the Women's Day Project 2023. The Thursday morning offering will be in support of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Friday morning offering will support the three REC seminaries.

We will "pass the plate" during each of these services. If you would like to donate by check, we would ask that you make checks payable to "St. John's". Their financial team will be responsible for processing the offerings and distributing them according to their purpose.

If you would like to donate electronically, you can do so with the QR code. It is included here but it will also be included in the bulletin each day. A button will also be available in the General Council web page (you'll see it after getting your badge). These donations will be processed using the Diocese of Mid-America's PayPal account. The Diocese will account for these electronic offerings and will disburse them according to their purpose after General Council.



EXPECTED DRESS CODES

For Breakfast – casual (but appropriate for public)

For Worship and Daily Sessions – Sunday dress

For Wednesday Banquet – Sunday dress

For Thursday Cruise Dinner (if purchased) – Business Casual – Clericals not necessary.

CRUISE DINNER

For those who purchased a cruise dinner ticket for Thursday evening (your badge will tell you), the cruise dinner will begin to board at 6:30pm at the harbor. The address is in the top section of this report. The harbor is less than a mile from the Francis Marion if you would like to walk. Leave appropriate time. Parking is also free on Concord and Charlotte streets near the harbor starting after 6pm. There is also a parking garage at 24 Calhoun Street and you can walk along the waterfront approximately 1/4 mile.

Two shuttle busses (25 person bus) will be provided by the harbor cruise company and will begin at the hotel at 5:45pm. We anticipate there will be two or three round-trips made by each of the cruise shuttle busses taking about 10-15 minutes for each trip. The last shuttle is scheduled to leave the Francis Marion at 6:20 for arrival by 6:30pm. The shuttle busses will also provide shuttles back to the hotel after the cruise ends. We will not be checking to make sure you make shuttle bus on time. If you are late, you will have to walk or find another way to the harbor on time.

The boat will leave port at 7:00pm **with or without you**. We will not be monitoring to see whether everyone has arrived. If you miss the boat, there will be no refunds as they are paid for in advance. Likewise, there are no refunds for illness or other reasons of non-attendance.

Dress code for the boat cruise is business casual. It is intended to be a relaxed dinner on the water. You do not have to wear your clerical collars, unless you really want to.

Note: There will be a cash-bar on the cruise. However, they don't actually accept cash. They only accept credit cards.

REPORT PACKET

We will distribute reports electronically via email and on our website. These will also be available on the General Council site during our event. Digital availability of reports and email is scheduled for May 22nd.

For those who purchased a printed binder of reports, we will provide these reports and the journal in a binder and mail them USPS priority box mail. These will be mailed by May 22nd such that they should arrive to you by May 25, two weeks prior to General Council.

We have learned from recent General Councils that we can significantly reduce our time in business sessions and devote ourselves to more learning and fellowship when everyone has read the reports and formed their questions in advance.

Please make sure you **READ THESE REPORTS BEFORE GENERAL COUNCIL!** We will entertain motions to file many of the reports without presenting them orally. If you have questions that could be answered in advance, feel free to email me (J2Grote@rechurch.org) and I might be able to provide you with answers. Otherwise, note them and ask when the time comes during the business sessions.

The primary reports being presented at General Council will be our Presiding Bishop exhortation and other reports pertaining to ministry and mission of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC100, Board of Foreign Missions, Women of the Church, etc). We will also hear those reports pertaining to the governance and financial aspects of the Church (Sustentation Fund, Pensions/Relief, Constitution & Canons, etc). Diocesan summaries and other non-elected committees that do not have recommendations will be filed. The expectation is that you will have already read them and be prepared for such action.

While many reports are listed in the Order of Business, some of them will not actually have reports because there was nothing to report. Likewise, some reports may be shorter than normal because it has only been 2 years since our last General Council instead of 3 years.

Please have your report packets available on your electronic devices or in print (if desired) during the meetings. While the conference room should have Wi-Fi available, it may be unreliable when nearly 300 people are using it. It is best if you download your reports to your device prior to your arrival and/or while in your hotel room.

Presiding Bishop Report – Note that the Presiding Bishop report is divided into two parts. The first part is included with your report packet. This part contains pertinent information regarding his activities since that last General Council. This portion will not be read at General Council. The second part of the report is his exhortation. This is NOT in your report packet. It will be printed and distributed to all attendees at the time of his oral delivery on Wednesday after lunch.

Journal – It is not necessary to have the Journal of the 56th General Council (Zoom 2021) printed or available at this Council, unless you so desire. The chair will entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of these minutes and to simply approve them. If you note any changes that need to be made in the Journal, please have them ready to announce to the Secretary at that time.

DISPLAY TABLES

We have several display tables set up around the conference room and exhibitor hallways. We encourage you to visit these tables and to learn about many different ministries and missions during our scheduled breaks and/or meal times. Those tables are as follows:

- Reformed Episcopal History Display
- Anglican School Association & Alfred Rex Publications
- St. Andrew's Academy & College
- Cranmer Theological House seminary
- Cummins Theological Seminary
- Reformed Episcopal Seminary
- REC Board of Foreign Missions
- Society of Anglican Missionaries & Senders (SAMS)
- New Wineskins
- Free Church of England
- Deaconess Association / Daughters of the Holy Cross

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need additional help at any time, please see a Diocese of the Southeast volunteer or you may contact Jason Grote via text or phone at (832) 264-3483. You may also email him at J2Grote@rechurch.org

CONDENSED SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast at hotel (for those who purchased)
8:15a – 8:45a	Clergy arrival and vesting (@ Cathedral)
9:00a – 11:15a	Holy Communion service (@ Cathedral) <i>Archbishop Foley Beach, preaching</i> <i>Offering designated for the Women of the Church Project</i>
11:15a - 11:30a	Pictures & Clergy changing (@ Cathedral)
12:00p – 1:30p	Lunch & Women of the Church & ASA meeting
1:45p – 3:00p	Business Session #1
3:00p - 3:15p	Break
3:15p - 4:15p	Bp. Fenwick Teaching #1 (45 min + 15 min Q&A)
4:15p - 4:30p	Break
4:30p – 5:15p	Business Session #2
5:15p – 6:30p	Break to get ready for Banquet (<i>clear room so they can reset</i>)
6:30p – 9:30p	Banquet Dinner (@ Hotel) <i>DSE Special Presentation</i>

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast at hotel (<i>for those who purchased</i>)
9:00a – 10:30a	Morning Prayer (@ St. John's REC) <i>The Rev. Tory Liferidge, preaching</i> <i>Offering designated for the Board of Foreign Missions</i>
10:30a – 11:15a	Greetings (@ St. John's Nave)
11:15a - 12:00p	Return to Hotel
12:00p – 1:15p	Lunch (@ hotel)
1:30p - 3:00p	Business Session #3
3:00p - 3:15p	Break
3:15p - 4:30p	Business Session #4
4:30p –	Adjourn for the day (Dinner on your own unless you paid for the cruise dinner)
5:45p –	Begin shuttle bus to Dinner Cruise (for those who purchased)

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast at hotel (for those who purchased)
9:00a – 10:45a	Morning Prayer (@ hotel) <i>Fenwick Presentation #2 (serves in place of sermon)</i>
10:45a – 11:00a	Break
11:00a – finish	Business Session #5 (@ Hotel)
<i>When done (12pm)</i>	Adjourn (no group lunch)

Note: Adjournment will occur after all business has been completed. This may be earlier or later than scheduled depending on the Business Sessions.

DETAILED SCHEDULED WITH EXPLANATIONS

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 7

- **Breakfast Buffet – 7:00am** - Carolina Ballroom at the Francis Marion hotel – only for those who purchased (your badge will indicate yes or no). Breakfast is only served from 7am to 8am.
- **Holy Communion Worship @ 9:00am** – at the Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul. Clergy to arrive by 8:15a to vest (see instructions above). All others should arrive by 8:45am to get settled. Following worship, the clergy will gather for a group photo, change, return to the hotel for lunch. It will take about 15 minutes to walk from the hotel to the Cathedral. Please leave time for this walk. If you are driving locally, there is a free parking lot directly across from the Cathedral entrance which offers some parking (but not a lot). Leave time to find parking and to walk, if needed. If you can't walk, please be in the lobby of the hotel (clergy @ 8am, others at 8:15am) so volunteers can transport you.
- **Lunch** - Women's Day Lunch and Meeting / Anglican School Association - @ Noon – Francis Marion Hotel. The Women of the Church will receive their lunch outside the **GOLD room** and then meet in the Gold Room during lunch. The men will receive their lunches outside the **Carolina ballroom**. The Anglican School Association will offer a special meeting during that lunch time in the Carolina ballroom. You are welcome to stay for that presentation, if desired.
- **Afternoon Sessions** – all sessions will be in the Carolina Conference room at the Francis Marion. We will end our sessions by 5:15p and leave the conference room such that the hotel staff can set the room for the banquet dinner.
- **Wednesday evening banquet** – 6:30pm - Carolina Conference Room at the Francis Marion. A cash bar will be available for the reception time beginning at 6:30pm. The buffet will start around the 7:00pm hour. After a time of eating and fellowship, we will have a special presentation made by the Diocese of the Southeast (starting around 8:00pm).

THURSDAY – JUNE 8

- **Breakfast Buffet – 7:00am** - Carolina Ballroom at the Francis Marion hotel – only for those who purchased (your badge will indicate yes or no). Breakfast is served only between 7am and 8am.
- **Morning Prayer Worship @ 9:00am** – at St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church. Only participating clergy will vest. It will take about 15 minutes to walk. Please leave the hotel with appropriate time to arrive. For those driving locally, there is some parking on the streets and there is a city parking garage near the church and Arts center which can also be used. Following worship, we will have short greetings from our guests of New Wineskins, SAMS, and the Free Church of England. We will also have greetings from the Mayor of Charleston. We plan to finish by 11:15am such that you can visit St. John's special memorial garden and stroll your way back to the hotel for a noon-time lunch. If you can't walk, please be in the lobby of the hotel (8:15am) so volunteers can help transport you.
- **Lunch (Noon)** @ hotel (for those who purchased). Everyone will eat in the Carolina ballroom. It will be a hot buffet.
- **Afternoon sessions** - all session in the Carolina Ballroom at the Francis Marion Hotel. We will adjourn our afternoon sessions by 4:30pm so you can have some free-time.
- **Dinner on Thursday** – if you did not purchase a ticket for the boat cruise dinner then you are on your own for dinner. You may do as you please. If you did purchase a cruise ticket (your badge will tell), then you should be at the Harbor to board the boat no later than 6:30pm. Shuttles will begin at 5:45p from the lobby.

FRIDAY – JUNE 9

- **Breakfast Buffet – 7:00am** - Carolina Ballroom at the Francis Marion hotel – only for those who purchased (your badge will indicate yes or no). Breakfast will be served from 7am to 8am.
- **Morning Prayer worship @ 9am** – Carolina Ballroom at the Francis Marion hotel. Only participating clergy will vest. Vestment needs will be communicated separately to those participating. All other clergy will sit at their tables. This will be a said service followed by the final teaching of Bishop Fenwick, which will serve in place of a sermon.
- **Final Business Session** – Carolina Ballroom. We will take a short break following the final teaching of Bishop Fenwick and then begin our final business session. This session will finish all remaining business. Following the completion of all business, we will adjourn. We anticipate this to be by 1pm, although we hope that it will be finished by noon.
- There is **NO GROUP LUNCH** on Friday. Once we adjourn, you are free to do as you please.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The report numbers listed correspond to the page numbers on the bottom of printed report pages. For example, report 1C, will correspond to the report whose page numbers are listed 1C-1, 1C-2, etc. Although each report is assigned a report number, there may not actually be a printed report provided.

0. ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

- A. *Welcome* 0A
- B. *Detailed Instructions & Schedule* 0B
- C. *Order of Business* 0C
- D. *Rules of Order* 0D

1. BUSINESS SESSION #1 (*Wed – after lunch in hotel*)

- A. Committee on Credentials 1A
- B. Program Committee (*see above*)
- C. Report on Corresponding Members 1C
- D. Election of Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) 1D
- E. Minutes from the Previous General Council Journal
- F. Presiding Bishop Report – Statistical 1F
- G. Presiding Bishop Report – Exhortation (*handed out at Council*) 1G

2. BUSINESS SESSION #2 (*Wed - late afternoon in hotel*)

- A. REC100 Canon Missioner 2A

3. BUSINESS SESSION #3 (*Thu – after lunch in hotel*)

- A. Board of Foreign Missions President 3A
- B. Board of Foreign Missions Treasurer 3B
- C. Committee on Women’s Ministry - President 3C
- D. Committee on Women’s Ministry – Treasurer 3D
- E. Order of Deaconesses 3E
- F. Christian Education / Anglican School Association 3F
- G. Young People’s Work 3G

4. BUSINESS SESSION #4 (*Thu – late afternoon hotel*)

- A. Report of the General Committee 4A
- B. Report of the Sustentation Fund – President 4B
- C. Report of the Sustentation Fund – Treasurer 4C
- D. Board of Pensions and Relief & Publication Society – President 4D
- E. Board of Pensions and Relief & Publication Society - Treasurer 4E
- F. Committee on Doctrine and Worship 4F
- G. Standing Liturgical Commission 4G
- H. Committee on Constitution and Canons 4H
- I. Report of the Nominations Committee 4I

5. BUSINESS SESSION #5 (Fri – after worship & teaching - in hotel)

(The chair will entertain a motion we dispense with the reading of all Diocesan reports and other reports that do not have any recommendations and that they be filed with secretary)

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| A. Diocese of the Central States (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5A |
| B. Diocese of Mid-America & Western Canada (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5B |
| C. Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic & Eastern Canada (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5C |
| D. Diocese of the Southeast - (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5D |
| E. Report of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Office (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5E |
| F. Committee on Inter-church Relations (<i>filed - no recommendation</i>) | 5F |
| G. Committee on the State of the Church (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5G |
| H. Committee on Memorials (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5H |
| I. Committee on Press Relations (<i>none</i>) | 5I |
| J. Committee on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5J |
| K. Committee to Examine and Certify the Journal (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5K |
| L. Committee on Theological Education (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5L |
| M. Committee on Resolutions (<i>none</i>) | 5M |
| N. Reformed Episcopal Church Intercessors (<i>filed – no recommendation</i>) | 5N |

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE

Committee Appointments will be made and distributed following General Council

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Business to be referred to General Committee
- B. Motion of Thanks

10. GENERAL COUNCIL 2026 INFORMATION

11. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

- 1. The Chair may alter the schedule of Business at his discretion.
- 2. Unfinished business, new business, and matters of importance may be presented at the discretion of the Chair

RULES OF ORDER
FOR GENERAL COUNCILS AND DIOCESAN SYNODS
OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1. The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.
2. The Minutes of the sessions of the preceding day shall be read every morning at the opening of business, unless the house shall otherwise determine.
3. The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.
4. When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the chair.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, concerning himself strictly to the point in debate.
7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.
8. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
9. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
10. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.
11. Reports made by the various Boards and Committees to any Council (or Synod) of the church are officially received upon presentation to the house, and are the subject of its action only insofar as they embody recommendations which require specific authorization or approval under the canons of this church.
12. When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.
13. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair, without debate. An appeal, however, may be made from the decision of the Chair by any member of the house; said appeal requiring a two-thirds majority vote to be sustained.
14. The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
15. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.
16. A call to prayer shall always be in order, when made by a member entitled to the floor; and in such case the Chair shall designate the person(s) whom he desires to lead in that service.
17. These Rules of Order shall remain in force until altered or suspended by the Council, two-thirds of the members present voting for such alteration or suspension.

Adapted from the Journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church