

Proposals from Process and Discernment Working Group

First Read

Proposal #1: Pre-General Assembly Community Building and Learning Opportunities

Goal

To provide virtual spaces and opportunities for commissioners and advisory delegates to develop relationships, build trust with each other, and deepen understanding of items before the assembly.

Proposal

Create a general educational and community building space

Education surrounding particular items of business

Virtual Live Panels/Round Tables

Recorded Video Presentations

Pre-Recorded Q&As with submitted questions from commissioners and advisory delegates

General Education about denominational issues

“AMAs” with agency heads

“Meet the Staff” - staff members have recorded videos talking about who they are and what they do (various agencies).

Community “bulletin board” space

Open 30 days before GA

For Commissioners and Advisory Delegates Only (OGA, COGA, resource people can limited monitor, but not interact unless invited in to answer particular questions) to develop community and relationships

Include space for asking clarifications/seeking more information about items of business

Includes an area specifically for development of Commissioner Resolutions* (See Proposal #2)

Proposal #2: Commissioner Resolutions

Goal

To continue to provide opportunities for commissioners to bring emergent and timely items of business before the assembly.

Proposal

Create an area within the online community space for development of Commissioner Resolutions and to find people who would sign onto/support CRs.

Open 30 days before First Plenary convenes

Deadline for submission of CRs through the system as determined by COGA to allow for referral to the appropriate committee

Proposal #3: Hearings and Advocates

Goal

To increase access and accessibility to speak to items of business

Proposals

Open Hearings

Provide for the opportunity to record a limited-time statement and upload to a designated site by a predetermined deadline.

Statements will be compiled and made available to commissioners and advisory delegates prior to committee meeting, instead of hearing statements *during* committee time.

Overture Advocates

Have Overture Advocates video conference into committee meetings at a designated time to make a statement on the overture they are advocating for and answer any questions from committee members.

Needs

Creation of the virtual spaces

Train Moderators of committees to look for silent voices and create space

Select moderators for online spaces to guide and manage conversation

Training for all in online communications - calling in and community accountability