

A REGIONAL UPDATE

April 17, 2020

*The strength of the team is each individual member.
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Dear Members of the Region:

These are extraordinary circumstances and uncertain times in which we are living. All facets of life have been impacted, including our Regional calendar of events. In light of these turbulent circumstances causing delays, postponements, and cancellations, the Regional staff is moving forward with a strategic plan for positive ministry momentum.

There are two references to Regional Assembly business sessions within the Design of the CCNC.

First:

Under the Organization section, p4, lines 156-163 it says,
...the Regional leadership may call special meetings of the Regional Assembly under extraordinary circumstances provided that a notice has been mailed to each congregation at least one month in advance of the date of the special Regional Assembly session. Items of business at a special Regional Assembly session shall be limited to the purpose for which it is called. All terms of office, elected and appointed shall begin on July 1 following the election or appointment and continue for the specified term.

Second:

Under the Organization section, p5, line 196 says,
There shall be no voting by proxy or by mail.

To be sure we are acting per the Design of the CCNC and agreement with the NC non-profit corporation guidelines, a process was engaged to verify that a real-time virtual event qualifies for a special business session of the Regional Assembly.

With the support of the Regional board, we are preparing to engage the virtual platform called ZOOM (real-time) to host a special business session of the Regional Assembly on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at 10:00 am. This virtual gathering will accommodate voting on two recommendations, as well as the election of Regional officers and Commission on Ministry nominees, sending them forth to begin their work on July 1, 2020. During the next gathering of our Regional Assembly, we will honor those whose terms ended in June 2020.

Preparation:

Early in March, Luke Miles, Regional staff, began offering social media training to our region. Additionally, a technology team has been assembled to train those who will be attending the special business session on entering and navigating the ZOOM platform successfully. Training dates will be provided throughout the month of May for those needing assistance.

Registration:

All pre-registered voting delegates are already accounted for; voting delegates who are not pre-registered, please do so by **April 27**. Registration includes voting delegates, commissioned and ordained clergy (in good standing), and Regional board members. The \$20.00 registration is no longer a fee but remains available for those wishing to donate.

Voting:

The special business session is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6, 2020, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. The meeting screen space will be open to voting delegates, commissioned or ordained clergy with standing, and Regional board members only. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the region for review. You may expect training dates, business session materials, and instructions for the Q/A session to follow very soon.

Thank you for your support as we endeavor to serve with resilience!

Respectfully,
+Valerie J. Melvin,
Regional Minister