

# STANDING RULES

135<sup>th</sup> Annual Ministry Celebration (virtual)

April 24, 2021



The written authorities that govern the Annual Ministry Celebration of the Midwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church are the Constitution and Bylaws of the Midwest Conference and *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. *Robert's* provides, however, that a given meeting may establish its own standing rules in order to meet its specific needs. These standing rules require the consent of two-thirds of those voting and, when approved, supplement the written authorities. The general provisions of the Bylaws and *Robert's* apply in every situation not specifically addressed by the standing rules. The following standing rules are recommended for the 2021 Midwest Conference Annual Ministry Celebration:

1. Consideration of any main motion, including its subsidiary motions, will be limited to ten (10) minutes.
2. No speech in debate may exceed three (3) minutes.
3. All main motions and amendments shall be submitted in writing to the secretary. Motions arising from the floor during the course of the approved agenda are in order as long as they pertain directly to the business at hand. All other items must be prepared in writing and submitted in advance to the moderator who at his or her discretion will ask permission of the Meeting to add them to the agenda in the order to be received. Motions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must have been previously reviewed by the Executive Board in order to be received by the Meeting.
4. The Moderator is authorized to modify the order of the agenda to accommodate certain time requirements.
5. All voting will be through the Zoom polling feature.
6. Adjournment of the 2021 Annual Ministry Celebration shall be no later than 3 pm CDT, Saturday, April 24, 2021.