

Delegate Process for May 2022

Special Session of the Delegate Assembly

Pre-Assembly

- Delegates are encouraged to subscribe to [PeaceMail](#) for official MC USA news and updates
- Resources for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly can be found on the MC USA website-[Delegate Resources: Special Session May 2022](#)
- Delegates should review the following MC USA [Bylaw sections](#)
 - The Delegate Assembly Article V.1
 - Appointing delegates Article V.2
 - Special Session of the Delegate Assembly Guidance Article V.4
- Delegates should read the following resolutions
 - [Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA](#)
 - This resolution is scheduled for a vote.
 - [MC USA Accessibility Resolution](#)
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 - [MC USA For Justice Resolution](#)
 - This resolution has been designated as a study resolution.
 - Delegates will review this resolution at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly.
 - MC USA staff will work with the writers of the resolution and various groups over the next biennium to explore and discuss the concepts and resources outlined in the resolution.
 - No vote will be taken at the May 2022 Special Session of the Delegate Assembly for this resolution.
 - The study resolution may be promoted by the writers/sponsors via blogs or opinion pieces as appropriate.
 - The constituency may provide feedback to the study resolutions via email or postal mail to the Executive Director, CLC, Executive Board, or the Resolutions Committee. Please send feedback to ShelleyB@MennoniteUSA.org
 - [A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation](#)
 - MC USA delegates will determine if this resolution will be discussed and voted on at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly.
 - The first delegate vote related to this resolution is asking MC USA delegates whether they will process and vote on “A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation” at this special assembly. Regarding “A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation,” *delegates are asked to choose one of the following options:*
 - *I choose to add the “Repentance and Transformation” resolution to the agenda for this meeting for delegates to discuss and vote on.*
 - *I choose not to add the “Repentance and Transformation” resolution to the agenda for this meeting.*

- *I abstain.*
- Between now and May 2022, MC USA staff will provide a variety of webinars and resources to help delegates prepare for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly. Those resources will be available at: [Delegate Resources: Special Session May 2022](#)

At the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly

- MC USA Staff will ensure the time we have at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is structured to
 - (1) allow time for worship.
 - (2) focus on our vision and purpose and the [Renewed Commitments](#).
 - (3) build community within which discernment can happen.
 - (4) provide a setting in which we are open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.
- The agenda for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is limited. New resolutions or proposed actions not on the agenda will not be accepted during the meeting. **The Executive Board has up to 90 days prior to the meeting to set the final agenda.** (MC USA Bylaws Article V.4.d)
- Decision making at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly will be made in accordance with the MC USA Bylaws, in particular article V.5.c — “A majority of votes cast shall determine any matter, except when the Assembly agrees otherwise or when otherwise provided in these Bylaws.”
- Each Delegate Assembly typically begins with a review of the agenda and a vote of special rules and procedures. Delegates will be asked to adopt the following special rule for the May 2022 Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: *Amendments to motions that appear in the agenda or in assembly materials must be presented to and approved by the Resolutions Committee before they can be brought to the floor.*
- In the absence of delegate-approved special rules or other agreements, decision making shall proceed as outlined in the MC USA [Bylaws](#).