



**General
Synod**
Aldergrove 2025

4th Provisional Agenda - General Synod Aldergrove 2025 per March 15, 2025

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new

8.3.4.1 Fergus North re CNSF

new

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8.3.7 Letters Regarding CPTPF

new

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8.3.8.1 Burlington-W Rehoboth re SCBP Hymns

new

8.3.8.1 Burlington-W Rehoboth re predominance of Psalms and RSE2024 re CO Art55

new

8.3.8.1 Carman East re SCBP report principled view

8.3.8.1 Chilliwack re SCBP Liturgical Forms and Principled View

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new

8.3.8.1 Edmonton Providence re SCBP report re errata sect 2 #13

new

8.3.8.1 Fergus M re SCBP Principled Guidelines

new

8.3.8.1 Fergus M re SCBP Producing an Augment

new

8.3.8.1 Fergus M re SCBP Proposed Hymns

new

8.3.8.1 Fergus M re SCBP Proposed Psalms

8.3.8.1 Flamborough re SCBP report re proposed Psalms and Hymns

new

8.3.8.1 Grand Valley re SCBP Liturgical Forms and Principled View

see also 8.3.8.2

new

8.3.8.1 Langley re SCBP report re procedure, CO art 55, Psalms, Hymns, cap,

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new

8.3.8.1 St.Albert re SCBP report re Augment

new

8.3.8.1 Winnipeg Redeemer re SCBP report re proposed Psalms and Hymns

new

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8.3.8.2 Chilliwack re SCBP Liturgical Forms and Principled View same per 8.3.8.1

new

8.3.8.2 Fergus M re SCBP Liturgical Form of Lord's Supper

8.3.8.2 Flamborough re SCBP proposed shorter LS forms

new

8.3.8.2 Grand Valley re SCBP Liturgical Forms and Principled View same per 8.3.8.1

new

8.3.8.2 St.Albert re SCBP Liturgical Form of Lord's Supper

new

8.3.8.2 Willoughby Heights re SCBP report various same as per 8.3.8.1

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- 8.3.10.1 Burlington-W Rehoboth re CER on CO art 50 re Ecclesiastical Fellowship
- new 8.3.10.1 Carman East re CER report 1 mandate
- 8.3.10.2 Chilliwack re CER sub report 2
- new 8.3.10.2 Fergus North re CER sub report 2
- line# 8.3.10.2 Grassie re CER sub report 2
- new 8.3.10.3 Fergus North re CER sub report 3 ARPC
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- new 8.3.10.10 Fergus M re CER sub report 10 RPCNA
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- 8.4.5 [Glanbrook Overture re Length of Terms CER](#)

8.5 LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES REGARDING THE OVERTURES

per subject, by church alphabetically

- 8.5.1 Apostles' Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Carman East re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Chilliwack re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
 - 8.5.1 Cloverdale re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Fergus M re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Appostle's Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Fergus North re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Edmonton Providence re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Flamborough re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
 - new 8.5.1 Willoughby Heights re 8.4.2.1 Footnote Apostle's Creed
- 8.5.2 CER terms
 - none as yet

8.5.3 CO art 30

- new 8.5.3 Carman East re RSW re CO art 30
- new 8.5.3 Burlington-W Rehoboth re CO art 30
- new 8.5.3 Elora re CO art 30
- new 8.5.3 Fergus M re CO art 30
- new 8.5.3 Flamborough re CO Art 30
- new 8.5.3 Grand Valley re CO Art 30
- new 8.5.3 Niagara South re CPW CO art 30
- new 8.5.3 St.Albert re RSW re Co art 30
- new 8.5.3 Willoughby Heights re CPW CO art 30

8.5.4 CO art 49, 47, 44 (broader representation)

- new 8.5.4 Ancaster re 8.4.2.4 & 8.4.2.5 CO Art 49 (CCO, CNO)
- new 8.5.4 Burlington-W Rehoboth re Overture re CO Art 49 (CCO, CNO)
- new 8.5.4 Carman East re RSE CO Art 49 (CCO)
- new 8.5.4 Carman East re RSE CO Art 49 (CNO)
- new 8.5.4 Chilliwack re CO Art 49 broader representation
- 8.5.4 Cloverdale re 8.4.2.4 CO Art 49 (CCO)
- 8.5.4 Cloverdale re 8.4.2.5 CO Art 49 (CNO)
- 8.5.4 Edmonton Providence re 8.4.2.4 & 8.4.2.5 CO Art 49
- 8.5.4 Fergus M re CO Art 49
- 8.5.4 Fergus North re 8.4.2.4 & 8.4.2.5 CO Art 49
- 8.5.4 Niagara South re RSE CO art 49
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- 8.5.4 St.Albert re 8.4.2.4 CO Art 49 (CCO)
- 8.5.4 St.Albert re 8.4.2.4 CO Art 49 (CNO)
- 8.5.4 Willoughby Heights re Overture re CO Art 49 (CNO, CCO)
- 8.5.4 Winnipeg Redeemer re Overture re CO Art 49 (CNO, CCO)

8.5.5 CO art 55

- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55
- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55 Appx 1
- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55 Appx 2
- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55 Appx 3
- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55 Appx 4
- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.3.2 on CO Art 55
- new 8.5.5 Ancaster re 8.4.3.3 on CO Art 55
- 8.5.5 Burlington-W Rehoboth re 8.4.2.2/8.4.3.2/8.4.3.3 on CO Art 55
- 8.5.5 Carman East re RSE re CO Art 55
- new 8.5.5 Carman East re RSW re CO Art 55 (CPE)
- new 8.5.5 Carman East re RSW re CO Art 55 (CPW)
- new 8.5.5 Chilliwack re CO Art 55
- new 8.5.5 Edmonton Providence re 8.4.2.2/8.4.3.2/8.4.3.3 on CO Art 55
- new 8.5.5 Fergus M re CO Art 55
- new 8.5.5 Fergus North re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55

new 8.5.5 Fergus North re 8.4.3.2 on CO Art 55
 new 8.5.5 Fergus North re 8.4.3.3 on CO Art 55
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 new 8.5.5 Grand Valley re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55
 new 8.5.5 Lynden re 8.4.2.2 on CO Art 55
 new 8.5.5 Lynden re 8.4.3.2 on CO Art 55
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 new 8.5.5 St.Albert re RSE CO Art 55
 new 8.5.5 St.Albert re RSW re CO Art 55 (CPE)
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 new 8.5.5 Willoughby Heights re 8.4.2.2/8.4.3.2/8.4.3.3 on CO Art 55

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 new 8.5.6 Burlington-W Rehoboth re shortening of duration of GS
 new 8.5.6 Chilliwack re CO Art 49 shortening duration of GS
 new 8.5.6 Fergus M re Duration of Synod - proposal 1 - hybrid model
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 new 8.5.6 Fergus North re shortening of duration of GS
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 new 8.5.6 Willoughby Heights re CO Art 49 shortening duration GS

8.5.7 Format Synod Acts

- none as yet

8.5.8 Liturgical forms

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 new 8.5.8 Burlington Ebenezer re 8.4.1.1 Blessings re Liturgical Forms
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new	8.5.8 Langley re 8.4.1.1 Blessings re Liturgical Forms
new	8.5.8 Niagara South re 8.4.1.1 Blessings re Liturgical Forms
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new	8.5.8 Willoughby Heights re 8.4.1.1 Blessings re Liturgical Forms
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8.6 APPEALS

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- 8.6.1 re GS2022 art 105 Hymn Cap
 - 8.6.1 Burlington-W Rehoboth Appeal re GS2022 art 105 hymn cap
 - 8.6.1 Flamborough Appeal re GS2022 art 105 hymn cap
 - 8.6.1 Glanbrook Appeal re GS2022 art 105 hymn cap
 - new 8.6.1 Sardis Appeal re GS2022 art 105 hymn cap
 - 8.6.1 Toronto Appeal re GS2022 art 105 hymn cap Main
 - 8.6.1 Toronto Appeal re hymn cap Appx1 - Overture RSE 2020
 - 8.6.1 Toronto Appeal re hymn cap Appx2 - GS2022 Art 105
- 8.6.2 re GS2022 art 142 worship services on days of commemoration
 - 8.6.2 Dunville West Appeal re GS2022 art 142 Worship services on days of commemoration
- 8.6.3 re GS2022 art 155 Guest Preachers
 - 8.6.3 Coaldale Appeal re GS2022 art 155.4.4, Guest preachers
 - 8.6.3 Ottawa Appeal re GS2022 art 155 Guest Preachers
- 8.6.4 re GS2022 art 143 Preparatory Examinations by Classis
 - 8.6.4 Coaldale Appeal re GS2022 art 143 3.2 & 3.4 Preparatory Examination by Classis
- 8.6.5 re RSE2021 art 15 re CO art55
 - 8.6.5 Glanbrook Appeal re RSE2021 art 15, re CO art 55
 - new 8.6.5 Glanbrook Appeal re RSE2021 art 15 appendices
- 8.6.6 re GS2022 art 7 re Format of the Acts
 - 8.6.6 Chilliwack Appeal re GS2022 art 7 Format of the Acts
- 8.6.7 re GS2022 art 111 re SCBP modernization of language of hymns
 - 8.6.7 Flamborough Appeal re GS2022 art 111 modernization of language 3 hymns

- 8.6.8 Confidential Appeals (available to delegates after March 24)
- 8.6.8C1 Appeal re GS2022 (confidential acts) art 60 &81 (WilloughbyH) (NO LINK)
- 8.6.8C2 Personal Appeal (confidential) (NO LINK)
- 8.6.8C3 Personal Appeal (confidential) (NO LINK)

- new 8.6.9 Personal Appeal (confidential) (NO LINK)
- new 8.6.9 incl. 13 attachments to the above

- new 8.6.10 Appeal of GS2022 art 108 re length of appointments
- new 8.6.10 Ancaster re GS2022 art 108 re length of appointments

8.7 **LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES – uncategorized**

8.8 **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

9 **APPOINTMENTS**

- 9.1 Board of Governors CRTS (BoG) Academic & Fin&Prop Cttee
- 9.1.1 Nominations from RSE (NO LINK)
- 9.1.2 Nominations from RSW (NO LINK)
- 9.2 CPTPF - Committee for Pastoral Training Funding
- 9.3 CER - Committee on Ecumenical Relations
- 9.4 SCBP - Standing Committee for the Publication of the Book of Praise
- 9.5 CBT - Committee on Bible Translations
- 9.6 CWeb - Committee for the Official Website
- 9.7 CNSF - Committee for the Needy Students' Fund
- 9.8 Churches for Days of Prayer ad CO Art. 54
- 9.8.1 Burlington-W Rehoboth re Appointment re CO Art 54
- 9.9 General Fund
- 9.1 Financial Review of the General Fund
- 9.11 Archive Church
- 9.12 The Church for inspecting the Archives
- 9.12.1 Burlington-W Rehoboth re Inspection of Archives of GS
- 9.13 Financial Review of GS 2025
- 9.14 Address Church
- 9.15 Committee for Publication of the Acts
- 9.16 Convening Church for the next General Synod

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11 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

12 **PREPARATION FOR NEXT GENERAL SYNOD**

13 **ADOPTION OF THE ACTS**

14 **APPROVAL OF THE PRESS RELEASE**

15 **CLOSING**