



## PROCESS FOR APPEALS OF DECISIONS UNDER § 13.24

1. A congregation shall submit a written statement of its appeal of any decision under §13.24 to the Synod Secretary. The statement of appeal shall be delivered no later than thirty days prior to the next meeting of the Synod Assembly unless the §13.24 decision occurs less than thirty days prior to the Synod Assembly.

2. The question before the Assembly will be, "Shall the action of the Synod Council exercising Section §13.24 of the Synod Constitution in relation to (name of appealing congregation) be sustained?"

3. The rules for presentation of the question are as follows:

15 minute presentation by a single spokesperson speaking on behalf of the synod as to why the action of the synod council under §13.24 of the Synod Constitution should be sustained

15 minute presentation by a single spokesperson representing the appealing congregation as to why the action of the synod council under §13.24 of the Synod Constitution should be overturned

5 minute rebuttal by the same spokesperson speaking on behalf of the synod

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4, The Synod Assembly will then entertain 16 minutes of debate from the voting members of the Assembly. Each person granted voice by the rules of this assembly, when recognized by the chair, shall state their name and congregation represented before beginning to speak. Each voting member of the Assembly recognized to speak will have no more than two minutes to speak for or against the motion to sustain the action of the Synod Council. Speakers in favor or against the motion will be recognized insofar as possible in alternating order. No speaker will be recognized more than twice. No additional speakers will be recognized after 16 minutes has elapsed. During the debate:

- a.** A motion to amend, postpone, or refer this question shall not be in order.
- b.** A motion to call the previous question or change the limits of debate beyond the limitations stated in this procedure shall not be in order.
- c.** Members of the Assembly will not be recognized for questions on the content and substance of the motion during the debate.

5. Before the Assembly votes, the Assembly Chair shall restate the question, "Shall the action of the Synod Council exercising Section §13.24 of the Synod Constitution in relation to (name of appealing congregation) be sustained?" and clearly indicate the intent of each vote.

- a.** A "yes" vote shall sustain the action of the Synod Council to exercise Section §13.24 of the Synod Constitution.
- b.** A "no" vote shall overturn the action of the Synod Council to exercise Section §13.24 of the Synod Constitution.

The vote of a simple majority of properly registered voting delegates will determine the outcome of the appeal.