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TO: Council Presidents and Leaders, Pastors, Deacons, Parish Ministry Associates, Synod Authorized Worship Leaders

Christ's grace and peace to you all as you lead in ever-changing times. Many of you are planning for and have questions regarding how to hold Annual Meetings in the midst of the pandemic challenges. The Office of the Secretary of the ELCA responds to common questions in a recently updated document, Considerations for Electronic Meetings, which is attached.

Please note that if your congregation is incorporated in the state of Nebraska, Nebraska State law permits electronic ("remote") meetings so long as everyone can be heard -- unless an organization's bylaws specifically prohibit them. (On rare occasions, congregations have been initially incorporated in another state—check your incorporation papers if you're unsure.)

If you have additional questions, please contact the synod office for assistance, 402-896-5311.

Again, thank you for your leadership in Christ's Church.

Grateful for your partnership in the Gospel,

Rev. Megan Morrow Assistant to the Bishop