



Commissioner and Advisory Delegate Video Summary

Definition of Critical Business

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With the necessary move to an online assembly with an abbreviated timeline, it became crucial that Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) examine the business that had been submitted to the 224th General Assembly to see how it may be considered faithfully. These conversations were built on the reality that there would simply not be the time or ability in virtual meetings to fully engage all of the business that had been submitted in the way it deserved. Based on this, COGA began to discern a set of parameters that would guide the committee in evaluating which business was critical for consideration during the online assembly and which could be referred to the 225th General Assembly for in-person discussion. COGA established the following set of guiding questions when evaluating each item of business:

- Is this (business/event/mission priority) so time sensitive that we need to address it now? Would not addressing it have negative legal or polity implications?
- If we do not address this (business/event/mission priority) will it have a negative impact on the church financially?
- If we do not address this (business/event/mission priority) will it leave critically important leadership positions vacant?

The Assembly Committee on Business Referral approved COGA's recommendation based on these parameters to refer business in the following way:

- Refer informational items that do not require action to the 224th General Assembly online.
- Refer items meeting the above criteria to the 224th General Assembly online plenary sessions
- Refer all other items to the 225th General Assembly (2022) for in-person consideration.