

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for CONDUCTING BUSINESS at PRESBYTERY de Cristo MEETINGS

(Based upon RONR Page 391)

1. Speeches to any discussion and motions are limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote and/or given voice during the proceedings, alternating pro and con. There will be a microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis between pro and con. Discussion is limited to the topic under consideration at a specific time as defined in the docket. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. State your name and church affiliation before making comment.
4. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and **remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.**
5. **All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.**
6. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
7. **Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.**
8. Extra reports or documents, other than the report or documents distributed for the meeting by the Stated Clerk, are not to be read or distributed without a 2 day prior approval by the Stated Clerk.
9. **Persons shall not disturb the assembly, eg clapping, shouting, etc.**
10. **Moderator shall monitor and preserve decorum during the debate.**