

DISPLAY POLICY

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND POLICIES EASTERN WASHINGTON - IDAHO SYNOD OF THE ELCA

Adopted by the 1987 Constituting Convention of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod
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Assembly Displays

The purpose of Synod Assembly displays is to educate and inform those in attendance. Only **non-profit** and **not for profit** agencies and organizations will be allocated display space at assemblies of this synod. The synod upholds freedom of expression in opinions and ideas that relate to the mission of the ELCA as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Synod.

Guidelines to secure display space are as follows:

1. Display tables or spaces are available to all agencies and organizations of the ELCA based on the number of tables the display area will accommodate.
2. Tables and spaces will be secured on a reservation policy of first request.
3. Location of tables and spaces in the display area will be decided by a random drawing to allocate positions to the organizations and agencies that have secured a reservation.
4. Other religious agencies that are connected with and support the work of the ELCA, such as National and World Council of Churches, and ecumenical organizations, are accepted after the request deadline for ELCA-affiliated agencies and organizations if tables or spaces are available.
5. Requests from commercial enterprises will generally be denied to protect the non-profit status of the synod. Rare exceptions may be granted if the Synod Assembly Display Sub-Committee determines that the enterprise will not impinge upon the synod's non-profit status.
6. Displays that do not relate to the mission and purpose of this synod will be denied space, as will any which are offensive in nature, or inflammatory in purpose, as decided by the sub-committee.

The decision process for granting display space is as follows:

1. The Synod Assembly Display Sub-Committee will solicit displays from the appropriate agencies and organizations.
2. Reservation requests will be received until a deadline determined by the sub-committee.
3. The sub-committee will review the requests according to the above guidelines.
4. Organizations and agencies will be notified of acceptance or rejection and spaces will be allocated through a random drawing done by the sub-committee.
5. Appeals concerning decisions of the display sub-committee may be made to the Synod Assembly Planning Committee first, and after that to the Synod Staff.

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