

Update on Virtual Member Meetings of Congregations

On August 17, 2022, Governor Hochul signed a further change in Section 28 of the New York Religious Corporations Law authorizing virtual meetings of the members of religious corporations.

New York law now permits a congregation to hold a meeting of its members partially in person and partially virtually. Prior to this change, member meetings could only be held solely in person or solely as virtual meetings. The change only applies if the church council is authorized under the congregation's constitution to designate the place of the member meeting.

Meetings held partially or solely virtually are subject to the guidelines and procedures that are adopted by the church council for such meetings.