VBinder Orientation

Many of you have had orientation to the basic features of your iPad in the video created by my GCO colleague, Brian Murray, that was sent in Wednesday's announcement email. If you have any questions about your iPad remaining at the end of this orientation session, please see the wonderful volunteers and the iPad support desks.

Once you click on the Virtual Binder link on the home screen, you will be prompted to select a house and a language. These selections will be remembered each time you open the Virtual Binder, and you can also switch houses or languages by tapping the buttons in the upper right corner of the screen at anytime.

Then you will be brought to the home screen where there are a variety of options to choose from and we will go through each of them in turn.

We begin on the upper left with the special red button for Current Action. This button may become your best friend. Anytime you need clarity on what the matter is before the House, simply tap that button.

Then the Calendars button takes you to the Legislative Calendars for the House. Calendars will be here as soon as they are published by the Committee on Dispatch, there will be the Legislative Calendar listing the resolutions that will come to the floor and the Consent Calendar listing those that will be considered in a single vote. Please note that on some days there will also be an Auxiliary Calendar when there are two Consent Calendars considered in a day. When you tap on calendars, you will see that there is a "Day 5 Auxiliary Calendar." That is being used to display a list of resolutions that have been

referred to the 81st General Convention and will not be coming to the floor here in Baltimore.

The Floor Amendment button will show you any Floor Amendments that the house is considering.

Many of you who have been participating in the online hearing process leading up to Convention, are already familiar with two buttons on the top right. Resolutions is where you can see all the resolutions that have been filed. You can search by proposer, committee, keyword, or simply by the resolution number.

The Legislative Committee button has gotten a lot of use over recent months from your home computers with all the committees doing their work online. It will get less use here at Convention, as there will only be committee meetings if needed because a resolution was amended by the other house.

The Committee Reports button is where you can see the reports and recommendations of each committee.

The Daily Journals button is where you can see messages from each house, so it is a way to see how the other house acted on a resolution or to verify the outcome of a resolution in this house.

The Memorials button is where you can view all the Memorials that have been submitted to the 80th General Convention. Memorials are statements to the General Convention on a particular issue or topic.

The Budget button takes you to view the details of the Budget proposed by the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance. The resolution for the budget is A228.