

South Carolina Synod - ELCA

2020 Election of Bishop and Election

July 25, 2020

Ecclesiastical Ballot/ First Ballot (scheduled to begin at 9:10 am and following) –

- Any ELCA minister of Word and Sacrament is eligible for election as Bishop
- $\frac{3}{4}$ of the legal votes are needed for an election on this first ballot
- If no one is elected this becomes the nominating ballot
- Results will be announced and posted at 11:00 pm
- Those listed on the Ecclesiastical ballot will have until 11:40 pm to complete a biographical form or to complete the withdrawal form to remove their name from the ballot. Both forms will be available on the Synod website
- Anyone nominated who is not in attendance will be contacted and given the options of leaving their name in or removing their name. If they leave their name in, but cannot be present they will be given the option to designate someone to speak on their behalf or to use conference call to speak themselves.

2nd Ballot (scheduled to begin at 11:55 am and following) –

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of legal votes are needed for an election
- Determines top 7 candidates (plus ties). Tie is any person receiving the same number of votes as the 7th person.
- Biographical forms will be posted before the 3rd ballot. They will also receive an Authorization and Release for Background Check and Disclosure Form.
- Results of the 2nd Ballot will be announced at 12:50 pm
- Top 7 candidates (plus ties) will have 2 minutes each to introduce themselves to assembly

3rd Ballot (scheduled to begin at 1:40 pm and following) –

- $\frac{2}{3}$ of the legal votes are needed for an election
- Is limited to the top 7 persons (plus ties)
- Determines the top 3 candidates (plus ties)
- Results of the 3rd ballot will be announced at 2:07 pm
- Top 3 candidates will have 5 minutes to answer 2 predetermined questions. None of the questions will not be known in advance by those on the ballot.

4th Ballot (scheduled to begin at 3:15 pm and following) –

- 60% of the votes is needed for an election
- Limited to the top 3 persons (plus ties)
- Determines the top 2 candidates

5th Ballot (scheduled to begin at 4:00 pm and following) -

- Majority of the legal votes is needed for an election
- Limited to the 2 candidates (plus ties) who received the highest votes on the 4th ballot