

Election of Vice President: Rules of Procedure

Proposed by the Synod Council for Adoption by the Assembly:

1. Provided there is no election on the second ballot for vice president, biographical information forms will be distributed to nominees on the second ballot at the synod staff table. The seven nominees (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot will be asked to provide a completed *Biographical Information Form*, an *Authorization and Release for Background Check* and a *Disclosure Form* to the synod secretary before 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 13, 2025. The biographical information will be distributed to the voting members prior to the casting of the third ballot. These nominees will also be invited to address the assembly, with each speech limited to two minutes. If any of the nominees are not present at the assembly, the bishop will consult with such persons, if possible, collect the biographical information, and if the persons desire, designate alternates to speak in their behalf. The sequence of the speeches shall be determined by lot.

2. Provided there is no election on the third ballot for vice president, the three persons (plus ties) receiving the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot will be invited to respond to two predetermined questions, with each candidate limited to five minutes. The questions will not be known to the candidates prior to the opportunity to respond. If any of the nominees are not present at the assembly, the bishop will consult with such persons, if possible, and if the persons desire, designate alternates to speak in their behalf. The sequence of the speeches shall be determined by lot.

OTHER ELECTION PROVISIONS

1. The results of the first ballot for vice president shall be posted in the registration area of the convention center as soon as they are available on Thursday night, June 12, 2025.

2. Persons wishing to withdraw their names after the first ballot for vice president must secure the appropriate form from the secretary's table and submit it to the secretary prior to 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025. A person, who is not present at the assembly, can inform the secretary of the synod that they wish to withdraw their name either by email or a telephone call.