

Nomination Process for the Election of a Bishop and/or Vice Chairperson

(in instances where there is no incumbent open to election)

1. The Eastern Synod Council shall serve as a Nominating Committee.
2. Potential nominations shall be solicited from the synodical constituency and shall be forwarded in writing to the Nominating Committee by any six members, 3 lay members of an Eastern Synod congregation or synodically recognized ministry and 3 rostered ministers serving under call or appointment, who shall have obtained consent from the potential nominee.
3. At a Synod Council meeting convened no later than three months prior to the electoral convention, each member of the Synod Council/Nominating Committee shall vote, by secret ballot, for up to three eligible persons whose names have been submitted as per item 2, above.
4. The six persons receiving the highest number of votes, provided that none shall have received less than five votes, shall be the nominees of the Nominating Committee.
5. An Electoral Procedures Committee, consisting of five members, three lay and two clergy, shall be named by the Synod Council and convened by the Secretary of the synod. This committee shall advance the names of all nominees, along with biographical information, via the synod's communication networks.
6. The Electoral Procedures Committee shall determine what, if any, additional processes might be used to allow members of the synod to engage with nominees in advance of the electoral convention.
7. Balloting at the electoral convention shall proceed according to the administrative bylaws of this synod. ES Bylaws Part V, Section 12.

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