



Virginia Synod 2023 Bishop Election At-a-Glance



Pastors open to nomination are invited to submit bios and headshots for voting members to review ahead of 1st ballot.

1st (Ecclesiastical) Ballot


Can write in any ELCA Minister of Word & Sacrament
75% needed for election



Bios and photos for 1st ballot candidates who did not withdraw will be posted for voting members to review.

2nd Ballot

All eligible candidates who didn't withdraw
75% needed for election




Speeches from the top 7 candidates (+ties).
Time limits based on Synod Assembly schedule.

3rd Ballot

Top 7 candidates from 2nd ballot (+ ties)
66.6% needed for election


4th Ballot



Top 3 vote getters from 3rd ballot (+ ties)
60% needed for election

Question & Answers
w/ top 3 candidates (+ties).
Time limits based on
Synod Assembly schedule.

5th Ballot (and subsequent ballots)



Top 2 candidates from previous ballot (+ ties)
50% needed for election

