

Pre-Identification Process for Possible Bishop Nominees in the Alaska Synod

Thank you for your interest in the ELCA Alaska Synod Bishop Election Process. The bishop election will be held at our Synod Assembly on April 26-28, 2024 in Anchorage Alaska at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. In order to help the voting members of the Assembly become familiar with ELCA pastors who would be open to being nominated, we'd like to share information about you with the whole Alaska Synod. We ask that you complete the following tasks:

1. Submit the Background Check Authorization Form via email to Bishop Wickstrom at aksynodbishop@gmail.com and mail the signed original to Bishop Wickstrom at the synod office: 1847 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite #2, Anchorage, AK 99517
2. Submit the Disclosure Form via email to Bishop Wickstrom at aksynodbishop@gmail.com
3. Submit the Biographical Information Form via email to the Bishop Election Committee at alaskavisionelca@gmail.com. Information provided in the Biographical Form will be shared from 03/15/24 through 04/25/2024 (it will be removed prior to Assembly). A clear background check and submission of the disclosure form are necessary before biographical information will be shared. If you are nominated on the first ecclesiastical ballot, this biographical information will be shared prior to the second ballot and during any subsequent ballots for which you remain a nominee. Only Alaska Synod voting members may nominate a pastor.
4. If you plan to attend the assembly in person, please register on the Synod website.
5. Prepare to address the assembly: if you are nominated and your name is on subsequent ballots there are opportunities for nominees to address the Assembly:
 - a. Before the 3rd vote each nominee on the 3rd Ballot will be given 5 minutes to do so.
 - b. Before the 4th vote, there will be a question-and-answer period for nominees on the 4th Ballot.
 - c. Before the 5th vote, the 2 nominees on the 5th Ballot will be given 2 minutes each to make a statement to the Assembly.

For additional information, please also see:

- The Alaska Synod Constitution which includes:
 - Ecclesiastical ballot process for the Bishop Election (S9.04)
 - Office of Bishop Description (S8.10-S8.15)
- The Synod Guiding Principles, which were discerned throughout 2023 from feedback provided by more than 70% of the synod's congregations

**Please share your contact information and any questions you may have about the
pre-nomination process with the Bishop Election Committee at:**

alaskavisionelca@gmail.com