

Timeline for Alaska Synod Core Values Exercise

February 2023 – Dave Daubert from day 8 Strategies is contracted to work with the Alaska Synod's Bishop Election Committee as a consultant to help the synod develop vision and values using a participatory and ground up approach.

March 2023 – Design process in dialog with the Bishop Election Committee and present to synod council's March 2023 meeting.

April 2023 – Do initial exercise at synod assembly. Dave Daubert will record a video with introduction and instructions for everyone to see at assembly. Then people break into clusters to do the exercise the first time (see additional sheets for scripture texts and directions)

May – November 8, 2023 congregations do the same basic exercise at that was done in the clusters at the synod assembly. Instructions and texts remain the same and every ministry will have had people at the assembly who have already done it – so they just replicate what they already experienced. Results are sent in to the Bishop Election Committee for their use with pastor Dave Daubert's guidance. Dave Daubert will record a second video with the audience intended to be congregational groups as they do this work in their home congregations.

November 2023 – Dave Daubert uses the results to draft an initial set of vision and value statements that have arisen from the ground up through the process. The Bishop Election Team will reflect and modify so the final draft feels like it reflects Alaska Synod's culture and vocabulary well. That draft will be sent to the Synod Council for its October meeting.

December 2023 – Synod Council reflects and determines their satisfaction with the vision and values draft. They can modify and comment and either adopt at that point. Or they can send back for added work and adopt sometime later at an additional Zoom meeting called for that purpose – as they select.

January – April 2024: Bishop Election Committee begins more focused work on the bishop election at synod assembly and uses the vision and values in partnership with other synod parties to frame points of discussion, questions for bishop candidates, etc.