

Procedure for Electing Synod Council Regional Representatives

Nomination and Election Process

1. In June, members of Synod will be invited to self-nominate as regional representatives for Synod Council by indicating to the secretary of synod their willingness to serve no later than September 30.
2. The secretary of synod will share nominations with the nominations committee, corresponding regional archdeacon, and bishop. Additional nominations may be solicited, as necessary before nomination information is shared with members.
3. In October, the secretary of synod shall share nomination information with members of synod for those nominated in their region. The secretary of synod shall indicate how many representatives and alternates are to be selected for each region for election by Synod.
4. Each member shall make their choice(s) from among the nominees using an electronic voting system determined by the secretary of synod.
 - a. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed selected.
 - b. In the event of a tie where two candidates may be selected, it shall be deemed that both have been selected; unless both candidates are from the order of clergy or only one representative is needed, in which case the regional archdeacon shall cast a second vote to select the nominee. The candidate receiving the second vote will be deemed selected; the other candidate may be deemed an alternate if that position is available.
5. The secretary of synod shall advise the chancellor and bishop of the results before reporting the selections of each region to the whole of Synod.
6. During synod, the secretary of synod shall move that the selected nominees be elected as regional representatives and/or alternatives to Synod Council.
7. Following synod, the secretary of synod shall erase all pertinent voting data.

Regulations

1. Clergy serving a congregation on a limited-term basis, where the term of their ministry appointment will end prior to the regional representative's term of office, shall not be eligible for nomination.
2. Nominations must be received prior to the commencement of electronic voting; nominations made during the course of the synod will be ineligible for consideration.
3. Members of synod not representing a parish shall be eligible to self-nominate and to vote in the region in which they are a member of a parish vestry. The bishop, executive officer and secretary of synod, dean, chancellor, treasurer and diocesan directors shall not be eligible to vote.
4. Electronic voting shall be available to members of synod for a period of not less than 10 days and may be extended at the discretion of the secretary of synod. Once the election has begun the voters list shall not be changed.
5. If the region has representation from the Order of Clergy, the second representative shall be selected from the Order of Laity. If the region has representation from the Order of Laity, the second representative shall be selected from either the Orders of Laity or Clergy.
6. Should this procedure fail to result in there being an adequate number of nominees for the role of regional representative, the diocesan bishop may appoint a regional representative from either order (provided there will always be at least one lay regional representative for each region) until the next diocesan synod.