

HOW A SYNODICAL BISHOP IS CHOSEN

The process of electing a bishop is set out in the Bylaws of the Saskatchewan Synod (Part V, Section 11). This chart is designed to illustrate those bylaws in a schematic form for easy reference.

The election of a bishop proceeds without oral nominations. If the first ballot does not result in election, it is considered a nominating ballot. At no point during the election is any eligible person permitted to withdraw his or her name from any ballot.

<u>Ballot</u>	<u>Names on Ballot</u>	<u>Information Provided</u>	<u>Votes Needed to Elect</u>
1	Blank	Nomination for bishop shall be limited to those who are or are eligible to be on the roster of ordained ministers of this church.	3/4 (75%) of votes cast.
2	All names written on the first ballots (nominees are allowed to withdraw)	None.	2/3 (66.6%) of votes cast.
3	The four persons who received the highest vote on the second ballot.	As per the ELCIC Bylaws for election for bishop, each eligible person is invited to provide a brief biography. This may include congregational membership, degrees earned & honorary, pastorates and other positions held in the church, secular profession or occupation, memberships on boards, special committees or agencies. This is distributed prior to the third ballot.	Majority (over 50%) of votes cast.
4	The three persons who received the highest vote on the third ballot.	These three persons are invited to address the convention prior to the fourth ballot.	Majority (over 50%) of votes cast.
5	The two persons who received the highest vote on the fourth ballot.	Prior to the fifth ballot, these two people are invited to respond to questions submitted in writing from the convention delegates and selected by the elections committee. As each responds, the other will be sequestered.	Majority (over 50%) of votes cast.