

Balloting Procedure for Bishop Election

S9.04.04 *At the Synod Assembly, there shall be no nominations from the floor for the office of bishop. Statements by the nominees may be permitted according to rules adopted by the Synod Assembly. Where five or more nominees are on the first ballot, three-fourths of the votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot. If no election results, the nominee receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the slate of nominees. On the second ballot, two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. If no election results, the nominee with the fewest votes shall be removed from the slate of nominees. On all remaining ballots, until election, a majority of votes cast shall elect. If no election results on a given ballot, the nominee with the fewest votes shall be removed from the slate of nominees. Where four nominees, and only four nominees are on the first ballot, two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect on the first ballot, and a majority of votes cast to elect on each succeeding ballot. Where three nominees or fewer are on the first ballot, a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect on the first ballot. Regardless of the number of nominees on the initial ballot and each succeeding ballot, if no election results, the nominee receiving the fewest votes cast shall be removed from the slate of nominees prior to the next ballot.*

Ballot	5 or more on initial ballot	4 on initial ballot	3 or fewer on initial ballot
1 st	3/4 majority to elect	2/3 majority to elect	Majority to elect
2 nd	2/3 majority to elect	Majority to elect	Majority to elect
3 rd and subsequent	Majority to elect	Majority to elect	

