

## **Supplementary Rules Regarding Nominations and Elections**

*Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly, ELCA*

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1. Approval of the Nominating Committee report shall constitute nomination of the persons named in the report for the respective offices and positions.
2. Additional nominations by voting members of the Assembly shall be made at the time of the Nominating Committee report. Candidate information for each nominee shall be presented in writing to the Secretary on forms provided by the Nominating Committee. The nomination must specify the exact position for which the nomination is being made (that is, the number of the office or position in the Nominating Committee report). The person making the nomination must certify that the nominee meets the requirements of the position and consents to being nominated.
3. No additional nominations shall be accepted after approval of the Nominating Committee report and the close of additional nominations.
4. Unless otherwise required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod or the ELCA, a simple majority shall be required for election (except as provided in rule #5 below for alternates to the at-large Churchwide Assembly voting member positions). If no candidate receives a majority of votes for a particular position on the first ballot, the two candidates (plus ties) with the highest number of votes shall be on the second ballot. In those instances where more than two candidates continue to the second ballot, a simple majority is required for election on the second or any subsequent ballot. Balloting will continue with the two candidates (plus ties) receiving the highest number of votes continuing to the next ballot until one candidate receives a majority.
5. Voting members of the Churchwide Assembly and alternates nominated at-large shall be elected as follows.
  - a. If one candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, that candidate shall be the voting member. The two candidates (plus ties) with the second and third highest number of votes on the first ballot shall continue to the second ballot. In those instances the candidate on the second ballot with the highest number of votes shall be the first alternate; the candidate with the second highest number of votes shall be the second alternate.
  - b. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes (plus ties) shall continue to the second ballot as candidates for voting member.
    - i. If only two candidates continue to the second ballot, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot shall be the voting member; the other candidate on the second ballot shall be the first alternate; the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be the second alternate.
    - ii. If more than two candidates continue to the second ballot, a simple majority is required for election on the second or any subsequent ballot. Balloting will continue with the two candidates (plus ties) receiving the highest number of votes continuing to the next ballot until one candidate receives a majority. On that ballot the candidate receiving the majority shall be the voting member, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be the first alternate; the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes on that ballot (or the preceding one if only two candidates are on the final ballot) shall be the second alternate.
6. Persons cannot be nominated for more than one voting member or alternate position for the Churchwide Assembly.