

Steps and Deadlines for Pre-assembly Identification Process of Candidates for Bishop



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The numbers after the steps (for example - S9.04.01) refer to the corresponding section of the synod's constitution.

October 2018 to June 2019

Step 1—S9.04.01

- Synod Council appoints a five-member Committee on Pre-Election Canvass. The committee members are:

Ms. Nan Dahlke
Rev. Jason Glombicki
Ms. Yvette NewberryWhite
Rev. Linda Norman
Mr. Charles Willett

- Committee must meet general eligibility requirements (50/50 male/female; 60/40 lay/clergy; 20% persons of color/language other)
- Clergy members of the committee are not eligible for nomination or election

Step 2—S9.04.01.b.1

- April 1, 2019—deadline to register for assembly to participate in canvas
- April 2, 2019—E-mail to **registered voting members of the assembly** canvas instrument and instructions for identifying one person and submitting a question for forum

Step 3—S9.04.01.b.2

- April 23, 2019—last day to mail identification instrument—**all must be signed by a registered voting member of the assembly**

Step 4—S9.04.01.b.3

- May 17, 2019
- Committee e-mails to registered voting members of the assembly:
 - report of canvass with biographies of top six names identified (after confirming that they are willing to serve if elected);
 - announcing date(s) and location(s) for forum(s) to meet the identified people

Step 5—S9.04.01.c

- May 23 through June 6 - Hold public forum(s) for identified people to be introduced, address, and respond to questions from voting members *and others in attendance*. The number of forums, locations, and times to be determined by Committee on Pre-Election Canvass.

As the process progresses, the synod office will continue to share information with the synod.

If you have questions about this process, please contact Jeff Drake at the synod office at jdrake@mcselca.org, or **773-248-0021**.

Please note: S9.04.01.d—The report concerning the canvass and the forum are to be information resources about the election, and shall have no other purpose, status and effect.