

2024 Alaska Synod Bishop Election Timeline

November 2022 - March 2023

Bishop Election Committee (BEC) members are identified and develop an exercise to gain input into Alaska Synod Guiding Principles

April 2023

BEC conducts guiding principles exercises with all clusters at Synod Assembly.

May – November 2023

Congregations conduct exercises to give input into Alaska Synod Guiding Principles

November 2023

- BEC presents Alaska Synod Guiding Principles to the Synod Council. Council determines and approves Synod's Guiding Principles.
- Alaska Synod Guiding Principles are posted on website, sent in e-news, and shared via social media

January - February 2024

- BEC notifies Congregations, Synodically Authorized Worship Communities, and all rostered pastors of approved nomination and election processes and asks all to prayerfully consider ELCA pastors who could be nominated as bishop
- Approved nomination and election processes are posted on website, sent in e-news and shared via synod social media

February – March 2024

- BEC finalizes forms for the bishop election and posts them to the synod website
- BEC hosts pre-election Zoom forum(s) for synod members and pre-identified pastors to publicize the election and to answer questions
- Pastors who are pre-identified (by any member of the synod) are invited to submit biographical information and background check consent forms
- **March 15** - Biographical Information Forms (for pre-identified pastors who have given their consent) are posted on Synod website
- **March 23 - Synod Council meets** - Finalizes agenda and procedures for election process (including process for background checks, credentials reports, forms of ballots, arrangements for presentations, questions-and-answers, reporting of ballot results, etc.) and review transition information provided by the churchwide organization

April 2024

- Consult with churchwide representative regarding election process at Synod Assembly.
- **April 25 5pm** All pre-identified pastors' bio information removed from synod website
- **April 26-28 Alaska Synod Assembly & Bishop Election at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Anchorage, AK**

August 23-24, 2024 Installation of the Alaska Synod Bishop