



# Northeastern Minnesota Synod

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## Nomination Timeline for the 2020 Election of a Bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod

The nomination process provides opportunity for pre-assembly nomination. Nominees must be an ordained minister of word and sacrament ministry on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Additional nominations may be made on the first ballot for bishop at the 2020 Synod Assembly which will take place on Friday evening, May 1. Read more about the nomination process in Chapter 9 of the Synod Constitution and Bylaws. Bishop Aitken has served two consecutive terms and is therefore ineligible to be nominated per the constitution. The time frame for this nomination process is as follows:

**Nov. 1, 2019** Nominations may begin.

**Jan. 15, 2020** Deadline for Synod Assembly Voting Members to submit nominations to their Conference Dean. Nominees can be by any ordained pastor on the roster of the ELCA. Persons submitting nomination(s) are encouraged to contact the person they are nominating to assure their willingness to be nominated. Nominations may only come from 2019 Synod Assembly Voting Members. (\*S7.21.01.)

**Feb. 1, 2020** Deadline for Conference Deans to forward nominations to Deacon Brenda Tibbetts, Assistant to the Bishop-Call Process Administrator who will verify the eligibility and willingness of each nominee and prepare a list of nominees.

**Feb. 9, 2020** All five Conference Assemblies meet at 3:00 pm in the following locations:

- Lake Superior Conference: Gloria Dei Lutheran, Duluth
- Laurentian Conference: United in Christ Lutheran, Eveleth
- Living Waters Conference: St. Andrew's Lutheran, Grand Rapids
- Heartland Conference: First Lutheran, Aitkin
- Kettle River Conference: Hope Lutheran, Moose Lake

Each Conference Assembly will elect up to three (3) Conference Nominees by majority vote from the list provided by the Deacon appointed for this call process. **All rostered personnel and lay voting members from each congregation are encouraged to attend their Conference Assembly.**

Retired rostered members have voice and vote (S7.22.01.)

On-Leave-From-Call rostered members have voice only. (S7.22.02) In the event of inclement weather, all five conference assemblies will be rescheduled for February 16, 2020 at the same time and locations.

**By Mar. 1** The names of the Conference Nominees will be tabulated by the synod officers. Up to five Conference nominees receiving the highest number of conference votes will be listed on the first nominating ballot for Synod Bishop at the Synod Assembly. If there is a tie for position number five, there could be six or more nominees on that ballot.

**Mar. 12-14** Bishop Candidate Forums will provide nominees an opportunity to speak and respond to questions from the members of the synod. Biographical data from the nominees will be distributed and posted as specified in the Synod Constitution and Bylaws.

3/12: Calvary, Mora 7 pm

3/13: St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids 7 pm

3/14: Grace Lutheran, Hermantown 3 pm

**May 1, 2020** The names of the conference nominees will be listed on the first ballot for bishop at the 2020 Assembly. Further nominations may be made on the first ballot only, by writing in the name of the pastor.

**Aug. 1, 2020** The six-year term for Bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod begins.