

## **2023 PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF BISHOP**

### **Information from the Central/Southern Illinois Synod Constitution**

S9.04. The bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly by ecclesiastical ballot. Three-fourths (3/4) of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot. If no one is elected, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast on the second ballot shall be necessary for election. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven (7) persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot, and two-thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three (3) persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot, and 60% of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. On subsequent ballots a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two (2) persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot.

*For a detailed description of the Bishop's Position please see the Central/Southern IL Synod Constitution on the synod's website at: [CSIS-ELCA.org/constitution](https://CSIS-ELCA.org/constitution), Chapter 8: Officers — The Bishop (S8.10 - +S8.16.01)*