



## 2021 Assembly Rules of Procedure for Election of Bishop

1. Those not registered for the NC Synod Assembly will be contacted via phone and/or email to verify if the person would like to keep their name on the ballot for bishop of the North Carolina Synod. All those registered for the NC Synod Assembly will not be contacted following the nominating ballot.
2. Biographical Information: Biographical information on the seven nominees (plus ties) who received the greatest number of votes on the second ballot, submitted on a form determined by the Synod Council, shall be posted to the synod website prior to casting the third ballot for bishop.
3. Instant background checks will be completed on those persons who do not have a background check within the last three years in Safe Gatherings.
4. ROUND 1 Questions [before Third Ballot]: Each candidate will be receiving 3 questions ahead of time, they will have roughly 2.5 minutes per question (8 minutes total) to answer them. Candidates will be addressed one at a time. Head of Election team will pose the questions ahead of the first speaker, for the assembly. Questions will be up on screen for reminding assembly, (for a minute each time) welcome, remind each candidate that they received questions ahead of time, all of the assembly voting members have the questions up on their screens, the floor is yours. At 1 minute left (7-minute mark) speaker will get a warning, at 20 seconds left, warning, and at 8-minute mark candidate will be muted.
5. ROUND 2 Questions [before the Fourth Ballot]: Four questions, 2.5 minutes per question, candidates will not have questions ahead of time. All candidates on “stage” together, we will draw numbers out of a hat for numbering candidates. The order of answering questions is 1,2,3; 2,3,1; 3,1,2; and for fourth question: 1,2,3 again. Question will be asked each time for each candidate. If we have an elected bishop, we will be asking these questions & contingency questions as a bishop interview.
6. ROUND 3 Questions [before the Fifth Ballot]: Our time will be 20 minutes for 2 people: 9 minutes each. Candidates receive questions ahead of time and are able to answer them as they choose and address the assembly. Will receive 1-minute warning and 20-second warning, and then mute at 9-minute mark.
7. Election of the Bishop: The representative of the churchwide organization shall preside over the assembly whenever the assembly is in session and considering business related to the election of the synod bishop, or when the assembly is casting ballots in this election. Upon conclusion of the balloting or of specific business related to the election, the bishop shall resume presiding over the assembly.