

## **Procedure for Electing Synod Council Regional Representatives**

1. Delegates to the diocesan synod will be asked to self-nominate as synod council regional representatives by indicating to their regional archdeacon their willingness to serve.
2. At a time or times designated in the agenda of synod, the members of the synod shall assemble in groups according to their regions. Members of synod not representing a parish shall be eligible to self-nominate and to vote with the regional assembly in which they are a member of a parish vestry. The Bishop, Dean, Chancellor, Secretary of Synod, Treasurer and diocesan directors shall not be eligible to vote.
3. The regional archdeacon, or in the absence of their archdeacon the Bishop's designate, shall chair the assembly corresponding to their region. Such person shall have the right to vote.
4. The chairperson shall appoint three scrutineers from among those who have not been nominated.
5. The members who have been nominated may be identified and may provide information to those assembled. The chairperson shall indicate how many representatives and alternates are to be selected.
6. Each member shall vote for his or her first choice among the nominees to serve on Synod Council.
7. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed selected. In the event of a tie where two candidates may be selected, it shall be deemed that both have been selected; unless both candidates are from the order of clergy or only one representative is needed, in which case further votes between those so tied shall be taken. After three rounds of voting, if the tie remains the chairperson shall cast a second vote to decide the issue. The candidate receiving the second vote will be deemed selected; the other candidate may be deemed an alternate provided that position is available.
8. If the region has representation from the Order of Clergy, the second representative shall be selected from the Order of Laity. If the region has representation from the Order of Laity, the second representative shall be selected from either the Orders of Laity or Clergy.
9. The chairperson shall declare the business concluded when selections have been made to fill all vacancies from a region for the terms needing to be filled, such that there are two delegates and an alternate from each region, and report to the Secretary of Synod.
10. The Secretary of Synod shall report to the Synod the names of those who have been selected by their regional assembly for Synod Council by this process, and move the election of the nominees.

As Approved by Synod Council  
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