

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATES

(General Synod will be held May 8 to 14, 2028 in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador)

Process for Securing Names for the Ballot

1. At the conclusion of vestry meetings, delegates to the Diocesan Synod will be invited to self-nominate as a candidate for the diocesan General Synod delegation by indicating to the secretary of synod their willingness to serve, in writing by completing the proscribed form, no later than April 30, 2027.
2. The secretary of synod will share nominations with the nominations committee and bishop. Additional nominations may be solicited, as necessary.
3. One week before the commencement of voting, the secretary of synod shall share nomination information with members of synod, according to their respective order.
4. Each member shall vote for the nominees from their order using an electronic voting system determined by the secretary of synod.
5. The secretary of synod shall advise the chancellor and bishop of the results before reporting the election results to the whole of Synod via email within one week of the close of balloting, and subsequently during the Synod session.
6. The secretary of synod shall report the results to the office of the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada.
7. Following reporting at Synod, the secretary of synod shall delete all pertinent voting data, to the extent possible.

Regulations

1. Nominations must be received prior to the commencement of electronic voting.
2. In accordance with the canons, to be eligible for nomination a synod delegate must be a member of 153rd session of the Diocesan Synod, and no person shall be eligible for election to General Synod if that election would result in that person serving a fourth consecutive term as a General Synod delegate, provided that this section shall not apply to any person who holds office as prolocutor, deputy prolocutor, or vice-chancellor of General Synod.
3. Clergy serving a congregation on a limited-term basis, where the term of their ministry appointment will end prior the date of the General Synod, shall not be eligible for nomination.
4. Electronic voting shall be available to members of synod for a period of not less than 10 days, beginning no later than May 30, and may be extended at the discretion of the secretary of synod. Once the election has begun the voters list shall not be changed.
5. Those of each order duly elected having the highest number of votes shall be the delegates to Synod; and a similar number of those of each order whose names shall be next on the ballot, having the next highest number of votes, shall be substitute delegates to attend the said synod whenever from sickness or other cause, any of the first elected delegates shall be unable to attend. In the event of a tie which may result in candidates being delegate or substitute delegates, the bishop shall decide the matter.
6. Should this procedure fail to result in there being a sufficient number of substitute delegates, the bishop may, in consultation with the Synod Council nominations committee, appoint as many members of Synod as may be necessary.
7. The youth delegate for General Synod, and an alternate, will be appointed by the bishop, in consultation with the children, youth and family missional coordinator.