

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING PROVINCIAL SYNOD DELEGATES

(Provincial Synod will be held September 20-24, 2027 in the Diocese of Ontario)

Process for Securing Names for the Ballot

1. Delegates to the diocesan synod will be invited to self-nominate as a candidate to the diocesan provincial synod delegation by indicating to the secretary of synod their willingness to serve no later than September 30, 2026.
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 synod.
6. Following Synod, the secretary of synod, or their designate, shall report the results to the Ecclesiastical Synod of the Province of Ontario and delete all pertinent voting data, to the extent possible.

Regulations

1. Nominations must be received prior to the commencement of electronic voting; nominations made during the course of the Synod will be ineligible for consideration.
2. In accordance with the canons, no person shall be eligible for election to a Provincial Synod if that election would result in that person serving a fourth consecutive term as delegate at such Synod, provided that this section shall not apply to any person who holds office as Prolocutor or Deputy Prolocutor of Provincial 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 Provincial 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, 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 a delegate or substitute delegate, 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 Provincial Synod, and an alternate, shall be appointed by the bishop, in consultation with the children, youth and family missional coordinator.