

Committee for the Election of a Bishop

Southeastern Minnesota Synod ELCA
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Biographical Form for Nominee

Individuals who are lifted up by a congregation as a potential nominee for Synod Bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod are invited to complete this form. It is also available online at semnsynod.org/BishopElection. Please return completed form and attachments by January 30, 2025, to Dr. Joyce A. Thompsen, Chair, Committee for the Election of a Bishop, 413 – 13th Avenue Northeast, Waseca, MN 56093.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current Position: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____

Date of Ordination (MM/DD/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____

Instructions

Please attach a copy of your responses to each of the following:

1. List of previous calls and positions.
2. List of education and earned degrees (with institutions and years, most recent first).
3. List up to five (5) current or past synodical or churchwide activities that would inform your service as Bishop of this Synod.
4. List up to five (5) current or past community-related activities that would inform your service as Bishop of this synod.
5. What gifts would you bring to the office of bishop of this synod? *(1,000 characters max.)*
6. Describe your leadership style. *(1,000 characters max.)*
7. What do you see as the principal challenge to this synod in the next six (6) years, and how would you address it? *(1,000 characters max.)*

Signature

Signed: _____ Date: _____