

# Voting for Bishop by Ecclesiastical Ballot

## Montana Synod Assembly 2019

Ballot	Criteria for Election	Time Taken	Time Reported	Comment
First	3/4ths of votes	Friday 3:30pm	Friday 7:00pm	If no one receives the required votes for election, all receiving votes are nominated for next ballot, unless they withdraw by 7am Saturday.
		Saturday 7:00am		Deadline for Nominees to withdraw from election. Deadline for submission of biographical information.
Second	3/4ths of votes	Saturday 8:30am	Saturday 10:15am	All receiving votes are considered nominees unless withdrawn by deadline. Nominees are printed on this ballot.
Third	2/3 <sup>rd</sup> of votes	Saturday 11:30am to 12:15pm. Nominee presentations  Vote Saturday 12:15pm	Saturday 1:45pm	Top 7 from Second Ballot are nominees on this ballot and are invited to make 5 minute presentations to the Assembly.
Fourth	Fourth Ballot 60% of votes	Q&A Saturday 1:50pm followed by the Fourth Ballot.	Saturday 3:30pm	Top 3 from Third ballot are nominees on Fourth ballot and are invited to participate in a Question and Answer session moderated by the Vice President (30 minutes).
Fifth	Majority	Saturday 3:30 pm	Saturday 4:50pm	

Only names that are on the first ballot will go forward. Therefore, it is essential that Voting Members arrive at the Assembly and register by 3 pm in order to vote on the first ballot. If there are more ballots cast than people registered, it will invalidate the ballot.

Nominees who choose to allow their names to go forward, will be asked to fill out a biographical information sheet (available online ahead of time), complete a disclosure form, and undergo a background check.