

How a Bishop is Chosen

The process of electing a bishop is set out in the ELCIC's Administrative Bylaws (Part VI, Section 3. b, c, g). This chart is designed to illustrate those bylaws in a schematic form for easy reference.

The election of a bishop proceeds without oral nominations. If the first ballot does not result in election, it is considered a nominating ballot.

At no point during the election is any eligible person permitted to withdraw his or her name from any ballot.

Ballot	Names on Ballot	Information Provided	Votes Needed to Elect
1	Blank	The Bishop shall be on the roster of ordained ministers of this church.	3/4 of votes cast.
2	All names written on the first ballots.	None.	2/3 of votes cast.
3	All names on the second ballot that received at least one vote on the second ballot.	Each eligible person is invited to provide a brief biography. This may include congregational membership, degrees earned & honorary, pastorates and other positions held in the church, secular profession or occupation, memberships on boards, special committees or agencies.	Majority of votes cast.
4	The five persons who received the highest vote on the third ballot.	These five people are invited to address the convention.	Majority of votes cast.
5	The three persons who received the highest vote on the fourth ballot.	These three people are invited to respond to questions submitted in writing from the convention delegates and selected by the elections committee. As each responds, the other two will be sequestered.	Majority of votes cast.
6	The two persons who received the highest vote on the fifth ballot.	None.	Majority of votes cast.