

# Ecclesiastical Ballot Process Synod Constitution – S9.04

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## Ecclesiastical Ballot First (Nominating) Ballot

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### Second Ballot

1. Three-fourths of the votes cast are necessary for election on the first ballot. If no election, the first ballot is a nominating ballot.
2. **Three-fourths of the votes cast on the second ballot are necessary for election.**

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### Third Ballot

1. Three-fourths of the votes cast are necessary for election on the first ballot. If no election, the first ballot is a nominating ballot.
2. Three-fourths of the votes cast on the second ballot are necessary for election.
3. **The third ballot is limited to the 7 persons (+ ties) who received the most votes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot; two-thirds of the votes cast are necessary for election.**

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### Fourth Ballot

1. Three-fourths of the votes cast are necessary for election on the 1st ballot. If no election, the 1st ballot is a nominating ballot.
2. Three-fourths of the votes cast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot are necessary for election.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot is limited to the 7 persons (+ ties) who received the most votes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot; two-thirds of the votes cast are necessary for election.
4. **The 4th ballot is limited to the 3 persons (+ ties) who received the most votes on the 3rd ballot; 60% of the votes cast are necessary for election.**

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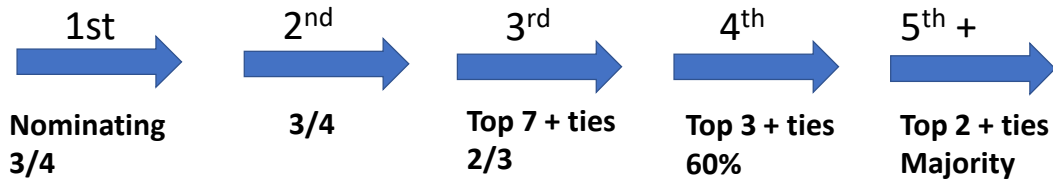
### Fifth (Final) Ballot

5. **On 5<sup>th</sup> and subsequent ballots, a majority of votes cast are necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (+ ties) who receive the greatest number of votes on the previous ballot.**

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# Ecclesiastical Ballot For Bishop



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