

## **IF YOU ARE NOMINTED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BALLOT OF THE BISHOP'S ELECTION**

(Please note that the identified pre-nominees whose information has already been posted and who have already completed their background information do not have to repeat these steps.)

**After the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot of the Bishops Election during the 1<sup>st</sup> Business Session of Synod Assembly (1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4) has been cast, the preliminary results will be posted. If you see that you have been nominated, please be in prayerful reflection before you make your decision about how to proceed.**

If you wish to decline the nominations, please email a statement to that effect (i.e. "I decline the nomination for Bishop of the Southwest California Synod," together with your name, to: [Assembly2021@socalsynod.org](mailto:Assembly2021@socalsynod.org). Please include "(YOUR NAME): Decline" in the subject line.

If you wish to accept the nomination, please complete the following. Please note that you must be an ordained pastor in good standing on the roster of the ELCA to be eligible. You must also download and complete the [attached Authorization Form](#), fill in, scan, or photograph it, and send it to [Assembly2021@socalsynod.org](mailto:Assembly2021@socalsynod.org).

### **Biographical Form for Bishop Nominees:**

Please cut and paste the following, answering the questions, into an email to: [Assembly2021@socalsynod.org](mailto:Assembly2021@socalsynod.org). Please include "(YOUR NAME): Biographical Form" in the subject line.

Please attach a photograph (a selfie is acceptable).

### **Disclosure Form for Bishop Nominees:**

Please cut and paste the following, answering the questions, into an email to: [Assembly2021@socalsynod.org](mailto:Assembly2021@socalsynod.org). Please include "(YOUR NAME): Disclosure Form" in the subject line.

You may also attach the completed [Authorization Form](#), if you are not sending it separately.

Out of care for this church, the following questions are asked of all who are making themselves available for election to churchwide office:

1. Have you ever engaged in, been accused of, charged with, or convicted of illegal conduct or a crime, including conduct resulting in suspension or revocation of your driver's license?

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you have any health conditions (physical or psychological) or any addictive behavior, including a history of drug, alcohol, or pornographic addictions that might interfere with your ability to serve or continue serving as a leader?

If yes, please explain:

3. Have you ever engaged in, been accused of, investigated for, sued, or charged with sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, substance abuse, child or spousal neglect or abuse, or financial improprieties?

If yes, please explain:

4. While on the roster, have you ever engaged in, been accused of, investigated for, charged with, or disciplined for any conduct proscribed in Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline?

If yes, please explain:

5. Are you living in accord with the Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline for rostered persons in the ELCA, and do you intend to continue to live in compliance?

If no, please explain: