

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Bishop Election Questionnaire

Fall 2017

Please take a few moments and complete the following questionnaire, using a pencil or pen and filling in the circles completely, like this ●. Your feedback will help the synod transition team prepare for the election of a new bishop. If you have questions about the questionnaire, please contact Daniel.Taylor@elca.org; if you have questions about the election please contact The Transition Team. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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| 1. What is the best joy or ministry in your congregation? |
| 2. What is the best joy or ministry in the synod? |
| 3. What skills/gifts will be needed in our next bishop? |

4. Prioritize the role of the synod bishop: Rank the following from 1 (most important) to 7 (least important): (mark one circle per line)

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| Caster of vision | ① | ① | ① | ① | ① | ① | ① |
| Figurehead | ② | ② | ② | ② | ② | ② | ② |
| Conflict resolver | ③ | ③ | ③ | ③ | ③ | ③ | ③ |
| Conscience of the synod/social justice leader | ④ | ④ | ④ | ④ | ④ | ④ | ④ |
| Ecumenical/interfaith leader | ⑤ | ⑤ | ⑤ | ⑤ | ⑤ | ⑤ | ⑤ |
| Leader in addressing racism | ⑥ | ⑥ | ⑥ | ⑥ | ⑥ | ⑥ | ⑥ |
| Relationship builder | ⑦ | ⑦ | ⑦ | ⑦ | ⑦ | ⑦ | ⑦ |
| Other (please specify) | | | | | | | |

5. As a follow up to the last synod assembly, identify the top three issues that could strengthen our synod's love of neighbor (mark up to three):

- ① anti-racism
- ② economic justice
- ③ hunger/homelessness
- ④ cultural diversity
- ⑤ gender equality
- ⑥ immigration
- ⑦ criminal justice
- ⑧ Other (please specify)

(Over)

6. What would success in our synod look like in 3 years?

7. Where do you see God at work in our synod?

Are you a:

- ① Rostered leader currently serving in a congregation
- ② Rostered leader not currently serving in a congregation
- ③ Congregation council member or committee chair
- ④ Other lay member
- ⑤ Other (please specify below)

Your age:

- ① 25 or younger
- ② 26 to 40
- ③ 41 to 64
- ④ 65 or older

Are You:

- ① Male
- ② Female
- ③ Prefer not to answer
- ④ Not listed

Are you: (mark all that apply)

- ① African American / Black
- ② African National / African Caribbean
- ③ American Indian / Alaska Native
- ④ Arab / Middle Eastern
- ⑤ Asian/ Pacific Islander
- ⑥ Latino / Hispanic
- ⑦ Multi-racial
- ⑧ White / Caucasian
- ⑨ Other (please specify below)

Thank you for your participation. Please return the completed survey to your congregation or Research and Evaluation, ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631.