

Bishop Election Process Timeline at Assembly

Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly 2026

Friday, April 24

First Plenary Session 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Electronic voting process and practice session

Introduction to the Election of a Bishop

First Ballot for Bishop

Report of First Ballot for Bishop

Saturday, April 25

Second Plenary Session 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Deadline for nominee withdrawals and nominee forms (8:30)

Biographical forms posted as soon as possible, with a goal of 9:45

Second Ballot for Bishop

Report of Second Ballot for Bishop

5-minute Statements by Bishop Nominees

Third Ballot for Bishop

Third Plenary Session 1:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Report of the Third Ballot for Bishop

Nominee Questions and Response

Fourth Ballot for Bishop

Report of the Fourth Ballot for Bishop

3-minute Statements by remaining Nominees

Fifth Ballot for Bishop

Report of the Fifth Ballot for Bishop



For Information on the Bishop Election Process
(names, bios, etc.) on the Synod Website:

www.nemnsynod.org/home/2026-bishop-election-committee-bec



Steps for Logging in and Voting in VPOLL

Login to VPOLL

- Go to VPOLL website
 - o <https://app.vpoll.mobi>
and enter the Access Code, **NEMN26**
 - o Click on the QR code.



- You will see the welcome screen.
 - o Enter your last name and your unique ID code,
 - o Select Polling Session from the drop-down menu
 - Friday evening (Plenary 1)
 - Saturday (Plenary 2 and 3)
 - Sunday morning (Plenary 4)
 - o Click submit.

A screenshot of the VPOLL app's welcome screen. It has a teal background with a green logo at the top. The text reads "Welcome to the 2026 Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly". Below this are three input fields: "Last Name", "ID Number", and "Select Polling Session" with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom is an orange "Submit" button.

Welcome to the 2026
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Last Name

ID Number

Select Polling Session ▼

Submit



Your device is logged in and ready for the question.

You will see "Question will be broadcast shortly."

Voting on VPOLL

- When it is time to vote, the VPOLL operator will broadcast the appropriate question or ballot for your vote.
- Your device will show the question and possible answers. If there is an option for a write-in, the question will include that information.

IF YOU WRITE IN A NAME, use this format
Name (first and last) *COMMA*, City *COMMA*, Congregation/Ministry

- **NOTE REGARDING BALLOTS FOR SYNOD BISHOP:**
On ballots for synod bishop, you prompted for a “Question Code”. The code will be displayed on the big screens. This means that voting members will need to be present in the plenary hall.



- VOTE on your device.
- When you are sure of your vote (and before the chair announces, “Voting has ended”, click submit.
 - o You will see a message, “Answer is successfully saved.”

You will remain logged into VPOLL, unless you log out. Should you be logged out, go to VPOLL, enter your last name and 847423; you will be logged in.

When it is the next time to vote, the VPOLL operator will broadcast the next question/ballot, and you will repeat the voting process.

