

ELECTION PROCEDURES

- 1** Nominees are invited to appoint an advisor (who is a member of Synod) to assist them in the process of the election.
- 2** Register in Snell Hall with the other members of Synod.
- 3** Sit in the clergy section of St. James Cathedral when the election begins. If your advisor is a layperson s/he may sit with you. Voting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Eucharist.
- 4** Voting will done electronically using keypads, unless ballots have more than 10 names on the list in which case we will vote by paper ballot.
- 5** Enjoy a short break. The Scrutineers and Honorary Secretaries will tabulate the results of the ballot in the counting room.
- 6** When the Honorary Secretaries return to the floor of Synod you are asked to gather in the lower Vestry (a bell will be rung). The Nominees and advisors will receive advance notice of the results from the Chancellor.
- 7** In order to be elected, a nominee must receive a simple majority in each house.
- 8** One of the honorary secretaries will announce the voting results to the members of Synod.
- 9** Nominees are given ten minutes between ballots to consult with their advisors. If Nominees, when considering their options, choose to take their name off the next ballot they must speak to the Chancellor.
- 10** Following the announcement of the results, the Bishop announces who has dropped off. The process continues and another vote is taken.
- 11** Spouses will be permitted to attend and be on the floor of Synod. Spouses will not be entitled to speak or to vote.

Please remember that this is a discernment process for episcopal ministry — it is not, in and of itself, a judgement of character or a peer review — everyone recognizes that it takes courage to participate in this process and we give thanks to God that you have let your name stand.

Almighty God,
Giver of all good gifts,
look on your church with grace,
and guide the minds of those who shall choose a
coadjutor bishop for this diocese,
that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for
your people and equip us for ministries,
— through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

