



## Northeastern Minnesota Synod

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### Bishop's Election Committee Survey

In the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, a discernment process takes place prior to calling the next Bishop. A bishop's term is for six years with eligibility to serve two terms. In 2020, Bishop Aitken will conclude his second term and voting members at the May 2020 Synod Assembly will elect the next bishop. A one year discernment process that ends with calling the next bishop will begin at the 2019 Synod Assembly.

You are invited to participate in this survey to help prepare for the bishop election in 2020. Your input and insight will inform the Bishop Election Committee (BEC) as they develop a Synod Ministry Site Profile that highlights our synod's ministry and mission. It also will assist the BEC in formulating questions for nominees to discuss in candidate forums.

If you have questions, you may contact your Conference Dean for more information. Thank you for taking the time to walk together in this time of great discernment and hope for the future of our synod. If you would like to take this survey online instead, please go to <https://forms.gle/dkkediaYwLQTL2kE6>. Whichever way you choose to take it, please fill the survey out only once.

#### **PART ONE:**

**Synod leadership walks alongside congregations in many ways. Please review the following areas of Synod involvement and select up to five that you consider most important to your congregation by checking their boxes.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Planning   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Synods                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidacy & Internship/Call Process | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops/Continuing Education                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Ministry                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy/Holy Closure Planning                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation - for all ages      | <input type="checkbox"/> New Ways of Doing Ministry                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance/Constitution             | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Partnerships/Staff/Ministry/Full Communion Partners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Questions/Assistance      |   |

**PART TWO:** Please answer these six short answer questions.

1. How has synod leadership assisted your congregation in the past few years?



