



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The election of a bishop is reason to celebrate. Whether you re-elect your current bishop or elect a new bishop, this is a special time of discernment for your entire synod and especially for those who are voting members at the assembly.

In response to previous inquiries about resources that may be used both during and after the election. We have prepared two resources and offer them to use as part of your planning process.

1. Prayer Resources for Synods Preparing for Bishop Elections

Prayers, scripture readings and hymns/songs suggestions that are easily accessible from the various volumes of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

2. Affirmation of Ministry at the Re-election of a Synodical Bishop

A brief rite that fits well either within the context of your existing worship at the assembly or just as a stand-alone component after the election has been declared official. It requires no special/additional printing for the assembly.

They may be reprinted without additional permission. For convenience, these same documents may be downloaded from the ELCA website at [www.elca.org/en/resources/synod](http://www.elca.org/en/resources/synod) (select the "Synod Assembly" tab on this page).

If you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations for other planners, please feel free to contact the worship staff. Blessings to you as you take up the important task of planning for the election of a bishop.

Sincerely,

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*Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain bishops, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people. Grant that together they may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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