

THE BIG PICTURE 2023-2026

- Your Synod's Governance Process -

1A

Pastoral & Lay Delegate
Advisory Lay Delegate*

1B

Circuit Visitor Nomination

1C

Proposed District Overture

Meeting(s)
scheduled

Action
taken

2A

Pastoral & Lay Delegate
Advisory Lay Delegate*

2B

Officer/Board/Commission
Nominations**

2C

President/Vice-President
Nominations

2D

District/Proposed
Synod Overture

Meeting(s)
scheduled

Action
taken

3A

Pastoral & Lay Delegate
Advisory Lay Delegate*

3B

Lay Delegate Nominations

3C

Proposed Synod Overture

Meeting(s)
scheduled

Action
taken

4A

Pastoral & Lay Presidential Voters

4B

Officer/Board/Commission
Nominations

4C

President/Vice-President
Nominations


4D

Synod Overture

Meeting(s)
scheduled


Action
taken

Pre-District Convention Visitation Circuit Forum

 one voting pastor and
one voting lay* per parish

DATE:




 one voting pastor and one
voting lay* per parish (plus
multi-cong. advisories)

DATE:


← Proceedings

Pre-Synod Convention Electoral Circuit Forum

 one voting pastor and
one voting lay* per parish

DATE:



 one voting pastor and one
voting lay per electoral circuit

DATE: 7/18/2026

← Proceedings

President Election

DATE: 6/6/2026



For details on each step, important
deadlines for the current triennium,
and materials for informed participa-
tion, see "congregational governance"
and "triennium timeline" at:
lcms.org/convention



If your congregation is part of a
parish with other congregations,
it is represented together with
them by common delegates and
voters and will have to select
them by some means.

* Each congregation of a
multi-congregation parish
that does not send the
parish's voting lay delegate
may send an advisory lay
delegate.

** Districts may use
varying approaches
for officer/board/
and commission
nominations.

