

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION BALLOT
CIRCUIT VISITOR**

(2019 Synod Handbook, p. 192-193, 5.2.2 – See back of Form)

Congregation (name & location):

Date of Nomination: _____

Circuit Name: _____

Circuit Number: _____

Signed: _____

(Chairman of the Congregation)

(Print Name): _____

Signed: _____

(Secretary of the Congregation)

(Print Name): _____

Circuit Visitor

(a pastor on the roster of Synod; who is serving a congregation or is emeritus)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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**Please check with your Circuit Visitor to find out when your Circuit Forum is scheduled.
This form will need to be sent to your Circuit Visitor prior to the forum being held.**

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The circuit visitor shall hold his position by virtue of his selection by the circuit forum and ratification by the district convention.

- (a) Circuit forums shall meet at the call of their circuit visitors to select their circuit visitors no later than the time established by the district. When in-person meetings are burdensome (e.g., geographically large circuits), a circuit may select another manner of meeting (e.g., e-meeting technologies) that is suitable and made available to all participants, taking into consideration the need to provide for an open and fair exchange of ideas and secure, private, and confidential voting.
- (b) Prior to the day of the circuit forum, nominations for candidates for the office of circuit visitor may be submitted by a voting congregation of the circuit and suggested by the district president, in consultation with the praesidium of the district.
- (c) Each circuit may adopt procedures and methods that will insure efficiency and accuracy, including the use of mechanical, electronic, or other methods of casting, recording, or tabulating votes. The privilege of voting shall be exercised by the representatives from each member congregation of the circuit, who shall have been selected in the manner prescribed by the congregation (5.3.2).
- (d) All nominated pastors serving congregations and emeriti pastors whose names were nominated prior to the day of the circuit forum shall be eligible for election in accordance with section 4.3 of these Bylaws.
 - 1) Following presentations of pertinent information regarding each pastor as listed in Bylaw 3.12.3.6(c) and circuit visitor responsibilities as provided hereafter in this bylaw, each voter shall submit the names of two pastors on the initial ballot.
 - 2) The three pastors (or more in case of a tie vote) who receive the highest number of votes in this preliminary ballot shall be placed on the next ballot. Each voter shall vote for only one candidate.
 - 3) Balloting shall continue with the lowest candidate being removed from each succeeding ballot until one pastor shall have received a simple majority of all votes cast, who shall be declared the nominee.
- (e) Immediately following the circuit forum, the circuit visitor shall report in writing the results of the selection process to the secretary of the district in preparation for ratification by the district convention.
- (f) In the event that a circuit visitor has not been selected by a circuit forum or has been selected but is no longer available to serve, thus resulting in no circuit visitor selection being included on the convention slate of circuit visitors for a circuit, the district president shall make the selection, which selection shall then be included on the convention slate of circuit visitors.
- (g) The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment.
- (h) The convention shall then ratify the slate of circuit visitors; which ratification shall constitute election.