



The SWWA Synod will call a new Bishop in June of 2025

To prepare for this leadership transition, you are invited to participate in the creation of a Synod Ministry Site Profile. Over the next months, you will have several opportunities to reflect on the mission of the SWWA Synod and the leadership gifts and skills that are needed for the next chapter of our life together.

April - May 2024 Synod Educational Gatherings

At all three Synod Educational Gatherings participants will be invited to share their stories related to the mission of the Synod and identify their priorities for leadership in the years to come.

Lay people throughout the Synod will be invited to an in-person gathering to share stories and discuss their priorities for a new Bishop. *Keep an eye on the Synod eNewsletter that goes out each Sunday for specific dates and locations.

May - August 2024 Conference Conversations for Lay Members

May - August 2024 Rostered Leader Conversations

Pastors and Deacons will have several opportunities to share stories and identify leadership priorities for the next season of life in the Synod. Watch for invitations in your email.

Ministry teams and groups throughout the Synod will gather to reflect on what gifts and skills in a bishop would be especially helpful as they carry out their work in the Synod. Please be on the lookout for an invitation from your ministry team leader.

May - August 2024 Small-group Zoom Conversations for Affinity Groups

Continuously 1:1 Conversations with Community Partners

Conversations will take place with strategic partners throughout the Synod (i.e. PLU, Lutheran Community Services NW, etc.). Leaders from these organizations will offer insight on what kind of leadership would foster healthy partnership and collaboration in the years to come.

Input from listening sessions will inform and shape the SWWA Synod Ministry Site Profile. This profile will guide the discernment of potential candidates for Bishop as well as the discernment of the Synod Assembly Voting Members who will elect the new Bishop.

Please plan to attend at least one of these sessions between April and August. Your voice is needed!

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