Seven Nominees Identified to serve as the next Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod

West Des Moines, Iowa (August 7, 2020) – Voting members of the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have gathered online, August 5th and 7th, for their annual Synod Assembly. Representatives from ELCA congregations across the area are gathered under the theme “With a New Song.”

Seven nominees have been identified through the second ballot for the office of bishop.

The Rev. Erika Uthe, 134 votes
The Rev. Ken Sundet Jones, 37 votes
The Rev. Amy Current, 29 votes
The Rev. Dan Kuckuck, 25 votes
The Rev. Timothy Olson, 22 votes
The Rev. Katie Lowe-Lancaster, 21 votes
The Rev. Jennifer Thomas, 15 votes
The Rev. Jayne Thompson, 15 votes

The names of these seven pastors will appear on a third ballot to be cast by the Synod Assembly on Friday, August 7th 2020. If there is no election on the third ballot, the three persons (plus- any ties) who received the greatest number of votes on the third ballot, will move to a fourth ballot.

More information about this election process and biographical information for these seven nominees can be found online at seiasynod.org/assembly.

A livestream of the assembly may be viewed on the Southeastern Iowa synod Facebook page, facebook.com/seiasynod and the synod website seiasynod.org/assembly