Bishop election narrowed to two nominees

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.”

The fourth ballot for bishop has narrowed the nominee list to two candidates:

The Rev. Erika Utthe of Ely, Iowa; 143 votes
The Rev. Amy Current of Dubuque, Iowa; 114 votes

Pastor Erika Utthe currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission in the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Pastor Amy Current currently serves as Vice President of Admissions and Student Services at Wartburg Seminary.

The assembly will hold a fifth ballot on Friday, August 7th, 2020.

More information about this election process, the role of bishop, and other information 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