

PROCESS FOR ELECTING INTERIM BISHOPS
AT THE 2024 CONVENING GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. Bishop Jones and Bishop Webb shall be presented for election by acclamation as interim bishops at the beginning of the Convening General Conference and be permitted to stand for election again at the 2026 General Conference should they so choose to do so.
2. Because of the rapid and dynamic growth of our movement, additional interim bishops shall be elected to serve as a bridge between the convening General Conference and General Conference 2026 when standard episcopal elections are anticipated.
3. Interim bishops are gifted, tested, and qualified elders chosen to serve a two-year term with no anticipation of continued episcopal service beyond their interim service.
4. The Transitional Leadership Council or its designee shall determine the number of interim bishops needed.
5. The Transitional Leadership Council shall receive nominations to the role of interim bishop and produce a slate of nominees equal to one-and-one-half times the number of interim bishops needed. The slate of nominees shall be representative of the rich diversity of our movement.
6. The Transitional Leadership Council will release its 2024 nomination slate for the episcopacy no less than sixty days before the start of the General Conference.
7. Delegates to the Convening General Conference may nominate additional candidates providing a biographical statement for each nominee to be added to the TLC's list of nominees no less than thirty days before the start of the Convening General Conference according to the following process: With a bishop emeritus presiding, delegates will vote for their top three additional candidates to be added to the list of nominees presented by the Transitional Leadership Council. All nominees receiving a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present and casting valid ballots shall be added to the list of nominees presented by the Transitional Leadership Council.
8. The 2024 General Conference shall elect the needed number of interim bishops at the Convening General Conference with each person elected having received sixty percent plus one vote of the delegates present and casting valid ballots. The persons elected shall be consecrated as interim bishops prior to the adjournment of the Convening General Conference and shall begin service as interim bishops on November 1, 2024.
9. No interim bishop, other than Bishops Jones and Webb, will be permitted to stand for election to the episcopacy at the 2026 General Conference unless such person receives a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and casting valid ballots affirming their inclusion in the episcopal election process at the 2026 General Conference.