

What are the required websites/app specifics?

- The entire Assembly will be live streamed and available for viewing on the synod's Website (<https://neos-elca.org/>) and YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/NEOSynod>). This stream is available to anyone, and because it is higher quality than the video provided through Zoom, it is recommended that it be watched by all voting members – **but that is not a requirement.**
- **All voting members must connect to a Zoom meeting** during the assembly. This provides proof of presence in the “room” at the time of a vote. While it is possible to connect to a Zoom meeting via phone instead of app or web browser, this is discouraged. Anyone connecting via phone should remember that limited plans may consume minutes and/or long distance charges.
- Pending approval by the ELCA Office of the Secretary the first ecclesiastical ballot will be conducted using either SurveyMonkey or Turning Technologies.
 - SurveyMonkey: When the ballot is declared, an email will be sent to each voting member with a unique link to log into the SurveyMonkey website and vote, so **all voting members must be able to open their email and a web browser** at this point.
 - Turning Technologies: Voting will need to be done at a website, using a unique security code, or a phone app (Android or iOS). **Voting members will need to be appropriately logged in** at the time the vote is declared open to participate.
- All other voting will take place through either a phone app or website from **Turning Technologies** (the company that has provided the voting machines at previous assemblies.)

Please note that all of these voting methods do require registration and disclosure of email address information to third-party vendors. While all those vendors have privacy policies prohibiting use or disclosure of information, data breaches do occur. Individuals who are concerned about this either should not participate as voting members, or should create a “throwaway” email address to use for registration purposes.