

BSA Voting Guide

Please share the following information with your congregations who filed a proof of claim today.

Dear Annual Conference BSA Leadership Team,

Now that United Methodists have reached a settlement in the BSA Bankruptcy, the United Methodist Ad Hoc Committee who has guided the work for our settlement, is recommending for all congregations that filed a proof of claim to vote to “accept” the plan as the plan now provides releases and protection from sexual abuse lawsuits for all United Methodist churches who presently or in the past chartered a BSA Troop or Cub Pack.

All votes must be received by 4:00 p.m. eastern time.

Congregations that have not already voted may proceed with voting. Congregations that already voted, you most likely used the resolution that gave permission to change the vote if United Methodists received a settlement. You may proceed with the voting without calling an additional charge conference meeting or for charge conferences that gave the authority to the Board of Trustees, may move forward as well.

Voting yes will be helpful in approving the BSA Plan of Reorganization and continue scouting for 1.2 million youth across the United States.

Voting Guide for Electronic or Paper Ballot Voting

A local church that has already submitted its ballot with a vote to “reject” the plan can simply submit another ballot in order to change its vote to “accept.” (The last ballot received by December 28, 2021 4:00 p.m. is the one that will determine what vote is recorded.)

A local church that submitted a paper ballot can contact bsaballots@omniagnt.com to receive another hard copy of its ballot to complete and return. Alternatively, the local church can submit a replacement ballot online using its Unique E-Ballot ID#. The church will need its Unique eBallot ID from the top right corner of its ballot to use the e-ballot system. To the extent any church needs its Unique eBallot ID, it can contact bsaballots@omniagnt.com.

To the extent that a church submitted a ballot via hard copy and would like to change its vote using the e-ballot system, that works too. Those churches should insert their Unique eBallot IDs from the top right corner of their ballots into the e-balloting system to submit a new ballot electronically and seek assistance from the Solicitation Agent if needed at bsaballots@omniagnt.com. Again, to the extent any church needs its Unique eBallot ID, it can contact bsaballots@omniagnt.com.

The deadline to receive your vote is December 28th at 4:00 PM ET.

The following are detailed instructions for the voting

Guidance and Instructions for Local Churches Receiving the BSA Bankruptcy Disclosure Statement Packet

OVERVIEW

Many United Methodist churches have received a package in the mail relating to the Boy Scouts of America (“BSA”) bankruptcy case.¹ The mailing – the Disclosure Statement Packet (“Packet”) – was sent to all current and past chartered organizations (including United Methodist local churches) known to the BSA that sponsored a troop with Boy Scouts. The Packet is intended to summarize for chartered organizations how the BSA’s proposed plan of reorganization will affect the legal rights of chartered organizations with respect to Scouting-related sexual abuse claims. The Packet should include, among other documents, a Summary Regarding Chartered Organizations’ Options Under the BSA’s Chapter 11 Plan (“CO Summary”) and a Participating Chartered Organization Opt-out Election Form (“Opt-Out Form”). Additionally, United Methodist local churches that timely filed a Proof of Claim will receive a Ballot for Class 9 (Indirect Abuse Claims) (“Ballot”).

The following guidance and instructions from the United Methodist Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”) are designed to assist United Methodist local churches in properly responding to the receipt of the Packet.

STEP ONE APPLIES TO ALL CHURCHES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CHURCH FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM. STEP TWO ONLY APPLIES TO CHURCHES THAT FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM.

STEP ONE – THROW AWAY THE OPT-OUT FORM

If a local church receives the Packet, it should include the Opt-out Form, the first page of which looks like this:

THIS OPT-OUT ELECTION FORM IS NOT A BALLOT OR A SOLICITATION OF YOUR VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN. IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, YOU ARE RECEIVING SEPARATE SOLICITATION PACKAGE MATERIALS.	
IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE	
In re: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND DELAWARE BSA, LLC, ¹ Debtors.	Chapter 11 Case No. 20-10343 (LSS) (Jointly Administered)
<u>PARTICIPATING CHARTERED ORGANIZATION OPT-OUT ELECTION FORM</u>	
Pursuant to Article V.S.1 of the <i>Modified Fifth Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for Boy Scouts of America and Delaware BSA, LLC</i> [D.I. [•]] (the “Plan”), you are entitled to “opt out” of being treated as a Limited Protected Party ² under the Plan if you (1) object to Confirmation of the Plan pursuant to the procedures set forth in the <i>Notice of Hearing to Consider Confirmation of Fifth Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for Boy Scouts of America and Delaware BSA, LLC</i> or (2) complete and submit this Opt-Out Election Form on or before January 7, 2022 , which is the deadline to object to Confirmation of the Plan. ³	
If you would like to be treated as a Limited Protected Party under the Plan, you do not need to complete or return this Opt-Out Election Form. <u>Limited Protected Party status is the default option under the Plan if you take no action.</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> My Chartered Organization elects not to be treated as a Participating Chartered Organization/Limited Protected Party under the Plan	
IF OPTING OUT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PAGE	

The Committee strongly recommends that local churches do not complete the Opt-out Form. The Opt-out Form should be immediately thrown away upon receipt.

The current BSA’s proposed plan of reorganization (the “Plan”) includes a release from all scouting-related abuse claims occurring on or after January 1, 1976, for all chartered organizations (which, in this context, are defined as “Participating Chartered Organizations”). A

¹ The packet may indicate the sender is “Omni” or “Omni Agent Solutions,” which is the vendor being used by the BSA to assist in administering the case.

local church does not need to take any action in order to receive the benefit of this post-1975 release. The Opt-out Form is only to be completed by chartered organizations that have chosen to not accept the release from post-1975 claims. Again, the Committee recommends that local churches do not opt out of this post-1975 release.

After destroying the Opt-out Form, local churches that did not file a Proof of Claim have taken all the necessary steps to respond to the Packet.

LOCAL CHURCHES THAT FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM **MUST CONTINUE TO STEP TWO.**

STEP TWO – COMPLETE AND RETURN THE BALLOT

- Only local churches that *timely* filed a Proof of Claim will receive a Ballot.
- If a local church filed a Proof of Claim but did not receive a Ballot, it must complete and return the blank ballot attached to these instructions as Exhibit 1.
- An example of a fully completed Ballot is attached to these instructions as Exhibit 2.
- Local churches that received a Ballot featuring a “Unique E-Ballot ID#” have the option of completing the Ballot via a dedicated website. Instructions for completing and returning the Ballot electronically begin on page 5 below.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FILL OUT THE PAPER VERSION OF THE BALLOT

The Ballot is approximately twenty pages, with the first page looking like this:

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE	
In re:	Chapter 11
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND DELAWARE BSA, LLC, ¹	Case No. 20-10343 (LSS)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
BALLOT FOR CLASS 9 (INDIRECT ABUSE CLAIMS)	
PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR BALLOT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.	
<u>ACCESS TO SOLICITATION MATERIALS:</u>	
THE PLAN, THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, AND THE SOLICITATION PROCEDURES ORDER MAY BE ACCESSED, FREE OF CHARGE, AT HTTPS://OMNIAGENTSOLUTIONS.COM/BSA-BALLOTS .	
IF YOU WOULD PREFER A PAPER OR OTHER FORMAT OF THESE MATERIALS, OR IF YOU NEED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION PACKAGES, PLEASE CONTACT OMNI AGENT SOLUTIONS (THE “ <u>SOLICITATION AGENT</u> ”) BY (A) CALLING THE DEBTORS’ RESTRUCTURING HOTLINE AT 866-907-2721, (B) EMAILING BSABALLOTS@OMNIAGNT.COM , (C) WRITING TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA BALLOT PROCESSING, C/O OMNI AGENT SOLUTIONS, 5955 DE SOTO AVENUE, SUITE 100, WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367, OR (D) SUBMITTING	

There are only FOUR items that need to be filled in when completing the Ballot. Again, only local churches that timely filed a Proof of Claim will receive a Ballot.

Item 1 – “Amount of Claim”

Item 1. Amount of Claim.

For purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan, the undersigned certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned holds an Indirect Abuse Claim in the amount set forth below. **Please note that, except as otherwise may be set forth in the Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Procedures Order, each Indirect Abuse Claim in Class 9 has been allowed in the amount of \$1.00 for voting purposes only, and not for distributions under the Plan, allowance, or any other purpose.**

Debtor: Boy Scouts of America

Claim(s) Amount: \$1.00

This section of the Ballot received by local churches should look like the above, with the two blanks already filled in. If this section is blank, or if a local church is filling out a blank ballot, simply enter “Boy Scouts of America” on the “Debtor” line and “\$1.00” on the “Claim(s) Amount” line, as shown above.

As the Ballot points out, the “Claim Amount” is not intended to be representative of the value of a claim the local church may have against the BSA. For purposes of casting votes on the Plan, all claims have been assigned an identical \$1.00 value.

Item 2 – “Vote on the Plan”

Item 2. Vote on the Plan.

Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to your Claims in Class 9 below (please check one). Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to accept and to reject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following:

If you vote to accept or reject the Plan, you shall be deemed to have consented to the release set forth in Article X.J.4 of the Plan unless you opt out of the release by checking the box in Item 3 below.

If you abstain from voting, you shall not be deemed to have consented to the release provisions set forth in Article X.J.4 of the Plan. The Disclosure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of the release, injunction, and exculpation provisions in Article X of the Plan.

Check only one box:

- ☐ ACCEPT (*I.E., VOTE IN FAVOR OF*) the Plan
- ☐ REJECT (*I.E., VOTE AGAINST*) the Plan

The voting area of the Ballot looks like the above. The Committee strongly recommends that local churches vote in favor of the Plan by checking the **ACCEPT** box.

Item 3 – “Optional Release Election”

If you voted to accept or reject the Plan in Item 2 above, check this box if you elect not to grant the release contained in Article X.J.4 of the Plan.

The undersigned, as a holder of (or representative of a holder of) a Class 9 Claim, elects to:

- ☐ Opt out of the third party release in Article X.J.4 of the Plan.

The Committee strongly recommends that local churches **check this box** to opt out of the third party release contained in Article X.J.4 of the Plan.

Item 4 – “Certification, Acknowledgement, Signature, and Date”

Print or Type Name of Claimant:	<u>1</u>
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number of Claimant:	<u>2</u>
Signature:	<u>3</u>
Name of Signatory (if different than Claimant):	<u>4</u>
If by Authorized Agent, Title of Agent:	<u>5</u>
Street Address:	<u>6</u>
City, State, Zip Code:	<u>7</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>8</u>
Email Address:	<u>9</u>
Date Completed:	<u>10</u>

The Certification, Acknowledgement Signature and Date area of the Ballot looks like the above. Here, the church must complete this section, as follows:

<u>Line #:</u>	<u>Enter:</u>
1	Church's legal name
2	Church's EIN
3	Signature of individual authorized by church to complete the Ballot
4	Name of individual who signed on line 3
5	Title of individual who signed on line 3
6-7	Church's address
8	Church's phone number
9	Email address that is regularly monitored
10	Date line 3 was signed

Returning the Completed Ballot

Once completed, the Ballot must be mailed to:

Boy Scouts of America Ballot Processing
c/o Omni Agent Solutions
5955 De Soto Avenue, Suite 100
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

The completed ballot must be actually received at the address above by 4 p.m. Eastern time on December 28, 2021. Simply having the Ballot postmarked by December 14 will not be considered timely and the Ballot will not be counted. The Ballot can be sent by standard U.S. Mail, private overnight carrier service, or by personal delivery.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FILL OUT THE ONLINE VERSION OF THE BALLOT

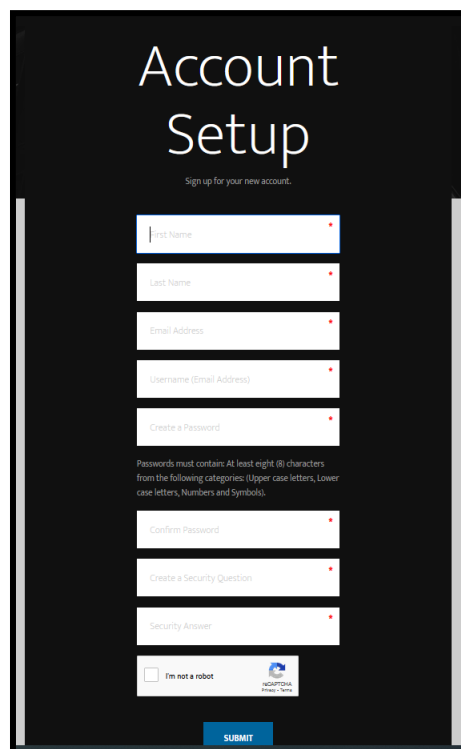
Only local churches that received their Ballot in the mail will be able to submit that Ballot electronically, as the Unique E-Ballot ID# provided in the paper Ballot is needed to for the online submission process.

Create an Account and Log In

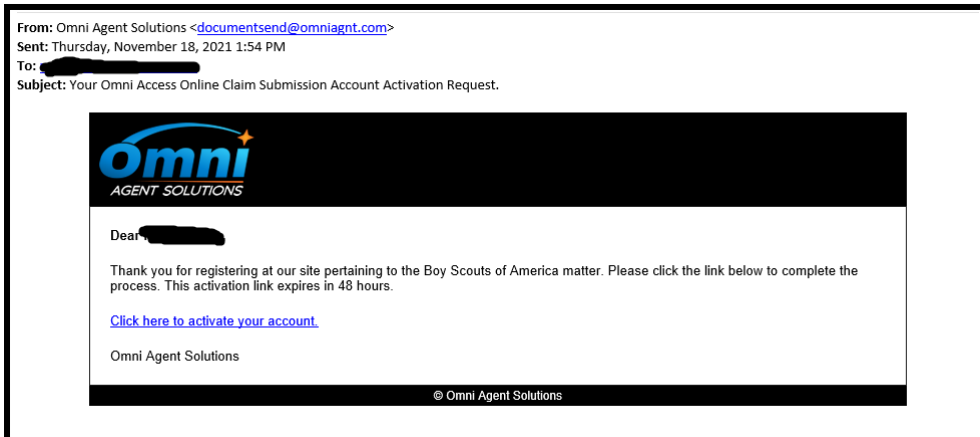
Navigate to <https://omniagentsolutions.com/bsa-ballots> to begin the online process. Then scroll down the page to the “Submit a Ballot Online” section and click on the link shown below:

Before you can submit a Ballot online, please create an account by clicking [here](#).

The Account Setup page looks like the below. Fill in the requisite information, check the “I’m not a robot” box and click “Submit.”

A screenshot of the 'Account Setup' page. The title 'Account Setup' is at the top in a large, white font. Below it, a subtitle reads 'Sign up for your new account.' The form consists of several white input fields on a dark background: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email Address', 'Username (Email Address)', 'Create a Password', 'Confirm Password', 'Create a Security Question', and 'Security Answer'. Each field has a small red asterisk to its right. Below the password fields, there is a note: 'Passwords must contain At least eight (8) characters from the following categories: (Upper case letters, Lower case letters, Numbers and Symbols)'. At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled 'I'm not a robot' and a CAPTCHA image. A blue 'SUBMIT' button is located at the very bottom of the form.

After “Submit” has been clicked, an email should be received at the address used when creating the account:



Click on the link within the email to activate the account. You will not be able to use the account until it has been activated.

Once the account has been activated, again navigate to <https://omniagentsolutions.com/bsa-ballots>, scroll down to the “Submit a Ballot Online” section and select the link shown below to log in and begin the ballot submission process:

To log into your account and submit your Ballot, please click [here](#).

Complete and Submit the Ballot

After logging in, this page will load:

Boy Scouts of America
 Restructuring Website

E-BALLOT HOME CASE HOMEPAGE LOGOUT

E-Ballot Submission

START

Please enter the Unique E-Ballot ID# located in the heading of the first page of the Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot ID#

Please click this button if you would like to review the Plan and Disclosure documents for this matter.

THE FOLLOWING BALLOTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACCOUNT:

BALLOT ID	AMENDED BALLOT ID	AMENDED BY	CLASS	DEBTOR	BALLOT AMOUNT	CREDITOR NAME / ADDRESS	SUBMITTED	ACTION
No Results								

Enter the local church’s Unique E-Ballot ID# and click “Go.” The church’s Unique E-Ballot ID# should be printed at the top of each page of the local church’s mailed Ballot. It can also be found on the page immediately after the signature block, as shown here:

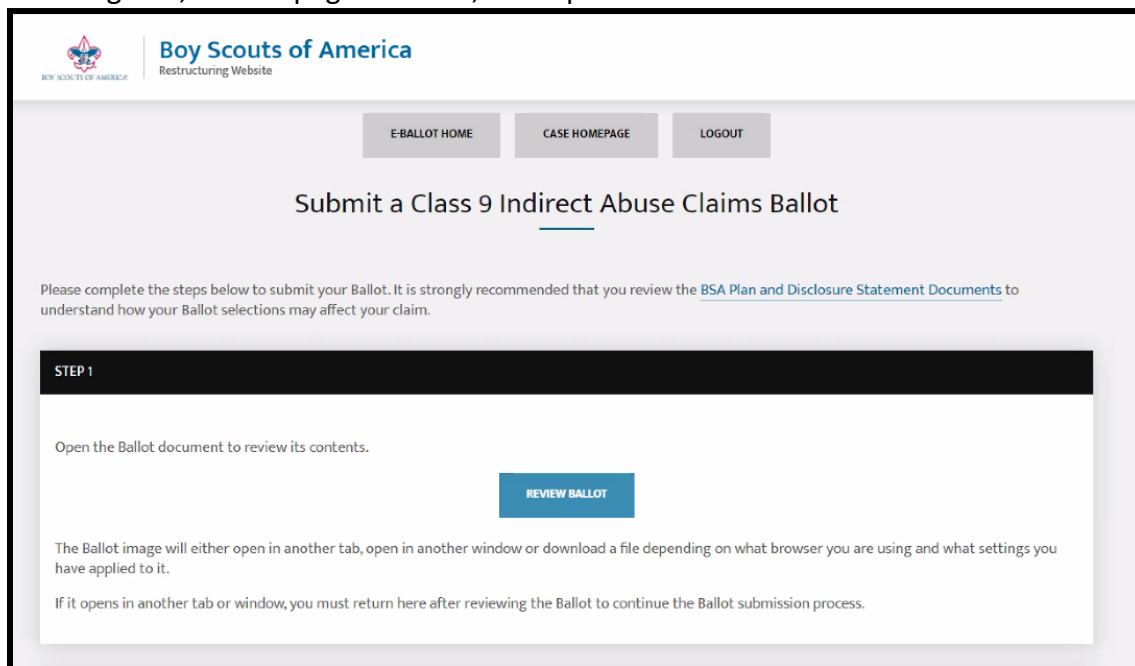
If by E-Ballot Platform: https://omniagentsolutions.com/bsa-ballots	If by standard or overnight mail or personal delivery: Boy Scouts of America Ballot Processing c/o Omni Agent Solutions 5955 De Soto Avenue, Suite 100 Woodland Hills, CA 91367
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To submit your Ballot via the E-Ballot Platform, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/bsa-ballots> and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

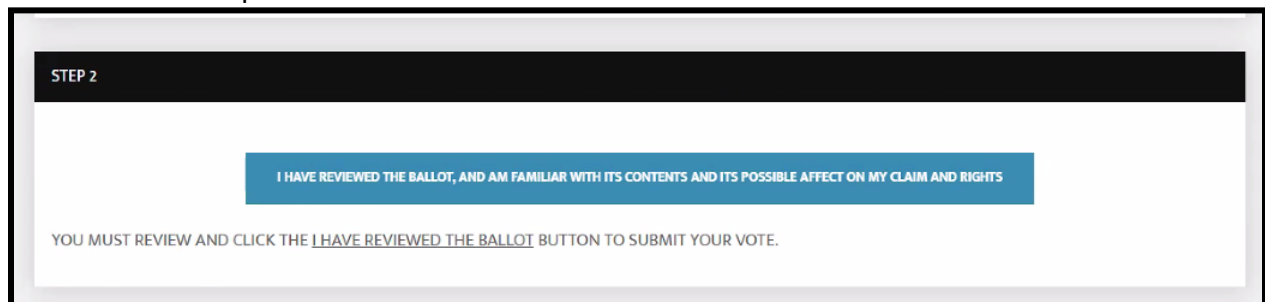
IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot ID#: [_____]

After clicking “Go,” a new page will load, the top of which will look as follows:



Click the “Review Ballot” button under “Step One.” This will display the local church’s ballot, either by opening it in a new browser tab/window or by initiating a download of a PDF. The local church should ensure the ballot matches the one it received via mail. If it has not already done so, the local church should review the ballot and then click on the “I Have Reviewed the Ballot...” button under “Step 2”:



The information required in “Step 3” can now be completed:

The screenshot shows the 'STEP 3' ballot form on the Boy Scouts of America Restructuring Website. The form is titled 'STEP 3' and includes instructions: 'Complete your Ballot selections and provide the requested information for submission (No signature required yet)'. It contains four items: Item 1, 'Amount of Your Claim', with a pre-filled value of '1.00'; Item 2, 'Vote on the Plan', with checkboxes for 'ACCEPT (I.E., VOTE IN FAVOR OF) the Plan' and 'REJECT (I.E., VOTE AGAINST) the Plan'; Item 3, 'Optional Release Election', with a checkbox for 'The undersigned, as a holder of (or representative of a holder of) a Class 9 Claim, elects to opt out of the third party release in Article X.J.4 of the Plan.'; and Item 4, 'Certifications', which includes text input fields for 'Name of Claimant', 'Last Four Digits of Social Security Number of Claimant', 'Title', 'Street Address', 'City, State, Zip Code', 'Telephone Number', and 'Email Address'. A red asterisk and the text '*REQUIRED FIELDS' are located at the bottom of the form.

For “**Item 1. Amount of Your Claim,**” nothing needs to be entered as this will be pre-filled with \$1.00. This is not intended to be representative of the value of a claim the local church may have against the BSA. For purposes of casting votes on the Plan, all claims have been assigned an identical \$1.00 value.

For “**Item 2. Vote on the Plan,**” the Committee strongly recommends that local churches vote in favor of the Plan by checking the **ACCEPT** box.

For “**Item 3. Optional Release Election,**” the Committee strongly recommends that local churches **check this box** to opt out of the third party release contained in Article X.J.4 of the Plan.

The “**Item 4. Certifications**” portion should be completed as follows:

Item 4. Certifications.

1 Name of Claimant *

2 Last Four Digits of Social Security Number of Claimant

3 Title

4 Street Address

5 City, State, Zip Code

6 Telephone Number

7 Email Address

REQUIRED FIELDS

<u>Line #:</u>	<u>Enter:</u>
1	Church’s legal name
2	Church’s EIN
3	Title of individual who will electronically sign the Ballot
4-5	Church’s address
6	Church’s telephone number
7	Email address that is regularly monitored

Once all of the above Items have been completed, click the “Display Ballot for Review” button under “Step 4”:

STEP 4

Open your Ballot for review

DISPLAY BALLOT FOR REVIEW

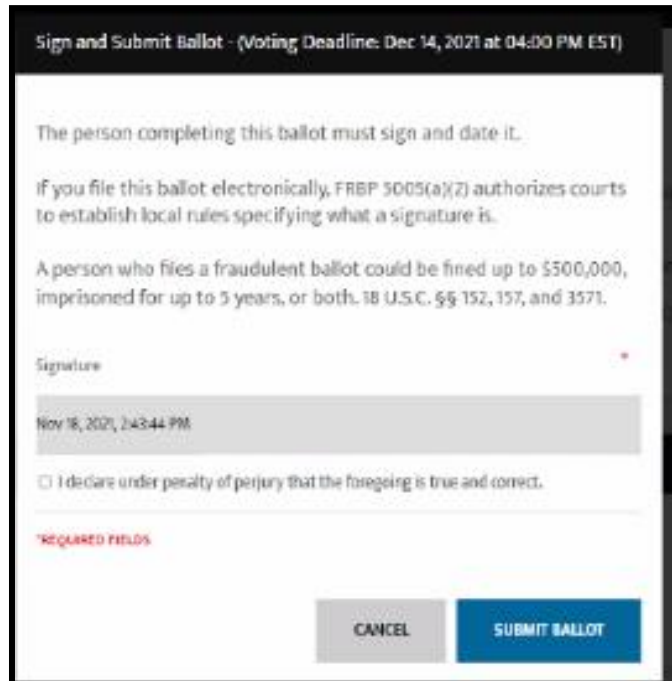
The Ballot image will either open in another tab, in another window or download a file depending on what browser you are using and what settings you have applied to it.

If it opens in another tab or window, you must return to this page after reviewing the Ballot to continue the Ballot submission process.

YOU MUST REVIEW YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT AND CLICK THE [SIGN AND SUBMIT BALLOT](#) BUTTON BELOW TO ELECTRONICALLY SIGN AND SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT.

As with “Step 1” above, this will generate a PDF version of the local church’s Ballot. This time, it will reflect all of the selections made in “Step 3.” Review this PDF to ensure it accurately reflects all of the information entered and that the correct voting and opt out boxes have been checked. A copy of this can be saved and/or printed.

Then click the “Sign and Submit Ballot” button under “Step 5,” which will open the following pop up:



The screenshot shows a pop-up window titled "Sign and Submit Ballot - (Voting Deadline: Dec 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM EST)". The window contains the following text and form elements:

- Text: "The person completing this ballot must sign and date it."
- Text: "If you file this ballot electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is."
- Text: "A person who files a fraudulent ballot could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571."
- Text: "Signature" with a red asterisk.
- Text: "Nov 18, 2021, 2:43:44 PM" (likely a timestamp or placeholder for a signature).
- Text: "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."
- Text: "REQUIRED FIELDS" in red.
- Buttons: "CANCEL" and "SUBMIT BALLOT".

Type in the name of individual authorized by the local church to complete the Ballot, check the “I declare under penalty of perjury...” box, then click “Submit Ballot.” Confirmation that the Ballot has been submitted should be shown. If no confirmation appears, return to the initial page (shown below), review the list of ballots associated with the account to see if it indicates that the ballot has been submitted.