

# NOTICE OF THE 209TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 1, 2024

To Members of the Clergy Order of Convention who hold parochial assignments:

Greetings! Notice is hereby given that the 209th Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina will be held at the M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention and Civic Center, 301 West 5th Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Material for Convention, including a timeline, is available on the diocesan website at [www.episdionc.org/annual-convention](http://www.episdionc.org/annual-convention).

The Constitution of the Diocese provides as follows for priests and deacons:

canonically resident in this Diocese?	parochial or active in this Diocese?	primary residence in this Diocese?	eligible for seat and voice at Convention	eligible for vote at Convention
N	N	doesn't matter	N	N
N	Y	doesn't matter	Y	N
Y	N	N	maybe	N
Y	N	Y	Y	N
Y	Y	doesn't matter	Y	Y

Note that parochial clergy may vote in the Convention of this Diocese **only** if they are canonically resident in this Diocese. If you wish to change your canonical residence to this Diocese, please initiate the change soon enough for the change to become effective prior to Convention.

The vestry clerk or other person who submits the lay delegation for a church and registers them for Convention also registers the parochial clergy of that church for Convention at the same time. The link to the registration system is found on the diocesan website. **The deadline for registration is July 31, 2024.** A separate process is used for non-parochial and retired clergy, with a different deadline.

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After a registration is submitted, an email with payment instructions is sent to the person who submitted the information. If payment is made by check, please mail it to the address specified in the email.

The Diocese has discontinued paper mailings to clergy about Convention. In mid-August, the Secretary will email important material to every member of Convention. Therefore, ensure that your current email address is always on file with Ms. Elizabeth Dawkins, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Diocesan. **If you change your email address, please inform Ms. Dawkins promptly.** You may reach her at [elizabeth.dawkins@episdionc.org](mailto:elizabeth.dawkins@episdionc.org) or (919) 600-5301.

Questions about Convention registrations should be sent to [convention@episdionc.org](mailto:convention@episdionc.org). If you have questions about other matters, please contact me by email to [secretary@episdionc.org](mailto:secretary@episdionc.org) or by calling (919) 834-7474, entering extension 5416, and leaving a voicemail. I look forward to seeing you in November.

Charles L. Till  
Secretary of the Convention

