

NOTICE OF THE 209TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 1, 2024

To Senior Wardens in the Diocese of North Carolina:

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.

All material for Convention, including a timeline and a table showing the apportionment of lay delegates to each church, is available on the diocesan website at www.episdionc.org/annual-convention. Please be mindful of the number of delegates to which your church is entitled. Churches whose delegation has changed in size since the 208th Convention were notified in April.

Candidates for delegates and alternates must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing who are enrolled at your church. Only persons duly elected by the vestry of your church may represent your church at Convention. Delegates are elected for three-year terms and alternates for one-year terms.

There is a unified process to submit the names and contact information of your delegates and alternates, to register your delegates for Convention, and to register your parochial clergy for Convention. The system is now available at www.episdionc.org/annual-convention. A new and complete submission is required each year that identifies all delegates, including delegates who were elected in prior years and continue to serve. If you need assistance in submitting your information, please email convention@episdionc.org.

Please double-check the email addresses that you submit. Parish email directories are often out of date. Studies show that on average, a person changes his or her email address every 5 years. Erroneous email addresses are very burdensome for the staff of the Diocese to detect and to correct. The Diocese will contact each delegate to confirm his or her address.

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After you submit your registrations, you will receive an email with payment instructions. If you pay by check, please mail it to the address specified in the email.

You may register spouses, guests, observers, etc for Convention using a separate form that has a later deadline. Non-parochial clergy and retired clergy submit their own registrations separately.

If your delegation changes later in the year, a change form will be available on the diocesan website. Any change to a delegation requires signature of the vestry clerk, senior warden, or rector/vicar/priest-in-charge.

This letter is the only Convention material you will receive through the U.S. Postal Service. In mid-August, the Secretary will email eight pages of important information about Convention to every member. Therefore, **the deadline to submit your Certificate is July 31, 2024.**

All lay delegates will be subscribed to the weekly diocesan email newsletter, *Please Note*, which will provide further information about Convention in the coming months.

If you have questions, please contact me by email to secretary@episdionc.org or by calling (919) 834-7474, entering extension 5416, and leaving a voicemail. I look forward to seeing the delegation from your church in November.

Charles L. Till
Secretary of the Convention