188th Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee

SECOND CONVENTION MEMO
December 19, 2019

To: The Clergy of the Diocese of Tennessee
Convention Delegates Certified as of 12/20/2019
Alternate Delegates Certified as of 12/20/2019
Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations
The Bishop and Council
The Standing Committee
The Committee on Constitution and Canons
Officers of the Convention
The Diocesan Staff
Seminarians
The President of Episcopal Endowment Corporation
The Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South
The Dean of the School of Theology, The University of the South

From: The Secretary of the Convention

God willing, we will assemble at the invitation of St. Bartholomew’s, Nashville, January 24-25, 2019

Election and Registration of Delegates, and Canonically Resident Non-Parochial & Retired Clergy

- The canonical deadline was December 13, 2019 for the election, certification, and registration of delegates from each parish or mission of the diocese¹.
- There’s still time to submit a certification form and payment for registration, but please do so as soon as possible.
- Register Online

¹ Canon 1, Sec. 7(b) of the Canons of the Diocese of Tennessee. Delegates s/b Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing & at least 18 years of age. Canon 1, Sec. 7(c): Certificate of delegates s/b sent to the Secretary of the Convention not less than 6 weeks prior to Convention; this year that date was December 11.
Registration of LTO Clergy, Seminarians, Exhibitors, and All Other Guests

- Registration fee covers lunch both days of Convention
  - Register Online

Resolutions

- December 10, 2019 was the deadline for submission of resolutions for inclusion in the Convention brochure.²
- Late resolutions (offered no later than 1½ hours after the opening of the Convention) require a majority vote of Convention delegates to be placed on the floor.
  - Proponents of late resolutions must bring 250 copies printed on blue paper to the Convention for distribution
  - Resolutions must be in writing & contain name, parish or mission, city of proponent³
  - See Resolution form: Resolution Form
- Please also submit resolutions in Word document form to kjones@edtn.org
- Resolutions offered after 1½ hours following opening of Convention require 3/4th majority vote of Convention delegates to be considered.⁴

Nominations for Elections

- Deadline for nominations to be included in Convention brochure is December 27, 2019, 30 days prior to opening of Convention.⁵
- See Summary of Elections: Summary of Elections
- Nomination form: Nomination Form
- Nominations may be made on the floor of Convocation Caucuses for Bishop & Council.
- Nominations may be made only by the Bishops of this Diocese and the Clerical and Lay Delegates, Vestries, Mission Councils, Missionary Convocations, and the Bishop and Council.
- Nominations may be submitted to Secretary up to noon, Thursday, January 24, 2019, and contain at least the name, parish or mission, and city of the nominator who has obtained the nominee’s consent.
- Nominees participate in the Open Forum at Convention, introducing themselves to the Convention on Friday afternoon, January 25, 2019.

Convention Lodging

Courtyard by Marriott Nashville, Green Hills (3800 Bedford Ave. Nashville, 37215; 615-298-7700)

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Nashville, Green Hills (2324 Crestmoor Rd. 615-777-0001)

Courtyard by Marriott Nashville, Brentwood (103 East Park Dr. Brentwood, 37027; 615-371-9200)

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² Canon 1, Section 9: Resolutions made only by lay or clergy delegates, Vestries, Mission Councils, Missionary Convocations, and the Bishop and Council must be received by, or postmarked … by … to the Secretary of the Convention 45 days preceding the first business day of the Convention.
³ Rule of Order 3.02
⁴ Canon 1, Sec. 9
⁵ Rule of Order 8.01
**Convention Eucharists**
- Opening Eucharist: 1:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 2020
- Principal Convention Eucharist: 11:15 am, Saturday, January 25, 2020
  - Bring your church banner to be carried in procession by a delegate or member of the congregation.
    - Stands for the banners with your church’s name should be brought an hour before the Eucharist and placed in the nave at Trinity.
  - Rehearsal at 7:45 am, Saturday, in the nave, for banner bearers, lectors, oblationers, and the intercessor.
  - Clergy of the diocese are invited to vest (green stoles) and join in the procession.
  - Seminarians may also vest and walk in procession.

**Convention Lunches**
- Cost for lunches Friday and Saturday included in registration fee

**Reception**
Friday, January 24th at St. Bartholomew’s, Nashville, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall. There is no additional cost for the reception.

**Convention Exhibits**
- Please contact Kim Jones ([kjones@edtn.org](mailto:kjones@edtn.org)) if you are interested in being an exhibitor at the Annual Convention

**Convention Parking**
- A map showing parking options will be in the pre-Convention Memo.

**Green Plan**
- Electronic communication and registration
- Recycling bins will be available
- You are urged to bring your own drinking container. You’ll be able to fill up from water containers in the parish hall.

**Child Care**
- Reservations for child care may be made when you register online.

**Pre-Convention Mailing**
- Each delegate will be e-mailed a Convention brochure in January
  - Brochure to include:
    - the 2022 draft budget,
    - the Order of Business,
    - resolutions received by December 10, 2019, and
    - nominations received by December 27, 2019.
- Each delegate should bring this brochure to the Convention.
  - Convention brochures will not be available at the Convention, but will be posted on the Diocesan Website under “Governance.”
  - Delegates unable to attend Convention, please pass your brochure on to your alternates.
  - You can print out the brochure or download it to your device.
Delegate Registration

- This mailing is being sent to all Convention delegates whose names have been received in the diocesan office.
- Clergy who have not submitted The Certificate of Election of Delegates from their congregations are asked to do so as soon as possible.
- The Convention brochure will be posted on the Diocesan website when the materials are completed in January on the 2020 Annual Convention page.
- Canonically resident non-parochial and retired clergy who have not yet registered are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Financial Audits for 2018

Financial audits are required by the Canons each year from congregations. The 2018 financial audit was due September 1, 2019. We do not yet have a copy of the 2018 audit from the following parishes and missions:

- Franklin, St. Paul’s
- Monteagle, Holy Comforter
- Nashville, St. Philip’s
- Nashville, St. Bartholomew’s
- New Johnsonville, St. Andrew’s
- Sewanee, Otey Memorial
- Tullahoma, St. Barnabas’

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who will take counsel in this convention for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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6 Title I, Canon 7, Sec. 1(g)}