



The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

CALL TO CONVENTION

224th Annual Diocesan Convention

November 14-15, 2014

“The World to Christ We Bring”

Notice is hereby given that the annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina will be held at The Church of the Holy Communion in Charleston, South Carolina on November 14-15, 2014. Our theme will be “The World to Christ We Bring.”

We are delighted to have the Right Reverend James Tengtenga, former Bishop of Malawi, who now serves as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Global Anglicanism at the School of Theology at the University of The South, as the preacher for our opening Convention Eucharist.

As usual, diocesan convention this year will present opportunities to accomplish two primary goals: to do the necessary work for our diocese at its annual convention, and to participate in the annual reunion of the people of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

We also look forward to workshops on Friday, November 14 that will be led by the Rev. Tom Brackett, Missioner of The Episcopal Church for Church Planting and Ministry Redevelopment. The Friday workshops are offered to clergy and lay people all over the diocese, not just those who are official delegates to the Convention. Episcopalians from every congregation in the diocese will find rewarding, helpful and inspiring messages to take home to their parishes, missions and worship communities. Tom will teach us how to say yes to the Spirit in our congregations. Particular matters of focus which Tom has suggested include these shifts in congregational life: from concentration on survival to mission and from generating agreement to commitment. We will look at ways to engage mission in our neighborhood today and to hope and dream for the future.

Four Deanery Meetings are being planned prior to Convention. These meetings are to include all clergy, delegates and alternates for the Fall 2014 Convention. Attendance at these meetings is important, as they are the venue for:

- Discussion of the 2015 program and budget
- Introduction of nominees for diocesan offices
- Proposed resolutions and changes to the Constitution and Canons

Peninsula: Wednesday, October 1, 7:00 p.m. at Grace Church, Charleston

West Charleston: Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas, North Charleston

Southern: Sunday, October 12, 3:00 p.m. at The Episcopal Church in Okatie

Pee Dee-Waccamaw: Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, November 14

Calvary Episcopal Church, 106 Line Street

9:00 a.m. Workshop Check-in and registration begins

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Workshop I with the Rev. Tom Brackett

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch (Included with paid registrations for the Friday workshops)

1:00-3:00 p.m. Workshop II with the Rev. Tom Brackett

The Church of the Holy Communion, 218 Ashley Avenue

4:00 Registration Opens

4:30-6:00 Break-Out Informational Sessions

- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Budget
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. Resolutions
- 5:30-6:00 p.m. Constitution & Canons

6:30 p.m. Call to Order, followed immediately by Convention Eucharist. The Right Reverend James Tengtanga, Preacher; and the Right Reverend Charles vonRosenberg, Celebrant.

8:00 p.m. Welcoming Dinner. Beverages and dinner will be served (included with delegate and visitor registration).

SATURDAY, November 15

8:00 a.m. Late registration/check-in. Coffee and light breakfast (included with registration)

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, followed by morning business session

12:00 p.m. (or as business allows) Box Lunches served (included with registration)

1:00 p.m. (or as business allows) Afternoon business session and concluding worship.

ELECTIONS AT CONVENTION

The Convention will hold elections for the following positions:

- Standing Committee: 2 lay members and 2 clergy members
- Diocesan Council: 2 lay members and 2 clergy members
- University of the South Board of Trustees: 1 lay member (3 year term)

All nominations must have the approval of the person being nominated, and must be received by the Secretary of Convention by **Tuesday, September 30, 2014**. A Notice of Elections and Nomination Form are available online at episcopalchurchsc.org.

RESOLUTIONS

Members of the Diocese are invited to submit resolutions for consideration at the Convention. These must follow the format and guidelines described in the Notice of Submittal of Resolutions, which is available online at episcopalchurchsc.org. All resolutions must be received by the Secretary of Convention no later than **Tuesday, September 30, 2014**.

On the agenda is the second and final reading of the proposed Constitution that was approved at the 223rd Convention in February 2014.

Resolutions affecting the Constitution and Canons must be submitted to the Committee on Constitutions and Canons. These also must be received by **Tuesday, September 30, 2014**.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Each Parish, Mission and Worshiping Community is asked to send in one registration form for all their delegates, alternates and clergy. Clergy who are not directly affiliated with a church delegation may register individually. Visitors may register with the delegation or on their own. The Registration Form is available to download and print at episcopalchurchsc.org. Registration cost is \$50 per delegate, \$30 per visitor, \$15 for Friday night Eucharist and dinner only. The Friday workshop is an additional \$15 per attendee.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR CLERGY AND DELEGATES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DIOCESAN OFFICE BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

Registration for the Friday workshops is \$15.00. Attendance is encouraged, but optional. These workshops are open to everyone in the diocese. Lay leaders in parishes, missions and worship groups are encouraged to attend, as well as clergy and delegates who are attending the Convention. Delegates and clergy can register for the workshop on the convention registration form. Those registering as visitors for Convention may also register for the workshop on the visitor registration form. Forms are on the website. The workshops will take place at Calvary Episcopal Church located at 106 Line Street. **Please register by Wednesday, October 15, 2014.**

Visitors, including the news media, are welcome to attend all convention events, **but must be registered in advance by October 15**. A nominal visitor registration charge of \$30 is required for lunch and printed materials.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND GUEST LODGING

Clergy and delegates are responsible for making their own arrangements for lodging, if needed.

Church of the Holy Communion is coordinating with parishioners who can offer rooms in their homes free of charge to clergy and delegates attending the Convention. Please contact Kim McAtee at holycomm@bellsouth.net or (843) 722-2024 by October 15 if you would like to make arrangements to stay with a local host.

Rooms at several price-points have been reserved for the Convention on November 13, 14, and 15. To secure these special Convention rates, contact these hotels directly before the first week in October. (The reserved rooms will be released after that time and the rates may not be honored.)

A list of hotel rates and contact information can be found online at episcopalchurchsc.org.

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I look forward to welcoming you to Convention in November.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Calhoun Walpole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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The Venerable Calhoun Walpole, Archdeacon
Secretary of Convention