



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

## CALL TO CONVENTION

228th Annual Diocesan Convention

November 16-17, 2018

*“Faith, Hope, and Love”*

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 16-17, 2018. Our theme will be “Faith, Hope, and Love.”

We are delighted to have Becca Stevens, an Episcopal priest, social entrepreneur, speaker and author, as our convention speaker and workshop leader. The founder and president of Thistle Farms, a global community of survivors of trafficking and addiction that includes justice enterprises, she is widely honored for her work as an entrepreneur and justice advocate.

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.

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

- Discussion of the 2019 program and budget
- Introduction of nominees for diocesan offices
- Proposed resolutions

**Southern:** Saturday, October 6 at 10:30 am at St. Mark’s, Port Royal

**Peninsula Charleston/West Charleston:** Wednesday, October 10 at 7 pm at Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston

**Pee Dee-Waccamaw:** Sunday, October 14 at 3 pm at Church of the Messiah, Myrtle Beach

\*\* If you cannot attend the meeting scheduled for your deanery, you are welcome to attend another one.

### *Preliminary Convention Schedule*

#### **FRIDAY, November 16**

9:00 a.m. Workshop Registration Opens (at Calvary Episcopal Church)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Workshop led by Becca Stevens

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens

2:00-5:20 p.m. Break-Out Informational Sessions

- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Constitution & Canons
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee
- 3:20 – 3:50 p.m. Budget
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Delegate Orientation
- 4:40 – 5:10 p.m. General Convention Roundtable
- 5:10 – 5:40 p.m. Meet the Nominees

6:00 p.m. Call to Order, followed immediately by Convention Eucharist. The Right Reverend Gladstone Adams, Preacher and Celebrant.

7:30 p.m. Welcome Dinner (included with delegate and visitor registration)

### **SATURDAY, November 17**

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. Box lunches served (included with registration)

1:00 p.m. Afternoon business session

### ***Elections at Convention***

The Convention will hold elections for the following positions:

- Standing Committee: 2 lay members and 2 clergy members, 3 year terms
- Diocesan Council: 2 lay members and 2 clergy members, 3 year terms
- University of the South Board of Trustees: 1 clergy member, 3 year term
- Trustees of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 3 lay members and 3 clergy members, term varies

All nominations must have the approval of the person being nominated, and must be received by the Secretary of Convention by **Monday, September 17, 2018**, in order to be included in pre-convention materials. Nominators must be members of the Convention (lay delegates or members of the clergy). A Notice of Election and Nomination Form are available online at [www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org), on our Annual Diocesan Convention 2018 page.

### ***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 [www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org). All resolutions must be received by the Secretary of Convention no later than **Monday, September 17, 2018**, in order to be included in pre-convention materials.

Resolutions affecting the Constitution and Canons must be submitted to the Committee on Constitutions and Canons. These also must be received by **September 17, 2018**. All may be submitted to [convention@episcopalchurchsc.org](mailto:convention@episcopalchurchsc.org).

### ***Registration Procedures***

Each Parish and Mission is asked to register online, and register all their delegates, alternates and clergy at one time. Clergy who are not directly affiliated with a delegation may register individually.

Visitors may register with the delegation or on their own. The Online Registration Link can be found at [www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org). Registration cost is \$75 per delegate, \$50 per visitor, \$30 for Friday night Eucharist and dinner only. Payment may be made online or sent to the Diocesan Office by mail.

***Registration materials for clergy and delegates must be received by the diocesan office by 12:00 pm Friday, October 5.***

Visitors, including the news media, are welcome to attend all convention events, **but must be registered in advance by Tuesday, October 30**. A visitor registration charge of \$50 is required for meals and printed materials. Late registrations after the deadline will be an additional \$10 per person.

Registration for the Friday workshop with Becca Stevens is \$25.00 and includes lunch. Attendance is encouraged, but optional. These workshops are open to everyone in the diocese. Lay leaders and clergy in parishes, missions and worship groups are encouraged to attend. The workshops will take place at Calvary Episcopal Church located at 106 Line Street. **Please register by Tuesday, October 30, 2018.**

All canonically resident clergy serving in a parish are expected to attend the annual diocesan convention. Please make it a priority on your calendar from year to year. Normally, only a parish or family emergency requiring your attention should intervene. If you do need to be absent from convention and believe you have an otherwise compelling reason, it is expected that a letter stating the reason and asking permission to be absent be sent to the bishop.

### ***Hotel Accommodations and Guest Lodging***

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

Rooms at several price-points have been reserved for the Convention on November 16. To secure these special Convention rates, contact these hotels directly by October 15. (The reserved rooms will be released after that time and the rates may not be honored.) If you need financial assistance, please contact the Diocesan Office.

A list of hotel rates and contact information can be found online at [www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org).

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 below the text "Peace in Christ,".

The Venerable Calhoun Walpole, Archdeacon  
Secretary of Convention