



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

231st Annual Diocesan Convention November 12-13, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina will be hosted by the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church on November 12-13, 2021.

Diocesan Convention this year presents 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 Diocese of South Carolina. Even though we are still dealing with a global pandemic, we are planning a hybrid convention informed by guidance from physicians who have been advising our Standing Committee. Based on the guidance from these medical consultants, we anticipate a lessening of the wave caused by the Delta variant by the end of September. Should this not be the case, we will make adjustments as necessary just as we have done for the Clergy Conference. Our hope is to create opportunities to involve the people of the diocese in this important event in a way that is comfortable for each individual. The October pre-convention deanery meetings and November convention meetings (e.g. meet the nominees, budget, etc...) will be entirely online. All Friday and Saturday events of convention will have the option to be attended in-person or virtually online.

Three Deanery Meetings will be held prior to Convention. These meetings will include all clergy, delegates and alternates for the Convention, as well as other interested leaders. Attendance at these meetings is important, as they are an opportunity for discussion of proposed resolutions, and the 2022 program and budget, and an introduction of nominees for diocesan offices.

This year, all pre-convention deanery meetings will be held online. You are welcome to attend the one that is most convenient for you.

Thursday, October 7 at 6 pm

Wednesday, October 13 at 6 pm

Sunday, October 24 at 3 pm

Schedule of Convention

Friday, November 12

2:00 - 6:30 pm Registration at Holy Cross Faith Memorial for in-person attendees

Dinner on your own

6:00 pm Registration online for virtual attendees

6:30 pm Friday evening gathering including outdoor dessert reception (*livestreamed*)

Saturday, November 13

8:00 am Registration continues at Holy Cross Faith Memorial for in-person attendees

8:30 am Registration continues online for virtual attendees

9:00 am Call to Order followed by business session

(Zoom for online delegates and livestreamed)

11:00 am Sending Eucharist (*livestreamed*)

12:30 pm Box lunch

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;
1 lay member and 1 clergy member, 1-year terms
- University of the South Board of Trustees: 1 clergy member, 3-year term

All nominations must have the approval of the person being nominated, and be received by the Secretary of Convention by **Thursday, September 23, 2021**, 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 on our Annual Diocesan Convention 2021 page.

Resolutions

Members of the Diocese are invited to submit resolutions for consideration at the Convention. Please follow the format and guidelines described in the Notice of Submittal of Resolutions. All resolutions are to be received by the Secretary of Convention no later than **Thursday, September 23, 2021**, in order to be included in pre-convention materials.

Resolutions affecting the Constitution and Canons are to be submitted to the Committee on Constitutions and Canons, and received by **September 23, 2021**. All may be submitted to convention@episcopalchurchsc.org.

Registration Procedures

Each Parish and Mission is asked to register online, and register all their lay and clergy delegates and alternates at the same time. Clergy who are not directly affiliated with a delegation and visitors may register individually. The Online Registration Link can be found at www.episcopalchurchsc.org.

Registration cost is \$80 per lay/clergy delegate and \$50 per in-person visitor. There is no cost for online visitors. Payment may be made online or sent to the Diocesan Office by mail.

Registration for delegates must be received no later than October 7 and for all visitors by November 1.

All canonically-resident clergy serving in a parish are expected to attend the annual diocesan convention. If an unforeseen urgent parish or family event prevents you from attending, please write a letter to Bishop-elect Ruth Woodliff-Stanley and send it to Lauren Kinard at kinard@episcopalchurchsc.org.

Hotel Accommodations and Guest Lodging

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

Rooms have been reserved for the Convention on November 12 at the Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort. To secure special Convention rates, book online 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.

The link for hotel reservations will be added soon.

We look forward to seeing you at Convention in November.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Donehue', written in a cursive style.

The Reverend Robertson Donehue
President of the Standing Committee