



# The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

## CALL TO CONVENTION

227th Annual Diocesan Convention

November 10-11, 2017

*“The Wisdom of the Body”*

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina will be held at All Saints’ Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on November 10-11, 2017. Our theme will be “The Wisdom of the Body.”

We are delighted to have the Rev. William Redfield as our Convention Preacher. Father Bill recently retired as rector of Trinity Church, Fayetteville, NY, after nearly 20 years. Besides being an Episcopal priest, he is also a licensed clinical social worker and has worked in private practice in Central New York and Maine. He has had a lifelong interest in the intersection of spirituality and the inner life. He is the creative force behind the birth of Wisdom House, Fayetteville, NY. Bill was introduced to Centering Prayer by Cynthia Bourgeault more than 23 years ago and has been an active student of hers for the last eight years.

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 2018 program and budget
- Introduction of nominees for diocesan offices
- Proposed resolutions

**Peninsula Charleston/West Charleston:** Saturday, September 30 at 10 am at St. Thomas, North Charleston

**Southern:** Wednesday, October 4 at 6 pm at Episcopal Church in Okatie

**Pee Dee-Waccamaw:** Sunday, October 8 at 3 pm at St. Alban’s, Kingstree

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

## ***Preliminary Convention Schedule***

*In the midst of the South Carolina Supreme Court Decision, it is certainly possible that details could change. This is what we know and are planning for at this time.*

### **FRIDAY, November 10**

12:00-2:00 p.m. Gullah Tour (optional, includes boxed lunch)

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens

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

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

5:30 p.m. Call to Order, followed immediately by Convention Eucharist. The Rev. William Redfield, Preacher; and the Right Reverend Gladstone Adams, Celebrant.

7:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner (included with delegate and visitor registration).

### **SATURDAY, November 11**

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, a 3-year term
- Diocesan Council: 2 lay members and 2 clergy members, a 3-year term
- 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 **Monday, September 11, 2017**, in order to be included in pre-convention materials. A Notice of Election and Nomination Form are available online at [www.episcopalchurchsc.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org), on our Annual Diocesan Convention 2017 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 11, 2017**, 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 11, 2017**. 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, \$25 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 Monday, October 2.***

Visitors, including the news media, are welcome to attend all convention events, **but must be registered in advance by October 31**. A visitor registration charge of \$50 is required for meals and printed materials.

### ***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 10. To secure these special Convention rates, contact these hotels directly by October 2. (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).

### ***Gullah Tour (Optional)***

Prior to convention, All Saints' is offering an opportunity to learn about the culture of Gullah people. The Gullah Heritage Trail Tours is a travel through native island neighborhoods on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. A family of 12 brothers and sisters, who trace their family's origin on the Island to the early 1800's, operate the two-hour tour narrating a story known to few, while weaving through hidden paths of the island's subtropical landscape. At halfway point you will have a 15-20 minute rest stop at a place of cultural interest or at one of the Public

Beach Accesses allowing for a casual stroll over a boardwalk to view the Atlantic Ocean and breathe the refreshing salt air.

You will hear first hand stories, tales, and historical data of the customs and traditions of Gullah life. A mixture of American and West African customs and traditions, Gullah culture is based in West African ancestry. It is manifested in family life style, food ways, language and folklore practiced among African Americans in coastal North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

More than 3,000 native islanders have retained Africanisms in their food ways, religious practices, art forms, survival practices, and their daily lifestyle. Highly qualified tour guides connect this history with mainstream American history to which many visitors can relate.

Designed for one to experience the Gullah culture of ten (10) neighborhoods, established during the civil war (1862) long "before the bridge" (1956) to the mainland. If you are interested, please register for the tour when you register for convention. The tour will depart All Saints at noon on Friday and the cost of the tour and lunch is \$30 per person.

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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 below the text "Peace in Christ,".

The Venerable Calhoun Walpole, Archdeacon  
Secretary of Convention