



# The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

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## **CALL TO CONVENTION**

**225th Annual Diocesan Convention**

**November 13-14, 2015**

***“A Call to All”***

Notice is hereby given that the annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina will be held at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island, South Carolina on November 13-14, 2015. Our theme will be “A Call to All.”

We are delighted to have the Right Reverend Doctor Robert Gillies, The Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, one of the seven historic dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church, as the preacher for our 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 13. This year, in fitting with our theme, we are offering multiple workshops. Each one focuses on a different way we are called to serve as the church. Participants will be able to attend two workshops, one in the morning session and one in the afternoon session. Topics include Spiritual Gifts, Disaster Planning, and Telling Your Story. There will also be an all day workshop for interested clergy on Preaching the Lectionary Gospels for Year C led by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Long of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation. Please see the attached workshop brochure and registration form for workshop descriptions.

Four Deanery Meetings are being scheduled prior to Convention. These meetings are to include all clergy, delegates and alternates for the Fall 2015 Convention. Attendance at these meetings is important, as they are the venue for:

- Discussion of the 2016 program and budget
- Introduction of nominees for diocesan offices
- Proposed resolutions

**Southern:** Sunday, September 27, 3:00 p.m. at The Episcopal Church in Okatie

**West Charleston:** Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas, North Charleston

**Peninsula:** Sunday, October 11, 3:00 p.m. at Grace, Charleston

**Pee Dee-Waccamaw:** Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawley's Island

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

### ***Preliminary Convention Schedule***

*(subject to change prior to November 13)*

#### **FRIDAY, November 13**

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

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Workshops Session I

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

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session II

1:00 p.m. Registration Opens

3:30-5:00 p.m. Break-Out Informational Sessions

- 3:30 p.m. Budget
- 4:00 p.m. Resolutions
- 4:30 p.m. Constitution & Canons

5:00 p.m. Call to Order, followed immediately by Convention Eucharist. The Right Reverend Doctor Robert Gillies, Preacher; and the Right Reverend Charles vonRosenberg, Celebrant.

6:30 p.m. Welcoming Dinner. Beverages and dinner will be served (included with delegate and visitor registration).

#### **SATURDAY, November 14**

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 clergy 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 7, 2015**, 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).

### ***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 7, 2015**, 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 7, 2015**.

### ***Registration Procedures***

Each Parish and Mission is asked to send in one registration for their delegates, alternates and clergy. Clergy who are not directly affiliated with a delegation may register individually. Visitors may register with the delegation or on their own. The Registration Form is available to download and print 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.

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

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 and missions are encouraged to attend, as well as clergy and delegates who are attending the Convention. Forms are on the website. **Please register by Wednesday, October 19, 2015.**

Visitors, including the news media, are welcome to attend all convention events, **but must be registered in advance by October 19**. 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 12, 13, 14. To secure these special Convention rates, contact these hotels directly by October 1. (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).

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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 printed name and title.

*Callie*

The Venerable Calhoun Walpole, Archdeacon  
Secretary of Convention