



The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

CALL TO CONVENTION

226th Annual Diocesan Convention

November 11-12, 2016

“Seek and Serve Christ”

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina will be held at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, South Carolina on November 11-12, 2016. Our theme will be “Seek and Serve Christ.”

We are delighted to have the Reverend Winnie Varghese, Director of Justice and Reconciliation for Trinity Church Wall Street, NY, as our Convention Preacher and WORKshop keynote speaker. Winnie has a huge heart for mission and social justice, challenging Trinity to go deeper into mission commitments and engage in new opportunities. She has been a priest for 15 years, serving parishes and as a college chaplain.

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.

Convention WORKshops: On the Friday of Convention this year we plan to live out our theme by spending a day at several sites in the community, giving back and serving others. We will gather Friday morning to hear from our keynote speaker, the Rev. Winnie Varghese, Director of Community Outreach for Trinity Wall Street, and then go forth to "Seek and Serve Christ" at our Convention WORKshops. There will be outreach locations for all skill and activity levels. There will be an opportunity to gather again in the afternoon to pray and reflect on the day.

Four Deanery Meetings are being scheduled prior to Convention. These meetings are to include all clergy, delegates and alternates for the Fall 2016 Convention. Attendance at these meetings is important, as they are the venue for:

- Discussion of the 2017 program and budget
- Introduction of nominees for diocesan offices
- Proposed resolutions

West Charleston: Sunday, October 2 at 3 pm at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville

Southern: Saturday, October 8 at 10 am at Christ Church, Denmark

Peninsula: Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm at Calvary, Charleston

Pee Dee-Waccamaw: Sunday, October 16 at 3 pm at St. Catherine's, Florence

** 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 11)

FRIDAY, November 11

8:00 a.m. Check-in and registration begins at St Thomas Episcopal Church, North Charleston

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Outreach Presentation at St. Thomas Episcopal Church

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. WORKshops (bag lunches will be provided)

3:00 p.m. Registration Opens at Grace Church Cathedral

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

- Budget
- Resolutions Committee meeting
- Constitution & Canons
- Meet the Nominees

6:00 p.m. Call to Order, followed immediately by Convention Eucharist. The Reverend Winnie Varghese, Preacher; and the Right Reverend Skip Adams, Celebrant.

7:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception. Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served (included with delegate and visitor registration).

SATURDAY, November 12

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, 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)
- General Convention 2018 deputies: 4 clergy members (4 alternates), 4 lay members (4 alternates)

All nominations must have the approval of the person being nominated, and must be received by the Secretary of Convention by **Monday, September 12, 2016**, in order to be included in pre-convention materials. A Notice of Election and Nomination Form are available online at www.episcopalchurchsc.org, on our Annual Diocesan Convention 2016 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. All resolutions must be received by the Secretary of Convention no later than **Monday, September 12, 2016**, 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 12, 2016**. All may be submitted to convention@episcopalchurchsc.org.

Registration Procedures

Each Parish and Mission is asked to register online this year, 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. Registration cost is \$75 per delegate, \$50 per visitor, \$25 for Friday night Eucharist and reception 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 3.

Registration for the Friday WORKshops is \$25.00. 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. Registration includes lunch and a t-shirt. Forms are on the website. **Please register by Wednesday, October 17, 2016.**

Visitors, including the news media, are welcome to attend all convention events, **but must be registered in advance by October 17**. 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, 11, and 12. To secure these special Convention rates, contact these hotels directly by October 9. (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.

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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 a dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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The Venerable Calhoun Walpole, Archdeacon
Secretary of Convention