



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

CALL TO CONVENTION

229th Annual Diocesan Convention
November 15-16, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina will be hosted by the West Charleston Deanery at the North Charleston Marriott on November 15-16, 2019. Our theme will be “Ponder Anew.”

We are delighted to have the Right Reverend Todd Ousley with us for Convention this year. In his role as the Bishop for Pastoral Development, Bishop Ousley provides direct support to the Presiding Bishop and the House of Bishops in the areas of episcopal transitions, intake for disciplinary matters involving bishops, and pastoral care of bishops, their families and diocesan systems. He also provides resources for re-deployment of bishops and explorations of creative diocesan collaborations. There will be time at Diocesan Convention to hear from Bishop Ousley and our Standing Committee about the coming transitions in episcopal leadership for our Diocese.

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 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 as well as other interested leaders. Attendance at these meetings is important, as they are an opportunity for:

- Discussion of the 2020 program and budget
- Introduction of nominees for diocesan offices
- Proposed resolutions

Southern: Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 am at Episcopal Church on Okatie.

Peninsula Charleston/West Charleston: Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm at Grace Church Cathedral

Pee Dee-Waccamaw: Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am 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

FRIDAY, November 15

9:00 a.m. Registration Opens

10:00-2:30 p.m. Break-Out Informational Sessions

- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee
- 10:40 – 11:10 a.m. Budget
- 11:20 – 11:50 a.m. Constitution & Canons
- 12:45 – 1:15 p.m. Delegate Orientation
- 1:25 – 2:20 p.m. Meet the Nominees

12:00 p.m. Exhibitors Open, Lunch on own

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Session with Bishop Todd Ousley

5:00 p.m. Call to Order, followed by evening business session and Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception (included with registration)

SATURDAY, November 16

8:00 a.m. Late registration/check-in. Coffee and light breakfast (included with registration)

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, followed immediately by Convention Eucharist.

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
- Deputies to General Convention: 4 lay deputies, 4 clergy deputies, 4 lay alternates, and 4 clergy deputies, 3 year terms
- 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 be received by the Secretary of Convention by **Monday, September 16, 2019**, 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, on our Annual Diocesan Convention 2019 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, which is available online at www.episcopalchurchsc.org. All resolutions are to be received by the Secretary of Convention no later than **Monday, September 16, 2019**, 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 16, 2019**. 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 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 \$90 per lay/clergy delegate and \$65 per visitor. This includes the Friday night reception and Saturday lunch. For those visitors who can only attend one day, the cost will be \$40 for Friday (afternoon sessions and reception) or \$25 for Saturday (Eucharist and lunch). Payment may be made online or sent to the Diocesan Office by mail. There is no fee for those attending the Saturday morning Eucharist only. Late registrations after the deadline will be an additional \$15 per person.

Registration for lay and clergy delegates must be received by the Diocesan office no later than 12:00 pm Friday, October 4 and for all visitors by 12:00 pm Thursday, October 31.

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 the Bishop.

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 14 -16 at the North Charleston Marriott. To secure these special Convention rates, register online through the link below by October 24. (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.

[Link for hotel reservations](#)

We look forward to seeing you at 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