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MEMORANDUM TO: Clergy and Senior Wardens in charge of congregations

FROM: Bishop Duncan

REFERENCE: 39th Annual Diocesan Convention
"...where true love is, God himself is there!" Hymn 576
February 26, 2010
Christ Episcopal Church, Pensacola, Florida

This is an initial pre-convention packet for the 2010 Diocesan Convention set for the time and place shown above. Included in this packet are the forms and information you need to return to the Diocesan office by the dates shown on the attached memorandum. Also, please strive to comply with the registration and Diocesan information deadlines.

You will note that we have reduced the annual Diocesan Convention for 2010 to a one-day event! We believe this will save a considerable amount of money for the Diocese as well as each congregation who would normally cover the expenses of room and board while away at a two-three day Convention. We are working to arrange the Convention schedule to accommodate all of the Diocesan business, and at the same time, offer financial efficiency.

Our chaplain and preacher for the closing service on Friday afternoon will be The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. He is clearly one of the Episcopal Church's most prominent and gifted preachers!

In an effort to provide a full open hearing on the Diocesan budget and other Diocesan finance issues, we are hoping to have two meetings in two separate places in the Diocese prior to the Diocesan Convention. This will be an opportunity for delegates to come participate in the budget/finance discussions prior to the Convention. Although the exact format has not been set, we also hope to have an orientation and get-acquainted session for first time and small church delegates prior to the Convention meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to our annual Convention, albeit shortened, and to our continued work in the mission and ministry within our Diocese.

PMD,II/cmk

Enclosures