



The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

December 10, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO: Clergy and Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations

FROM: Bishop Kendrick

REFERENCE: 50th Annual Diocesan Convention – “Life Together – Go Forward”
February 26-27, 2021
Virtual Convention

***** PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS A VIRTUAL CONVENTION THIS YEAR *****

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2021 Diocesan Convention, set for the time and place shown above. Included in the packet, you’ll find information and instructions for completing all necessary Convention forms; we ask that you submit them to the Diocesan office by the dates provided. **Please note and meet the key deadlines to ensure timely confirmation and communication.**

This year, **there will only be one pre-Convention meeting, held virtually, on January 31, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.** Attendance to this meeting will be through ZOOM video conferencing that will be set up. The meeting will also be recorded for later viewing. Details for accessing via ZOOM will be posted later.

Registration will open online January 4, 2021. This year, the certification of delegates, registration, and payments will all be completed at one time via electronic form. Churches will be provided instructions prior to registration.

We are planning a virtual Friday evening service, followed by a half-day Saturday business session (9:00am to 1:30pm).

I am deeply grateful to be your Bishop. The theme for our 2021 diocesan convention carries over from the last two years, in celebration of our Jubilee year. It is “Life Together – Go Forward.” While together, I hope we will take time to explore and celebrate our common life and identity as Episcopalians. I look forward to our life together during Convention.

JRK/mrp
Enclosures

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The Convention schedule is still being finalized. However, do note that all sessions will be conducted “virtually” via Zoom.

Draft Schedule:

Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm (via Zoom)

- Orientation, Budget overview, practice voting (VPOLL) with delegates

Friday, February 26, 2021 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

- Convention Service & Bishop’s Address

Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 9:00am to 1:30pm

- Convention Business Sessions
 - 8:00am to 9:00am – Virtual check-in
 - 9:00am – Business Session 1 | Workshop
 - 12:00pm – Break for Lunch
 - 12:30pm – Business Session 2