



## The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

November 5, 2021

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Clergy and Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations without Clergy

**FROM:** Bishop Kendrick

**REFERENCE:** 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention – “Go Forward”  
February 17 - 19, 2022  
Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center  
Hosted by St. Simon’s Church, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

**\* \* \* PLEASE NOTE \* \* \***

### **THE 1<sup>ST</sup> BUSINESS SESSION WILL BE via ZOOM ON THURSDAY EVENING**

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2022 Diocesan Convention, set for the dates and place shown above. Included in this 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.**

St. Simon’s has been busy preparing to host our convention, including hotel accommodations, which can be found on the Convention website ([www.diocgc.org/2022-diocesan-convention](http://www.diocgc.org/2022-diocesan-convention)). They have reserved a block of rooms at several nearby hotels, with a range of reduced rates. Each provides a variety of amenities. Please note: **Hotel deadlines to receive the reduced group rate is January 17, 2022. Please be aware of the deadlines in order to take advantage of the group rate.**

A Convention schedule, driving directions, and other pertinent information will be forwarded to all delegates in a convention booklet that will be sent out prior to Convention. This year, **there will only be one pre-Convention meeting via ZOOM, Sunday, January 30 from 4 to 5:00pm.** The meeting will also be recorded for later viewing. Details for accessing via ZOOM will be posted later.

All Convention attendees are asked to register on-line. **Registration will open December 3, 2021.**

I am deeply grateful to be your Bishop. The theme for our 2022 Diocesan Convention carries over from our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee year. It is “Go Forward”. The focus of our convention is Ministry and Mission. So, I would like to hear from you, your suggestions and ideas for the workshops planned for Friday, that build on the Convention focus of Ministry and Mission. A form to submit your suggestion(s) is available on the Diocesan website, under the Convention tab (see above link).

While together in Fort Walton, I hope we can all enjoy a renewed sense of connection as we come together in-person to celebrate our common life and identity as Episcopalians. I look forward to hearing about your dreams to Go Forward, at Convention.

JRK/mrp  
Enclosures

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## IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT the SCHEDULE of CONVENTION

### Thursday, February 17, 2022

- **Business Session I will be organized for business on Thursday afternoon [not Friday], therefore we will need a Quorum of registered delegates on Thursday this year.**
- Convention Opening Service and the Bishop's Address will be via Livestream.

### Friday, February 18, 2022

- Exhibits will be open
- **Business Session II will be organized for business.**
- **The Most Reverend Michael Curry** will be a keynote speaker Friday morning.
- Workshops will be held Friday afternoon.
- An Evening Social is planned.

### Saturday, February 19, 2022

- **Final Business Session will be organized for any unfinished business.**
- Closing Service.
- Standing Committee will meet briefly, immediately following close of Convention.
- **A Clergy and Spouse luncheon with Presiding Bishop Curry is planned.**