



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: 51st 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.

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THE 1ST 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). 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 50th 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.**