



The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

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MEMORANDUM TO: Delegates to the 53rd Annual Convention

FROM: The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick 

REFERENCE: 2nd Packet Study Material for the 2024 Diocesan Convention

Enclosed is study material for Diocesan Convention which includes: a Schedule of Events; List of Delegates; Reports; Budgets; and Standing Committee member nominations. **A PRINTED COPY OF THIS MATERIAL WILL BE IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION CHECK-IN PACKET.** If you find that you will be unable to attend the Convention, please forward this email to the alternate taking your place. Please refer to the reverse of this memorandum for some notes regarding the 2024 Diocesan Convention activities.

Also enclosed is general event information.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION – Please check-in during the scheduled times: **Friday, February 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** and **Saturday, February 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** [Life Center Lobby]. If an alternate attends in place of a delegate, **the alternate must register to be certified as a delegate.** Attendees will receive their name badge and convention packet. Be sure to access our VPOLL voting system on your tablet or smartphone immediately following check-in. Details will be included in your packet.

NECROLOGY – Please complete the on-line form on the Diocesan website [2024 Diocesan Convention Necrology Reporting Form](#) or **email/hand to Mary Poss at the Convention registration desk [mary@diocgc.org]**, names of former clergy or lay delegates to Diocesan Conventions (including the Dioceses of Alabama and Florida which once included this diocese) who died since the 52nd Annual Convention last year.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CLERGY – SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Eucharist (Rite II). Clergy WILL VEST in alb or cassock/surplice with RED stole. We will have Renewal of Vows during the service.

Clergy, please assemble immediately following the close of Convention for the CLERGY PHOTO.

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Notes regarding 2024 Diocesan Convention

YOUTH DELEGATES – Upon arrival to the convention, Youth Delegates are asked to gather in the Life Center Lobby with the Youth Shepherd, Meghan Johnson.

REPORTS – Other than select presentations, Agency and Commission/Committee reports will be filed by title. Delegates are encouraged to read the reports included in this packet.

RULES OF ORDER – To assist new delegates, and possibly even some veterans, the Rules of Order for the Diocesan Convention are included in this packet for reference.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS- There are pre-filed nominations for Standing Committee members. The Convention will be electing two (2) lay representatives and one (1) clergy representative for the Standing Committee; plus the Bishop's nominees for Standing Committee.

DELEGATE CHANGES – Please report delegate changes to jenn@diocg.org by completing and emailing the delegate change form found in this packet.

PRAYER ROOM IN THE CHAPEL– Sponsored by The Order of the Daughters of the King®, will be available for quiet/prayer time and a place to leave prayer requests.

CLERGY SPOUSE BRUNCH – All clergy spouses are invited to attend the Clergy Spouse Brunch at East Shore Café, hosted by Robin Kendrick, on Saturday, February 24, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Transportation will be provided from St. Paul's, meet outside the Life Center at 9 a.m.

CLERGY SPOUSE LOUNGE – The St. Paul's Library will be reserved just for clergy spouses as a lounge throughout the convention. Clergy spouses feel free to stop in any time to relax and enjoy!

Other Important Details to Note

Bring Your Own Water Bottles To eliminate single-use, plastic water bottles at our convention, our hosts will be providing water stations to fill your containers – please bring your own!

Items for Outreach Project Saturday morning, we will be putting together care packages for two ministries – the Clothesline Ministry at St. John’s, Mobile, and the Blue Door Ministry at St. Andrew’s, Destin. Each delegate, as able to do so, is asked to bring the following:

- Two(2) packages of six(6)-count men’s or women’s UNDERWEAR, any style, any size, and
- Two(2) packages of six(6)-count men’s or women’s SOCKS, any style, any size

We encourage churches to take up a collection on a Sunday morning over the next few weeks and send that with your delegates.

Pre-Convention Meeting Recording The recording of the Pre-Convention Meeting held on February 6, is available at <https://youtu.be/YiDIyUlnsZo>.

Budget Hearing on Zoom From 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2024. The proposed budget for 2024 will be presented online via ZOOM this year. This will provide an opportunity for delegates to better understand the Diocese’s finances and have answered any questions they may have. All delegates are invited and encouraged to attend this hearing. The Convention Committee on Finance will present its report to the Convention Friday afternoon, for a vote on the 2024 budget and Convention offerings.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755049297>

Meeting ID: 837 5504 9297

Printed Materials All registered delegates will receive printed versions of all the documents in this packet which will also be available on our website at www.diocgc.org/2024-diocesan-convention.

Quorum and Voting All voting delegates are required to sign into the VPOLL system by the start of each day’s business sessions. Your log-in credentials will be provided in your registration packets that you will receive upon check-in at St. Paul’s on Friday, February 23.

Hearing, Mobility, or Other Accommodations Anyone needing assistance with hearing, mobility, or any other accommodation, please contact Jenn Johnson at jenn@diocgc.org. We will make every effort to ensure your full participation in the convention.

Youth Lock-in On Friday night, February 23, St. Paul’s will be hosting an overnight lock-in for youth in grades 9th-12th. Details and registration can be found at www.diocgc.org/programs-events.

Still have questions? If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenn Johnson at jenn@diocgc.org.