



## The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

November 17, 2022

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

**FROM:** Bishop Kendrick

**REFERENCE:** 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention – “This is My Story, This is My Song”  
March 3 – 4, 2023  
University of West Florida Conference Center  
Hosts: Holy Trinity and St. Cyprian’s in Pensacola and St. Monica’s in Cantonment

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2023 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.**

Holy Trinity, St. Cyprian’s and St. Monica’s have been busy preparing to host our convention. Hotel accommodations can be found on the Convention website at [www.diocgc.org/2023-diocesan-convention](http://www.diocgc.org/2023-diocesan-convention). A block of rooms at several nearby hotels, with a range of reduced rates has been reserved. Each provides a variety of amenities. Please note: **Hotel deadlines to receive the reduced group rate is Friday, February 3, 2023. Please be aware of deadlines, 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, February 5, 2023, from 4 pm to 5 pm CT.** 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 2, 2022.**

The theme for our 2023 Diocesan Convention is “This is My Story, This is My Song.” As in past years, it is our intent to offer you a convention that is not simply to meet a canonical obligation or conduct an extended church business meeting. It is a time for us to gather as the people of God to celebrate God’s work in our midst and be challenged for the work ahead. In other words, the focus of our convention is Ministry and Mission.

While we are together in Pensacola, we will be challenged by a message from The Reverend Becca Stevens, [Becca Stevens | Author, Speaker, Priest, and Founder of Thistle Farms](#). We will spend time at tables sharing our stories and songs. We will be equipped for ministry by means of workshops, and we will celebrate The Holy Eucharist.

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## IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT the SCHEDULE of CONVENTION

### Thursday, March 2, 2023

- **Budget Hearing and any Convention Committee meetings will be held via Zoom.** Time to be determined.

### Friday, March 3, 2023

- Exhibits will be open.
- **Business Session I will be organized for business.**
- **The Rev. Becca Stevens** will be our keynote speaker.
- Table talks/Workshops will be held Friday afternoon.
- An Evening Social is planned.

### Saturday, March 4, 2023

- **Business Session II will be organized for remaining business.**
- Closing Service.
- Standing Committee will meet briefly, immediately following close of Convention.