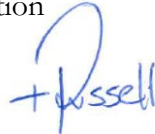




The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

17 February 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Delegates to the 50th Annual Convention

FROM: The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick 

REFERENCE: Study Material for the 2021 Diocesan Convention

***** PLEASE NOTE – THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL CONVENTION THIS YEAR *****

I regret that we will not be able to gather together in person for our 50th annual convention. Still, I look forward to our work and fellowship next week. Please set aside some time to review the enclosed materials.

Enclosed is study material for Diocesan Convention which includes: Schedule of Events; List of Delegates; Reports; Budgets; and Standing Committee nominations. Please refer to the reverse of this memorandum for some notes regarding the 2021 Diocesan Convention activities.

CONVENTION CHECK-IN – The Friday, February 26, Opening Service and Bishop’s Address will be livestreamed at 6:00 p.m. (no Zoom meeting), and check-in for the Saturday, February 27, Business Session will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Delegates will check-in by logging into Zoom and VPOLL (links will be emailed Friday morning). If an alternate attends in place of a delegate, the alternate must register to be certified as a delegate by completing and submitting the Delegate Change Form (included in this packet).

NECROLOGY – Please complete the on-line form on the Diocesan website [2021 Diocesan Convention Necrology Reporting Form](#) no later than Tuesday, February 23, the names of former delegates to Diocesan Conventions (including the Dioceses of Alabama and Florida which once included this diocese) who have died since the 49th Annual Convention last year.

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Notes regarding 2021 Diocesan Convention

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 –Special Rules of Order are included with this packet of information. Because of the necessity for a virtual convention, please read the proposed special rules of order that will be adopted at the beginning of our business session.

OPEN HEARING ON THE 2021 BUDGET – 3:00pm on Friday, February 26 via ZOOM (link will be provided in advance and session will be recorded). The proposed budget for 2021 will be presented with an open discussion with all delegates. This will provide an opportunity for delegates to better understand the Diocese’s finances and have answered any questions they might have. The Convention Committee on Finance will present its report to the Convention Saturday afternoon, for a vote on the 2021 budget.

PRAYER ROOM – The Order of the Daughters of the King® will be praying from their homes for the needs by members of our community and for our gathered convention while we are in session. This packet includes details on how to submit a specific prayer request.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE - 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. These elections will be held during the Saturday morning business session. Per Rule XI, Section 2, pg 242 of the 2019 Diocesan Journal:

“If, after the second ballot, all open positions are not filled by majority vote, then on the third and next succeeding ballots, there shall be retained only twice the number of nominees as there are unfilled positions, said nominees to be taken from those receiving the highest number of votes, until, by majority vote, a nominee is elected.”