



The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

October 31, 2023

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

FROM: Bishop Kendrick

REFERENCE: 53rd Annual Diocesan Convention – “**Be Transformed**”
February 23 – 24, 2024
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church; Daphne, Alabama

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2024 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. Paul’s has already been busy preparing to host our convention. Hotel accommodations can be found on the Convention website at www.diocgc.org/2024-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 January 23, 2024. 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, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 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 November 24, 2023.**

The theme for our 2024 Diocesan Convention is “**Be Transformed**”. 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 Daphne, we will be challenged by a message from a guest speaker. 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.

JRK/mrp
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IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT the SCHEDULE of CONVENTION

Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

Friday, February 23, 2024

- Exhibits will be open.
- **Business Session I will be organized for business.**
- Keynote speaker.
- Table talks/Workshops will be held Friday afternoon.
- An Evening Social is planned.

Saturday, February 24, 2024

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