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PRE-CONVENTION MEETING DETAILS & INSTRUCTIONS

JANUARY 30, 2022 AT 4PM CT ON ZOOM

To: Clergy, Lay, Youth and Alternate Delegates to the 51st Annual Diocesan Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Greetings, we are looking forward to our time together, both on Zoom and in person during our upcoming diocesan convention! Please check with your fellow delegates to make sure everyone that should have received this information has received it. Sometimes our emails may land in a promotions or junk email folder. Thank you!

You are receiving this email because you are registered as a clergy, lay, youth or alternate delegate to the 51st Annual Diocesan Convention. If you have received this email in error, please let us know by way of a reply.

NOTE: Registrants are receiving incorrect convention details in the registration confirmation sent by **Eventbrite**. The incorrect information is from last year's convention. There was an unfortunate glitch in Eventbrite's system which duplicated that information when the form was copied from last year's event. We are working with Eventbrite's developers to resolve this issue. **REGISTRANTS ARE ASKED TO DISREGARD INFORMATION FROM EVENTBRITE THAT SITES INCORRECT CONVENTION DATES AND ASSOCIATED DETAILS.**

Below is the information you will need to participate in the Pre-Convention Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 30, at 4pm CST and held on Zoom. This meeting will prepare you for our annual meeting in February.

It is recommended that you join the Zoom meeting via a computer or laptop device and use a separate mobile or tablet device to access the voting application (details to follow).

JOIN THE ZOOM PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

On Sunday, January 30, beginning at 3:30pm CST, please join the Zoom Meeting by clicking this link:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/e290f8a1/_OP-UGk4f0CgIJu0fRIZMA?u=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188849500?pwd=Tng4RU85QUNUQWsyQjZOMXRiYWdYQT09.

Meeting ID: 811 8884 9500

Passcode: 2022

If you have not previously downloaded Zoom to your computer, you will be asked to do so at this time. Follow the prompts. Here is a tutorial video for how to join a Zoom Meeting for the first time:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8b9d68c5/KoanEdGS7UezblmX_TgeKA?u=https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E

VOTING

Below are the general instructions on how to log in to VPOLL* – our electronic voting platform:

1. On your device, go to https://link.edgepilot.com/s/40626d11/kxlyGWUO30eYiezW_7POTA?u=https://www.vpoll.mobi/
2. Enter the Access Code: **goforward22** (not case sensitive, no space)
3. Enter the Login Criteria: **your email address** (*the same one provided to us during the registration process*), plus your **individual ID number** – found on ****THIS LIST**.
4. Select the Polling Session: **Pre-Convention Meeting**

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* You will not be able to login to VPOLL until our meeting date.

**If you are not on this list, please check with your church, as we have not yet received registration, due no later than Jan. 29.

WHAT TO EXPECT

On Zoom, once you have successfully joined the meeting you will be notified that you are in a Waiting Room. A member of the Convention staff will approve your entry into the meeting. Please be patient as this process may take several minutes as we will be verifying attendees from a participant list. During this time, please make sure you are logged into the VPOLL voting platform on your other device so that it is ready for use during the meeting.

Once you have been let into the Zoom Meeting, feel free to use the chat feature to say hi to one another while we work to get everyone checked in.

At 4:10pm, Bishop Russell will kick off our Pre-Convention Meeting. During the meeting we will cover what to expect during Convention, cover Rules of Order, go over Zoom features, practice how to vote and address the Convention, talk about the schedule, and discuss the Budget and other pertinent Convention business.

There will be brief opportunities for questions; until then, please hold all questions, and keep yourself muted.

After the Pre-Convention meeting, Jenn Johnson will keep the meeting open and be available to answer any Zoom/voting related questions. We want you to feel confident in participating fully in our 51st Annual Diocesan Convention.

Again, if you are a first time Zoom user, here is a helpful tutorial video:

https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8b9d68c5/KoanEdGS7UezblmX_TgeKA?u=https://youtu.be/9isp3gPeQOE. Still need help accessing Zoom for the first time? Set up an appointment with Jenn Johnson, and she will walk you through the process from start to finish.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

An email containing the Zoom Meeting link for Thursday, February 17, and Login credentials for VPOLL for the Diocesan Convention business session will be sent several days before convention to delegates eligible to vote.

CONVENTION WEBSITE

Visit <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/1e40de55/vkaQsZDKgkufyPGHdtzFbQ?u=http://www.diocgc.org/2022-diocesan-convention>.