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EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

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General Info



Necrology

Report the names of any delegates to convention who have died between February 22, 2025, and February 27, 2026.

Scan code for form.



Prayer Requests

Sponsored by the Order of the Daughters of the King® Daughters will be praying for us throughout our convention time together.

Look for a prayer request form in your goodie bag. There will be a designated area to submit your form.



2025 Diocesan Convention

#diocgc26

Like to post on social media? Use the hashtag above so we can all be a part of the same conversation!

Wi-Fi

Public Wi-Fi is available throughout the convention center.



No password needed!

Clergy Spouse Breakfast

All clergy spouses are cordially invited to gather with Robin Kendrick at the hotel's restaurant, **SALT**.

**Saturday, February 28,
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**



2025 Diocesan Convention



27 February 2026

Dear Friends in Christ:

On behalf of the parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Gulf Breeze, FL, I want to personally welcome you to the Hilton Pensacola Beach for the 55th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. We are honored to be the host parish for this wonderful convention. We want to express our thanks to St. Augustine Parish, Navarre, FL; the diocesan staff; the lay leadership throughout our diocese; and, of course, the wonderful St. Francis family and our adult choir, led by Cathy Griffing, for assisting us with this year's convention.

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, Gulf Breeze, FL, was organized on November 4, 1956 at a meeting in the Benson Building in Gulf Breeze where the first service was conducted on January 6, 1957. The following September, The Rev. Walter E. Smith was appointed as the first Vicar of St. Francis, and services were held in an abandoned restaurant. Charter members, the late Dick and Alice Davis, recalled that the first chalice used during Holy Eucharist was a peanut butter jar.

The gift of the present church property from Clive Jenkins enabled architects and fellow parishioners, Stewart Morrison and James Look, to begin work on the master plan for the church buildings. The educational building was dedicated March 8, 1959. Services were held in this building until the church itself was built and consecrated on March 27, 1968. The Atrium which connects the nave the educational building was dedicated in 2005 by Mary and William Smart. St. Francis can be seen both coming and going from Pensacola Beach. Just look for the large, concrete, memorial cross and the Episcopal flag.

If you visit on a weekday, you will find our campus alive with members of the Gulf Breeze Senior Center, which is now up to 800+ members. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has also been a vital part of our ministry as we welcome a number of meetings each week. Several other organizations use our buildings on a yearly basis as well.

The Reverend Christian Rabone, Rector
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St. Francis has two graduates who trained through the Diocesan School for Ministry. One of those graduates, John Griffing, preaches and leads worship on a regular monthly rotation. The other graduate, Jane Ellis, has re-invented our pastoral care efforts. As I am the only ordained clergy in the Parish, the empowerment of these two lay people through Diocesan programs has been invaluable to this priest. Our past Senior Warden, Nancy Cooper, serves as the Beckwith camp nurse during the summer camps. We also have pilgrims attend Cursillo, take advantage of Clergy conferences, and participate in Diocesan commissions and committees. One of our parishioners, John Griffing, recently served as President of the Standing Committee, and I was recently appointed by the Bishop as Dean of the Pensacola area convocation. Our Diocese supports us, and we support our Diocese in many ways.

Through our convention theme “Let There Be Light”, may you “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.”
(Matthew 5:16)

Blessings,

The Reverend Christian R. Rabone
Rector, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
Gulf Breeze, FL

Schedule of Events & Convention Agenda

Thursday
26
FEB

- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup at Hilton Pensacola Beach Convention Center [Lobby & Oleander]
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ZOOM: 2026 Budget Hearing [Meeting ID: : 870 2921 5774]

Friday
27
FEB

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open [Lobby & Oleander]
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration Check-in [Lobby]
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer with Bishop’s Address [Royal Palm Ballroom]
- 9:45 a.m. – Noon Business Session I [Royal Palm Ballroom]
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. Noon Prayer [Royal Palm Ballroom] and On-site Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Plenary [Royal Palm Ballroom]
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Workshop Session I [see page 11]
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. Workshop Session II [see page 11]
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Walking the Way of Creation [various on-site locations and Royal Palm Ballroom]
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Social Time [Outside veranda (weather permitting) or Emerald Coast]

Saturday
28
FEB

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration Check-in [Lobby]
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Exhibits Open [Lobby & Oleander]
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Business Session II [Royal Palm Ballroom]
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Clergy Spouse Breakfast [Hotel Restaurant - Salt]
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Clergy Vesting & Procession Line-up [Lobby]
- 10:45 a.m. – Noon Holy Eucharist [Royal Palm Ballroom]
- Immediately following Standing Committee meets briefly [Boardroom]
- Close of Convention Clergy will gather for group photo [Royal Palm Ballroom Stage]

Our Keynote Guests



Dr. James McClintock

Endowed University Professor
of Polar and Marine Biology at
the University of Alabama at
Birmingham

ABOUT JIM:

James B. McClintock is the Endowed University Professor of Polar and Marine Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He earned his B.S. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Florida. A member of the UAB faculty since 1987, he previously served as Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Interim Dean of the Graduate School.

Funded continuously by the National Science Foundation for more than three decades, Dr. McClintock is an internationally recognized authority on Antarctic marine chemical ecology and the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on polar marine ecosystems. He has led 16 research expeditions to Antarctica and published more than 300 peer-reviewed scientific papers.

Dr. McClintock is the author of “Lost Antarctica: Adventures in a Disappearing Land” and “A Naturalist Goes Fishing.” His work has been featured widely in national and international media, and he is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and The Explorers Club. In recognition of his contributions to Antarctic science, “McClintock Point” was named in his honor.

A portrait of The Rev. John Burruss, a man with reddish-brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark clerical shirt and a colorful plaid jacket. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

The Rev. John Burruss
Rector of Saint Stephen's,
Birmingham

ABOUT JOHN:

The Rev. John B. Burruss serves as the Rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama, a vibrant church of 2000 members that reaches throughout the region. Saint Stephen's is a leader in the Episcopal Church in its efforts to care for creation. As the first church in central Alabama to tackle Solar Energy, Saint Stephen's is also home of a parish apiary, hosts monthly Holy Hikes and an annual Canoecharist on the Cahaba River, has an ambitious program to remove all invasive species from the 6-acre campus and introduce native plants, and incorporates frequent formation opportunities around Stewardship of Creation. Prior to serving at Saint Stephen's, John was the Canon for Sustainable Ministries for the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee.

John is a graduate of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana and Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia and completed his MBA at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. In his free time, John enjoys playing in a number of musical ensembles including his original band, Sauce Furnace. John and his spouse, Anne, have two children: Jack and Bailey.

Plenary

Friday - 1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

“Antarctica and the Grandeur of God: Wonder That Calls Us to Faithful Action” with Dr. Jim McClintock and the Rev. John Burruss

This lecture weaves together personal experience, scientific insight, and Christian theology to explore what it means to faithfully care for God’s creation in an age of ecological crisis. Drawing on a journey to Antarctica alongside a leading climate scientist in Jim McClintock, John and Jim reflect on the awe, fragility, and interconnectedness of the natural world, engaging Scripture—from Genesis to Romans, the Psalms, and Jonah—to examine humanity’s role as steward rather than ruler. Through stories of penguins, glaciers, whaling ruins, and biblical covenants, the lecture invites listeners to see creation as sacred, to reckon honestly with the consequences of human action, and to reclaim care of creation as a central expression of Christian faith, moral responsibility, and hope.

Walking the Way of Creation

Friday, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

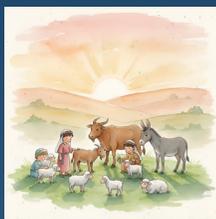
A special part of Friday afternoon invites you into a mindful journey through Genesis — *in reverse*. Beginning with Sabbath rest and moving back through creatures, sky, land, waters, and finally to “Let there be light,” we rediscover our place within God’s creation. At seven stations, we pause for scripture, reflection, prayer, and simple embodied practices — silence, touching seawater, gazing at the horizon, naming a beloved creature, committing to stewardship. Responsive readings and quiet moments ground us in gratitude and responsibility for our fragile coastal home. Weather permitting, we will gather outdoors, moving from the hotel boardwalk to the beach, ending at the shore at sunset. Together we practice reverence, renewal, and reconnection with God, one another, and creation. Come walk with us.

A second service without the walking will be held concurrently in the convention main meeting room.



Station One—Day Seven

Rest



Station Two—Day Six

Creatures of the Land



Station Three—Day Five

Creatures of Sea & Air



Station Four—Day Four

Lights in the Sky



Station Five—Day Three

Land & Plants



Station Six—Day Two

The Waters



Station Seven—Day One

Light

Workshops

Session I: 2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Session II: 3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

All convention attendees will be able to participate in two workshop sessions.

WORKSHOP #1 - Emerald Coast Room

“The Saint Stephen’s Story: How Care of Creation has led to Church Growth, Unity, and a Renewed Vision”

Presenter: The Rev. John Burruss, Rector of Saint Stephen’s, Birmingham

In this session, the Rev. John Burruss will share the story of Saint Stephen’s—how a commitment to the care of creation has helped shape a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. He will also offer practical steps communities can take to better care for creation, cast a shared vision, and empower both parishioners and clergy alike.

WORKSHOP #2 - White Sands Room

“Diving Deeper into Antarctic Seas: What It Means to You and Me”

Presenter: Dr. James McClintock, Professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham

In this session, Dr. James McClintock will share how, as a young scientist, he came to know and study the rich biodiversity of the spectacular life in Antarctic seas. He will review how these unique and now environmentally challenged organisms are important to all of us, from their interrelationships that structure and sustain ecological communities to their production of novel chemicals that have the potential to treat human diseases such as cancer.

WORKSHOP #3 - Aquamarine 1

“Sharing Light & Love: Evangelism Through Service and Community Partnership”

Presenter: The Rev. Lydia Knizley Johnson, Missioner for Development and Evangelism

This interactive, hope-filled workshop will focus on how your church can authentically engage more deeply with your local community through service that shares real hope and healing. Together we’ll practice simple, hands-on discernment tools you can take back to help your church decide where and how to get involved. This workshop is designed to help congregations recognize where love is already at work around them and join in in meaningful, faithful ways.

WORKSHOP #4 - Aquamarine 2

“From Chaos to Creation: Conflict Resolution in Everyday Life “

Presenter: Anita Ford, Pastoral Care Leader

This workshop explores reconciliation as creative, spiritual work rooted in the Genesis creation story and James Weldon Johnson’s *The Creation*. Through scripture, poetry, and small-group conversation, participants reflect on reconciliation with self, neighbor, and God—and how everyday acts of reconciliation help fulfill God’s ongoing work of creation in a divided world.

**LEARN MORE
ABOUT OUR
PRESENTERS**



Ministry Fair

LOCATED IN THE LOBBY & OLEANDER
OPEN FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO SATURDAY 11:00 A.M.

Affirmative Aging
Beckwith Camp & Conference Center
Coastal Pilgrims
Development and Evangelism
Discernment
Education for Ministry
Episcopal Relief & Development
Happening & Youth Ministry
Integrity of Creation
Liturgical Church Mice
The Order of the Daughters of the King®
Prison Ministry
Racial Justice & Reconciliation
School for Ministry
Southwest Seminary
United Thank Offering
The University of the South, Sewanee
Wilmer Hall Children's Home
Veteran's Ministry



Lay, Youth, and Alternate Delegates

“Section 4. The voting membership of the convention shall consist of...”

Voting Delegates - Canon 3, Section 4b

“Lay Delegates from the several Congregations in the Diocese, as follows: They shall be Confirmed Communicants in good standing, entitled to vote in Parish Meetings.”

Alternate Delegates - Canon 3, Section 4f

“Each Congregation entitled to the above representation shall also be entitled to elect one (1) Alternate Delegate for each Delegate.”

Voting Youth Delegates - Canon 3, Section 4g

“Youth Delegates from the several Convocations of the Diocese, as follows: They shall be Confirmed Communicants in good standing, entitled to vote in Parish Meetings and no older than nineteen (19) years of age at the time of the Convention for which they are elected. Each Convocation shall be entitled to one (1) Youth Delegate and one (1) Alternate Youth Delegate. Youth Delegates entitled to vote are included with the Lay order, for Sections 9 and 10 of this Canon.”

| CONVOCAATION | YOUTH DELEGATE (CHURCH) | ALTERNATE (CHURCH) |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Convocation I | Walt Hamil (Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile) | |
| Convocation II | Mary Claire McTaggart (Daphne, St. Paul's) | |
| Convocation III | Halle King (St. Cyprian's, Pensacola) | |
| Convocation IV | Sophie Mancil (St. Mary's, Andalusia) | |
| Convocation V | No delegate | |

DELEGATE CHANGE? MAKE IT OFFICIAL!

Please see a diocesan staff member at registration to complete a **DELEGATE CHANGE FORM AND RECEIVE VOTING CREDENTIALS**

Lay, Youth, and Alternate Delegates

| CONGREGATION | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | DESIGNATION |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Andalusia, St. Mary's | Rachael | Taylor | Lay Delegate |
| Andalusia, St. Mary's | Shawn | Taylor | Lay Delegate |
| Apalachicola, Trinity | Susan | Farmer | Lay Delegate |
| Apalachicola, Trinity | Debbie | Hooper | Lay Delegate |
| Atmore, St. Anna's | Bridget | Wasdin | Lay Delegate |
| Atmore, St. Anna's | Shelia | Rolin | Alternate Delegate |
| Atmore, Trinity | No delegate | | |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | Janet | Moulton | Lay Delegate |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | Linda | Brogden | Alternate Delegate |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | Christopher | Griffiths | Lay Delegate |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | Michael | Griffiths | Lay Delegate |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | Michelle | Griffiths | Lay Delegate |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | Charlotte | Green | Alternate Delegate |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | William | Griffiths | Alternate Delegate |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | Kathy | Jernigan-Ellis | Lay Delegate |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | Dennis | Joyner | Lay Delegate |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | Edward | Pate | Lay Delegate |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's | Bill | Hart | Lay Delegate |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's | Julie | Hart | Lay Delegate |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's | Beth | Woods | Alternate Delegate |
| Chickasaw, St. Michael's | No delegate | | |
| Chipley, St. Matthew's | Betty | Lewis | Lay Delegate |
| Citronelle, St. Thomas | No delegate | | |
| Coden, St. Mary's By the Sea | Heather | Brown | Lay Delegate |
| Coden, St. Mary's By the Sea | Cameron | Brown | Alternate Delegate |
| Crestview, Church of the Epiphany | Kat | Ivanov | Lay Delegate |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | Richard | Foster | Lay Delegate |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | Rhonda | Jones | Lay Delegate |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | Terri | McMillan | Lay Delegate |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | Michael | Quinn | Lay Delegate |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | Matthew | Thomason | Lay Delegate |
| Dauphin Island, St. Francis | Angela | Payne | Lay Delegate |
| DeFuniak Springs, St. Agatha's | Chuck | Goins | Lay Delegate |
| DeFuniak Springs, St. Agatha's | Barbara | Goins | Alternate Delegate |
| Destin, St. Andrew's By the Sea | Barbara | Nelson | Lay Delegate |
| Destin, St. Andrew's By the Sea | Becky | Chidsey | Alternate Delegate |

Lay, Youth, and Alternate Delegates

| CONGREGATION | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | DESIGNATION |
|--|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Dothan, Church of the Nativity | Bob | Boyle | Lay Delegate |
| Dothan, Church of the Nativity | Tonye | Frith | Lay Delegate |
| Dothan, Church of the Nativity | Harry | Hall | Lay Delegate |
| Dothan, Church of the Nativity | Stuart | Ibberson | Lay Delegate |
| Dothan, Church of the Nativity | Josh | Hicks | Alternate Delegate |
| Enterprise, Church of the Epiphany | Fred | Pippen | Lay Delegate |
| Enterprise, Church of the Epiphany | Judy | Pippen | Alternate Delegate |
| Eufaula, St. James | Ed | Garrison | Lay Delegate |
| Eufaula, St. James | Gary | Jones | Lay Delegate |
| Eufaula, St. James | Susie | McCathran | Lay Delegate |
| Eufaula, St. James | Paige | Garrison | Alternate Delegate |
| Eufaula, St. James | Debbie | Jones | Alternate Delegate |
| Eufaula, St. James | Scott | McCathran | Alternate Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Margaret | Cadden | Lay Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Dan | Campbell | Lay Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Misty | Campbell | Lay Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Terry | Moore | Lay Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Austin | Young | Lay Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Katherine | Young | Lay Delegate |
| Fairhope, St. James | Beth | Moore | Alternate Delegate |
| Foley, St. Paul's | Dianne | Cotton | Lay Delegate |
| Foley, St. Paul's | Debbie | Waldrop | Lay Delegate |
| Ft. Walton Beach, St. Simon's On the Sound | Kelley | Fuller | Lay Delegate |
| Ft. Walton Beach, St. Simon's On the Sound | Ashleigh | Pristas | Lay Delegate |
| Ft. Walton Beach, St. Simon's On the Sound | Rick | Smith | Lay Delegate |
| Greenville, St. Thomas | Tammi | Edwards | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis of Assisi | Nancy | Cooper | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis of Assisi | Reed | McKnight | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis of Assisi | Judith | Russell | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis of Assisi | Cathy | Griffing | Alternate Delegate |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis of Assisi | John | Griffing | Alternate Delegate |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Nancy | Campbell | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Brenda | Johnson | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Dan | Ratliff | Lay Delegate |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Ivee | Lowry | Alternate Delegate |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Tomi | Shaw | Alternate Delegate |
| Jackson, St. Peter's | No delegate | | |
| Laguna Beach, St. Thomas by the Sea | Carly | Harris | Lay Delegate |
| Laguna Beach, St. Thomas by the Sea | Bebe | Traylor | Alternate Delegate |
| Lillian, Church of the Advent | Tracy | Williams | Lay Delegate |

Lay, Youth, and Alternate Delegates

| CONGREGATION | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | DESIGNATION |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel | Shelly | Collins | Lay Delegate |
| Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel | Frank | Hennington | Lay Delegate |
| Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel | Charlie | Tucker | Lay Delegate |
| Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel | Jan | Pruitt | Alternate Delegate |
| Marianna, St. Luke's | Les | Furr | Lay Delegate |
| Marianna, St. Luke's | Lee | Melvin | Lay Delegate |
| Marianna, St. Luke's | Milton | O'Dell | Lay Delegate |
| Marianna, St. Luke's | Pat | Furr | Alternate Delegate |
| Milton, St. Mary's | Jean | Gillis | Lay Delegate |
| Milton, St. Mary's | Wayne | Keen | Lay Delegate |
| Milton, St. Mary's | Lori | O'Gara | Lay Delegate |
| Milton, St. Mary's | Elizabeth | Hamilton | Alternate Delegate |
| Milton, St. Mary's | Melodie | Rowland | Alternate Delegate |
| Mobile, All Saints | Molly | Allison | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, All Saints | Cynthia | Donnell | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, All Saints | Jeannie | Kienzle | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, All Saints | Valerie | Mitchell | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, All Saints | Marilyn | Owens | Alternate Delegate |
| Mobile, Christ Church Cathedral | Jill | Chow | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Christ Church Cathedral | Harwell | Coale | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Christ Church Cathedral | Jubal | Hamil | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Christ Church Cathedral | Carolyn | Jeffers | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Christ Church Cathedral | Henry | Seawell | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Christ Church Cathedral | Weathers | Bolt | Alternate Delegate |
| Mobile, Church of the Good Shepherd | Kris | Branch | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Church of the Good Shepherd | LaWana | Kennedy | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Church of the Good Shepherd | India | Cherry | Alternate Delegate |
| Mobile, Church of the Redeemer | Julie | Barbosa | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Church of the Redeemer | Beth | Gillion | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Andrew's | Phyllis | Findley | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Andrew's | Cecille | Hammer | Alternate Delegate |
| Mobile, St. John's | Eugene | Johnston | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. John's | Jeanne | Velaski | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | Sabrina | Evans | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | Karen | Jordan | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | Bridget | Peach | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | Anne | Stokes | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | Mary Ellen | Pearson | Alternate Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | Sullivan | Daves | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | Charlie | Fleming | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | Randolph | Miller | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | Tom | Rockwell | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | Amy | Sanderson | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | Allison | Shields | Lay Delegate |

Lay, Youth, and Alternate Delegates

| CONGREGATION | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | DESIGNATION |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Mobile, Trinity | Florence | Crawford | Lay Delegate |
| Mobile, Trinity | Tommy | Murray | Lay Delegate |
| Monroeville, St. John's | Ethan | Rowell | Lay Delegate |
| Monroeville, St. John's | Nancy | Smith | Lay Delegate |
| Monroeville, St. John's | Haden | Tirey | Alternate Delegate |
| Navarre, St. Augustine's | Theresa | Everett | Lay Delegate |
| Navarre, St. Augustine's | Vicky | Stegall | Alternate Delegate |
| Niceville, St. Jude | Renee | Larson | Lay Delegate |
| Niceville, St. Jude | Heidi | Morgan | Lay Delegate |
| Niceville, St. Jude | Joe | Morgan | Lay Delegate |
| Niceville, St. Jude | Justin | Snyder | Alternate Delegate |
| Ozark, St. Michael's | Ken | Stephens | Lay Delegate |
| Ozark, St. Michael's | Lori | Stephens | Alternate Delegate |
| Panama City, Holy Nativity | Donna | Jangula | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, Holy Nativity | Terry | Jangula | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, Holy Nativity | Brianna | Kelley | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, Holy Nativity | Nancy | Roupp | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, St. Andrew's | Gail | Harris | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, St. Andrew's | Fran | Tate | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, St. Andrew's | Rita | White | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City, St. Patrick's | Susan | Bravo | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City Beach, Grace | Jack | Friou | Lay Delegate |
| Panama City Beach, Grace | Donna | Heim | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Rita | Grayson | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Jacob | Head | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Julia | McShan | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Saranne | Morrow | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Laura | Sadowski | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Abigail | Stitt | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Christ Church Parish | Cathy | Allebach | Alternate Delegate |
| Pensacola, Holy Cross | Steven | Bell | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Holy Cross | Janelle | Berger | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Holy Cross | Carla | Hardin | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Holy Trinity | Carol | Gonzalez | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, Holy Trinity | Jim | Regan | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. Christopher's | Kyrah | Drasheff | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. Christopher's | Helen | Pedigo | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. Christopher's | Andie | Trahan | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. Christopher's | David | Williams | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. Christopher's | John | von Senden | Alternate Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. Cyprian's | Cris | Turnage | Lay Delegate |

Lay, Youth, and Alternate Delegates

| CONGREGATION | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | DESIGNATION |
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| Pensacola, St. John's | Tom | Bossa | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. John's | Fontaine | Martin | Lay Delegate |
| Pensacola, St. John's | Nancy | Laszewski | Alternate Delegate |
| Port St. Joe, St. James | John | Erickson, Jr. | Lay Delegate |
| Robertsdale, St. John the Evangelist | No delegate | | |
| Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King | John | French | Lay Delegate |
| Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King | Nan | Jacobs | Lay Delegate |
| Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King | Richard | Jacobs | Lay Delegate |
| Troy, St. Mark's | Joyce | Landers | Lay Delegate |
| Troy, St. Mark's | Teri | Williams | Lay Delegate |
| Troy, St. Mark's | Zack | Wilson | Lay Delegate |
| Troy, St. Mark's | Lexi | Wilson | Alternate Delegate |
| Wewahitchka, St. John the Baptist | No delegate | | |



Clergy Delegates

Voting Clergy - Canon 3, Section 4a

“Section 4. The voting membership of the convention shall consist of:

a. Clerical Delegates, each of whom shall be either a priest canonically resident in the Diocese, and who is Rector or Curate or Priest-in-Charge in a parish, or Vicar of a mission, or who is on the staff of the Diocese or an Agency of the Diocese; or a priest canonically resident in the Diocese who has retired in accordance with the General Canons and who serves in one of the aforesaid positions with the express approval of the Bishop according to the General Canons; or a Deacon assigned by the Ecclesiastical Authority to a parish or mission or an Agency of the Diocese.”

VOTING CLERGY

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| KENDRICK, J. Russell (Robin) | Bishop |
| ADAMS, W. Rian (Amber) | St. James, Port St. Joe (Priest-in-Charge) |
| BALLARD, Michael E.L. | Immanuel, Bay Minette (Vicar) |
| BEAUMONT, Leanne, D. (James) | St. Mary's, Milton (Rector)* |
| BLAYLOCK, Joy H. (Roy) | Diocesan School for Ministry (Dean) Canon Missioner for Discipleship |
| BORGEN, Linda Suzanne | St. Thomas, Greenville (Rector) |
| BOYD, Justin A. (Carmen) | St. Thomas, Laguna Beach (Vicar) |
| | Grace, Panama City Beach (Rector) |
| BURNETT, Joseph G. (Julia) | St. Paul's, Mobile (Rector)* |
| CHATEL, David R. (Alice) | St. Stephen's, Brewton (Rector) |
| CHRISTIAN, Pam (Christopher) | Nativity, Dothan (Curate)* |
| CLARK, Bradford L. (Chellie) | St. Paul's, Mobile (Curate) |
| CLOTHIER, David M. (Cathy) | Epiphany, Crestview (Vicar) |
| CRAVER, III, P. Marshall (Jan) | Diocesan Office (Clergy Spiritual Advisor) |
| DIXON, Robert P. (Amanda) | Holy Cross, Pensacola (Rector) |
| DONNELL, Robert M. (Cynthia) | All Saints, Mobile (Curate) |
| DOSHER, Amanda H. | St. James, Fairhope (Curate) |
| DYSON, Thack H. (Rebecca) | St. Paul's, Daphne (Rector) |
| FITZHUGH, Mark (Cheri Smith) | Trinity, Mobile (Rector) |
| FLOWERS, James B. (Katharine) | All Saints, Mobile (Rector)* |
| FREEMAN, Ashley B. (Annie) | Canon to the Ordinary Canon Missioner for Discernment |
| FREEMAN, Denson F. (Stephanie) | St. James, Fairhope (Rector) |

* indicates clergy new to the Diocese or in new positions

Clergy Delegates

Voting Clergy (continued)

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| GIBSON, Beverly F. (Mike) | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile (Dean/Rector) |
| GILLETT, Kathryn S. | Christ Church, Pensacola (Curate) |
| HOFFMAN, Michael P. (Amy) | Christ Church, Pensacola (Rector) |
| HORD, Christine D. | St. John's, Pensacola (Rector) |
| HUTSON, Blake R. (Christina) | St. Jude's, Niceville (Rector) |
| JOHNSON, Lydia K. (Wyatt) | Diocesan Missioner for Development |
| KIRCHHARR, Ted | St. Monica's, Cantonment (Rector)* |
| KNIGHT, J. David (Jennifer) | St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach (Rector) |
| LEWIS, Antwon C. | St. Mary's, Andalusia (Curate)* |
| LOCKETT, Tina L. | Church of the Advent, Lillian (Vicar) |
| LOWRY, III, William M. (Ivee) | Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores (Rector) |
| MANCIL, Eric N. (Chelsea) | St. Mary's, Andalusia (Rector) |
| MATHISON, Mary Alice | Redeemer, Mobile (Priest-in-Charge) |
| McELROY, James T. (Peyton) | St. Luke's, Mobile (Rector) |
| NORRIS, M. Brent (Cindy) | St. Paul's, Foley (Rector) |
| PECOT, Stephen D. (Travis) | Trinity, Apalachicola (Rector) |
| RABONE, Christian R. (Tiffany) | St. Francis, Gulf Breeze (Rector) |
| RICE, Jennifer (Shane) | St. Christopher's, Pensacola (Curate) |
| SAXTON, Carl (Laura) | Nativity, Dothan (Rector)* |
| SALOOM, Salem (Dianne) | St. Anna's, Poarch (Vicar)* |
| SIRMON, T. Forbes (Haden) | Holy Nativity, Panama City (Rector)* |
| TALBERT, John K. (Leslie) | St. John's, Mobile (Rector) |
| WADDELL, Mark (Beverly) | St. Augustine's, Navarre (Priest-in-Charge)* |

Retired Clergy having cures/serving under Canon 3, Section 4 (a) in the Diocese (with vote)

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| CUMBIE, W. Kenneth (Joan) | Good Shepherd, Mobile (Priest-in-Charge) |
| DOLLHAUSEN, Matthew M. (Vickie) | Holy Cross, Pensacola (Assisting Priest) |
| ELAM, III, Walter L. (Anne) | St. John's, Robertsdale (Vicar) |
| GREEN, David K. (Charlotte) | St. Peter's, Bon Secour (Priest-in-Charge) |
| HEARD, Thomas K. (Cheryl) | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile (Assisting Priest)* |
| WITHROCK, Jr., John W. (Elaine) | Epiphany, Enterprise (Vicar) |

Clergy Delegates

Vocational Deacons assigned to cures (with vote)

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| DENNIS, Kay (Britt) | St. Luke's, Marianna* |
| | St. Matthew's, Chipley (companion church)* |
| GARRITY, Clelia P. | St. Christopher's, Pensacola |
| GOFF, Terry L. (John) | Redeemer, Mobile |
| IVERSEN, Rachel S. (Craig) | St. Monica's, Cantonment* |
| KNIGHT-EPPS, Deborah T. | St. Cyprian's, Pensacola* |
| KENDALL, John T. (Barbara) | Deacon for Prison Ministries* |
| MCKEE, Susan R. | St. Paul's Chapel, Magnolia Springs |
| PATERSON, D. Pratt (Allison) | Wilmer Hall Children's Home, Mobile |
| | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile |

Non-canonically Resident Clergy appointed/serving in the Diocese (given seat & voice)

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| +MILLER, Steven A. (retired bishop) (Cynthia) | Christ the King, Santa Rosa Beach (Interim-Rector)* |
| OTT, Robert M. (Bonnie) | St. Matthew's, Chipley (Priest-in-Charge)* |
| | St. Luke's, Marianna (Priest-in-Charge) |
| SAWYER, Alice | St. Andrew's, Mobile (Priest-in-Charge)* |
| +YOUNG, George D. (retired Bishop) (Kammy) | St. Christopher's, Pensacola (Interim-Rector)* |

Resident Clergy in Communion with TEC appointed to cures in the Diocese (given seat & voice)

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| SCHWARTE, Michael G. (Ying) | St. Mark's, Troy (ELCA Priest-in-Charge) |
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Non-Parochial (with seat & voice)

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| COLEMAN, John (Mary)* |
| PLOVANICH, Ede M. (Bob) |
| ZUBLER, Eric J. (Connie) |

Vocational Deacons retired/not assigned (with seat & voice)

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| BREWER, John L. (Toni) | currently unassigned |
| CARSON, Jayne | retired |
| HEWIS, Clara M. | retired |
| KELSON, Laura J. | currently unassigned |
| RICHARDS, Edward T. (Gayle Ahrens) | retired |
| SPENCER, Patricia A. | retired |

Clergy Delegates

Retired Clergy (with seat & voice)

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| BAKER, Milledge L. (Barbara) | LOCKETT, Donna A. |
| BALDWIN, Gary L. (Kathy) | MAYER, Sandra C. |
| BATES, Steven B. (Lori) | McDOWELL-FLEMING, David H. (Martha) |
| BETENBAUGH, Helen R. | McLUEN, Roy E. (Kathy) |
| BRIGHT, Carl C. | McMAHAN, Larry W. |
| BROWN, Dennis R. A. | MURRAY, John W. (Sara Ann) |
| BYRD, Jeffrey Y. (Beth Ensor) | NIXON, Thomas E. |
| COATS, Christopher V. (Barbara) | PHILLIPS, II, John W. (Ann) |
| COOK, Johnny W. (Mary) | PHILLIPS, Sara D. (Gerry) retired* |
| COOPER, IV, Francis M. (Martha) | POPHAM, James J. (Jo) retired* |
| DAY, Dennis L. (Marjorie) | POPHAM, Jo A.P. (Jim) retired* |
| +DUNCAN, II, Philip M (Kathy) <i>III Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast</i> | PORTER, Roger |
| DWYER, Thomas P. J. (Lynn) | PRUITT, Albert W. (Ellanor) |
| GARNER, Jeffrey R. (Angela) | RIGGALL, George G. (Marguerita) |
| GENTRY, B. Massey (Jan) | RIGGIN, John H. (Lauree) |
| GRAVES, L. Roberts | ROBERT, Mary C. |
| GREISER, Ronald E. (Rita) | SCHMIDT, Richard H. (Pam) |
| HAGBERG, Joseph A. | SCHULENBERG, Michael A. (Karen) |
| HARRIS, Martha C. (Mickey) | SHEPARD, Margaret S. |
| HEIN, C. Gregory (Linda) | SOWERS, Susan R. (Donna Van Winkle) retired* |
| HICKENLOOPER, A. Morgan (Mary Kennedy) | STARR, Mark L. (Barbara) |
| HILL, H. Michael (Geneva) | TALBERT, T. Keith (Lynn) |
| HUNGERFORD, Roger A. (Liz) | TRIMBLE, Sarah M. (Henry) |
| JAMES, C. Scott (Sylvia) | VALCOURT, Theodore P-F. (Rosalyn) |
| JENCKS, Jeffrey A. (Eileen McCarten) | WAVE, John E. |
| KAMINSKI, Neil M. (Gwen) retired* | WELLER, Jr., Thomas C. (Linda) |
| KENNINGTON, S. Albert (Nancy) | WHITELAW, E. Drake |
| KINDERGAN, Walter B. (Becky) | WOMELSDORF, Charles S. (Sarah) |
| KREAMER, Martha H. | YOUNG, Kammy M.B. (+George) |
| LEDGERWOOD, Mary Jayne retired* | |
| LINDSTROM, Jr., D. Fredrick (Marcia) | |

Non-canonical Clergy Resident in the Diocese (given seat and voice)

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| +BIGGERS, Jackson C. | Assistant Bishop, Upper Shire Malawi, retired |
| +JONES, CI (Ashby) | Bishop of Montana, retired |
| LUCKETT, David s. (Jan) | Diocese of Mississippi, retired |
| NICHOLS, III, Robert G. (Diana) | Diocese of Texas |
| THOMAS, Jr., A. Robert (Paul Volpe) | Diocese of Alaska |

Standing Committee Member Nominations

Clergy Order

As of this printing, there are no clergy nominations. Should any occur before the start of the convention, a printed insert will be provided.



Standing Committee Member Nominations

Lay Order



Joyce Landers
St. Mark's, Troy

Nominated by:
The Rev. Mike Schwarte
St. Mark's, Troy

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I have participated in many of the ministries at St. Mark's, my home parish, including but not limited to the vestry, the pastoral care committee, the choir, and our county jail ministry. At the diocesan level, I have served on Cursillo staffs, the Cursillo Commission, the ECW Commission, and have been the Diocesan UTO Coordinator since 2014. I am a graduate of the lay school of ministry as a lay preacher and worship leader. I have served on the Province IV (PIV) Executive Committee, the PIV ECW Board and am currently the secretary of the PIV ECW Board. I was a member of The United Thank Offering Board for 9 years and was the Vice President in charge of Grants for 6 of those years. During these leadership opportunities, I received training in leadership and about our church and its policies and procedures. I enjoyed my service on each of these committees and I am excited by the opportunity to serve our church in a new capacity.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

The greatest challenge our church faces is how to respond to the discord, mistrust, anger, and violence in our country without becoming violent ourselves. It is very difficult, when faced with such venom, to not be pulled into that same mindset. Jesus repeatedly challenged the status quo of his time and pointed out the social injustices of their society. However, he did this with his words and by example at the same preaching about love and forgiveness. Therefore, our greatest challenge can also be our greatest opportunity to evangelize. We can do this through social justice programs and by living into the words, "The Episcopal Church welcomes you." We need to step up and be the voice of those who have been silenced and teaching others what it means to be a follower of Christ. Presiding Bishop Curry set the stage for us by preaching so passionately about the love of Jesus. It is now our turn to carry on what he started.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

The people of St. Mark's, The Orders of the Daughters of the King®, and this diocese sustain and inspire me to be my best self. Whenever I have a weak moment, you all support me and keep me going. I read scripture and frequently write sermons in my head. Some of those are written down and presented but most just become a part of my conversations with God. Music speaks to my soul. I see our hymnal as a book of poetry based on scripture. My personal prayer life is inspired by the book, "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Rather than having a scheduled prayer time, I pray small prayers throughout the day. My involvement with UTO has added a new component to my relationship with God because UTO encourages us to live a life based on gratitude.

About the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is the body of lay and clergy members of the Diocese authorized by the Canons of the Episcopal Church as the Bishop's Council of Advice; members are elected by the annual Diocesan Convention or appointed by the Bishop. The Standing Committee's major responsibility is to serve as the Bishop's Council of Advice; they also have responsibilities involving such varied matters as the disposition of property, the election and consecration of bishops, ecclesiastical discipline as defined in Title IV, and the approval of candidates for ordained ministry. Each year new clergy & lay members are elected / appointed to replace retiring members or vacant terms.

Standing Committee Member Nominations

Lay Order



Matthew Thomason
St. Paul's, Daphne

Nominated by:
The Rev. Thack Dyson
St. Paul's, Daphne

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I was raised in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, attending St. Matthews in Mobile until I was five and St. Paul's in Daphne until moving away for college. After college, my wife and I were active in Episcopal parishes in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, and Houston, TX. Since returning to Daphne in 2018 with my wife and two children, I have been privileged to serve as a delegate to the diocesan convention and as a member of the Vestry, Property Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee, and Men's Group at St. Paul's, Daphne. These roles have been a great blessing to me, and I've learned a lot through these experiences. I am a licensed civil engineer, employed as a consultant for airport capital development projects, active in several aviation professional societies.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

Generally, I worry that we are in an increasingly divisive and materialistic society. People in my generation are participating less in community engagement, both in civic organizations and organized religion, setting a poor example for those who follow. Perhaps the COVID-19 pandemic allowed some to realize that they could technically exist as islands connected only by electronic means. Regardless, this eroding of active participation in community isolates us, reduces empathy, and further divides us. In this challenge, I see a great opportunity for the Church, specifically the Episcopal Church in America. Despite the waning participation in community, and church attendance specifically, people have a deep desire, imparted by our Creator, to be in community with one another. In times of isolation and darkness, the Church has an opportunity to welcome souls weary from discord and the failed promises of false idols when there is the inevitable search for belonging. Historically, the Church has flourished when it is the minority or even persecuted. The message of Grace, good news of the Gospel, and the scriptural-based liturgy that the Episcopal Church provides can really resonate with the issues of modern society. We just need to be equipped to carry that message.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

The Lord has given me many different avenues by which he sustains and feeds the faith that He has given me. I have an amazing wife and family that always encourage and support me with a faith-forward focus. I often have been uplifted by a veritable experience of God in nature and the arts. Prayer, both extemporaneous and liturgical, plays a large role in how I encounter God. However, the most recurring and reliable way that God sustains me is through active engagement in a community of believers, my church family. I believe that more than anything, God has used the community of the believers around me to nourish my faith and that of my family.

Standing Committee members should have:

- Leadership experience within their congregations.
- A working understanding of the polity of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese.
- Good listening skills. Ability to work with others in a collaborative manner. Ability to deal with difficult and confidential matters. Prayerful presence.

Time expectations

- About 3 hours for bi-monthly committee meetings; up to 2-3 hours a month for liaison responsibilities with other committees.

Expectations of members:

- Attend Standing Committee Meetings (5-6 per year scheduled on weekdays); come prepared and engage.
- Provide liaison support to your assigned committee / commission.
- Participate in the life of the Diocese; attend Diocesan Convention and regional events.
- Support the Bishop as needed in an advisory capacity.

General Convention Deputy Nominations

Lay Order



Eugene Johnston
St. John's, Mobile

Nominated by:
The Rev. John Keith
Talbert
St. John's, Mobile

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I am a lifelong Episcopalian and a current member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama. I have served the parish as a member of the vestry; chair of a search committee; Eucharistic visitor; lector and chalice bearer; and graduate of Sewanee's Education for Ministry (EfM). I have also served as an EfM mentor. At the diocesan level, I have served on the registrar-historiographer's team, the Murray House board, and as interim disaster relief coordinator and chair of the Commission on Ministry (2020–2025). I was an alternate deputy to the 2018 General Convention and served as a deputy to the 2022 and 2024 General Conventions. At the most recent General Convention, I served on the Prayer Book, Liturgy and Music legislative committee. Currently, I serve as the diocesan coordinator of Episcopal Relief & Development. At the provincial level, I serve as the coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development in Province IV and sit on the organization's Council of Advice. In 2007, I was named to the board of trustees of Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States, and I currently serve on the executive board as vice chair. These positions allow me to observe the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion firsthand.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

These days, fewer people are joining or participating in organizations, especially religious ones. According to the Pew Research Center, Episcopalians make up just 1% of the population, and nearly half are 65 or older, compared with 18% of the general population. It's up to us to reach out. I believe we have what people are looking for, but many simply don't know about the Episcopal Church. We need to be better evangelists, and I am eager to be part of that effort.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

For me, spiritual life starts with prayer, which I try to practice daily. Each week, I meet with my Cursillo reunion group, and these gatherings help keep me accountable in my Christian journey.

About the General Convention of The Episcopal Church

The General Convention is the highest governing and legislative body of The Episcopal Church, meeting every three years as a bicameral legislature. It consists of the House of Bishops (all active and retired bishops) and the House of Deputies (four lay and four clergy members from each diocese). Both houses must concur to pass legislation, which includes amending the Prayer Book, setting the budget, and determining church policy. **The 82nd General Convention will be held July 3-8, 2027, in Phoenix, AZ.**

General Convention Deputy Nominations

Lay Order



Jeanie Kienzle
All Saints, Mobile

Nominated by:
The Rev. Jim Flowers
All Saints, Mobile

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

After 55 years as a church musician, I am now retired. Ninety percent of those years were spent serving in The Episcopal Church. Serving in the dioceses of New Jersey, Oregon, Ohio, Southern Ohio, West Tennessee and the Central Gulf Coast has given me a broad and unique perspective on parish and diocesan life. My ministry has included planning liturgy and music in parishes across the country; serving as a youth minister and leading a mission trip to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina; organizing a diocesan youth choir in West Tennessee; serving on the national board of the Association of Anglican Musicians; and helping organize and lead two men and boys choir/girls choir residencies in England. I have also served on the music faculties of the Arkansas Interfaith Choir Camp and the Carolina Course residency camp for the Royal School of Church Music in America. Beyond parish ministry, I have coached middle school cross-country, served as a coach for Girls on the Run in northern Ohio and remained active in community youth programs. In 2024, I had the honor of serving as a deputy to General Convention. I currently serve on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

At this moment, I believe both the national church and our diocese have an opportunity to continue living into essential Gospel values: inclusion of all people, care for those on the margins and the conviction that if it is not about love, it is not about God. A slogan from the Diocese of Ohio — “Love God, love your neighbor, change the world” — calls us to embody these commitments in tangible ways. After witnessing part of the 2,300-mile walk of Buddhist monks from Fort Worth, I was reminded that individuals and communities can make a difference through courage and perseverance. As Christians, we share both the opportunity and the responsibility to speak clearly and faithfully in the midst of division and uncertainty in our country and beyond. The challenge is to live fully into our creeds and baptismal covenant. Inclusion, respect, truth-telling and meaningful action are not easy. As followers of Jesus, we were not promised ease, but faithfulness. We are called to be brave enough to speak for those who are unheard and unseen. I am grateful for the diversity of gifts among the parishes of this diocese. Together, we are the church.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

Hope sustains me: hope for justice and peace; hope for the children and youth who are the future of the church; and hope that our bishops and priests will be strengthened for their ministry. Seeing a small group of Buddhist monks walk 2,300 miles to awaken peace offers a powerful reminder that meaningful change begins with faithful, courageous steps. As a distance runner, I have had the privilege of running in beautiful parks and natural settings. It is often while running outdoors that I feel closest to God — most serene and most at peace.

In a world wounded
by fear and division,
the church's role is
not to dominate
but to serve
not to judge
but to heal
not to retreat
but to engage.

Rev'd Dr. Terao Bretenha Junker

General Convention Deputy Nominations

Lay Order



Joe McDaniel, Jr.
Christ Church Parish,
Pensacola

Nominated by:
The Rev. Michael
Hoffman, Ph.D.
Christ Church Parish,
Pensacola

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I have served, or am currently serving, in the following positions that demonstrate my preparation to serve as a deputy to General Convention (GC): At the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, I was elected to the Executive Council. I have drafted 33 substantive resolutions for the various General Conventions I have attended; 29 were adopted, including 79th General Convention Resolution D002, "Funding the Beloved Community." I have served on the House of Deputies (HOD) Committee on Evangelism and Church Planting and the HOD Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation (RJ&R), and I was elected to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. At the 78th General Convention, I served as legislative aide to the HOD Committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop. I have also served as a member of the diocesan nominating committee to select the fourth bishop of the Central Gulf Coast; as a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast; as a member of the diocesan commissions on Ministry, Finance, and Cursillo; and as senior warden of Christ Episcopal Church from January 2013 to January 2014.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

The Episcopal Church (TEC) is in the midst of a time of profound transformation at every level of our corporate life. Our national structures of governance and program implementation have changed. However, I believe that we are also regaining a sense of mission more typical of the early American church and a concurrent desire to have greater impact on issues of social justice. From the top on down, TEC is reimagining itself as a more flexible organization, one which wants to be both better able to adapt to local circumstances in mission/parish development as well as more creative in potential models of local leadership, training, and education. It is exhausting work to love one another into being the Body of Christ, but it is the most rewarding labor we can ever do for each other. We are informed by a desire to share of what we have and to be a mutually safe community, and I share the same desires. I believe this is the greatest challenge we face in our diocese, however, if properly executed, it is our greatest strength and our greatest opportunity to live into our baptismal covenant: "to respect the dignity of every human being."

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

In our common vocation as the baptized, we must hold ourselves to a standard of interpersonal interaction that incarnates what we say we believe. I believe it is foundational to the success of our mutual work in the Church that we be equally committed to values of respect, compassion, justice, reconciliation, and peace. As Christ teaches, the commandments of God are summarized in these words, "Love your neighbor as yourself." When I or someone that I observe fails in the law of love, I believe that we are still obliged to one another to seek greater mutual understanding of the challenging work of love that God asks of us. Together, we must engage this spiritual labor of sincere fellowship which is a foundational requirement upon which all else is even possible. I seek forgiveness where I have wronged, and I encourage others to do their own spiritual labor. I believe that we are here to create the Kingdom of God, which is that we all want a better world for all God's Children, for all God's Creation. We just have differing ideas about how to achieve that world. It is this fundamental belief that sustains me in my spiritual life.

General Convention Deputy Nominations

Lay Order



Valerie Mitchell
All Saints, Mobile

Nominated by:
The Rev. David Chatel
St. Paul's Chapel,
Magnolia Springs

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I currently serve as co-chair of the Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation for our diocese. I have been a member of the commission for five years and have served as co-chair for the past two. In this role, I share responsibility for organizational leadership and policy oversight, implementing the commission's mission and bringing its initiatives to fruition. I have also served on the diocesan commissions on Communications and on Addiction and Recovery. I have been a member of All Saints, Mobile, for 28 years and have held numerous leadership roles in the parish. I have served four terms on the vestry and as clerk of the vestry, for a combined total of 11 years. I have chaired committees for Bayou Bash — All Saints' fundraiser for outreach ministries — served on the parish communications committee, written and designed the parish's rector search booklet, served as a lay reader and intercessor and been an active member of the Beth Murray Memorial Sunday School Class. I have represented All Saints as a delegate to diocesan convention eight times and currently serve as scheduler for lay readers and intercessors. I have attended Cursillo and am a graduate of Education for Ministry.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

Like most denominations, The Episcopal Church is facing declining membership and attendance, along with reduced revenue. More urgently, at this moment in our history, we face the challenges posed by cultural movements away from inclusion, hospitality, community and love. In short, it is increasingly difficult to live out our faith in a society that often rewards individual attainment and power over embodying the body of Christ. Ironically, these same realities also present opportunity. While some seek a church that promises only a heavenly reward, many more hunger for a church that reflects the brotherhood and sisterhood of all people, here and now. That is who The Episcopal Church strives to be, and that is what we proclaim to be true. By living fully into that belief, we have the potential to offer a spiritual home to those who are dissatisfied with how religion is practiced elsewhere. I believe our church is positioned for renewal if we have the courage to live and practice in ways that honor our baptismal vows and reflect the Gospel.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

Of course, my parish community is a primary source of spiritual sustenance. I attend church nearly every Sunday, and often that is a profound spiritual anchor. I also seek to maintain a daily practice of prayer and meditation. At times, I encounter God most clearly outside the church walls, particularly through volunteer service. For several years, I served as board chair of 15 Place, Mobile's service center for people experiencing homelessness. I was frequently enriched spiritually when I looked into the faces of those we served and worked alongside. I practice yoga, which can be deeply spiritual when approached with intention. Music and art are also sources of nourishment, and I encounter God in the beauty and majesty of nature. Above all, I try to cultivate the practice of seeing the divine in all people and all things — in the minute and the mundane as well as in the explicitly sacred. As I have grown older, I have become more aware that opportunities for spiritual enrichment surround us, if we are attentive.

General Convention Deputy Nominations

Lay Order



Jill Showers-Chow
Christ Church
Cathedral, Mobile

Nominated by:
Carolyn Jeffers
Christ Church
Cathedral, Mobile

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

My service across diocesan, national and parish bodies has given me broad preparation for this position. I presently serve on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. In that role, I have engaged in strategic governance, budget oversight and policy implementation. As a deputy to the 80th General Convention and a participant in the House of Deputies' dispatch of business, I gained experience in legislative process, consensus building and the procedural discipline required to move complex measures forward. Serving on the diocesan special committee for Haiti and the Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation deepened my experience in cross-cultural engagement, advocacy and restorative practices. At the parish level, I have served on the Christ Church vestry, supported the Loaves and Fishes/Food Share Pantry and serve as a chalice bearer. In these roles, I have participated in congregational governance, stewardship and direct community outreach. My trusteeship at Wilmer Hall has further strengthened my fiduciary responsibility and institutional oversight. In addition, leading diocesan youth ministry has refined my pastoral leadership, program development and mentorship skills. Collectively, these experiences have equipped me with strong governance expertise, sound policy judgment, pastoral sensitivity and practical outreach skills essential for success in this position.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

One of the greatest opportunities facing both The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is our strong spirit of collaboration. Most of the time, people genuinely work together for the good of the church and the communities we serve. There is a deep sense of support, shared mission and willingness to show up for one another. At the same time, one of our ongoing challenges is learning to navigate disagreement in healthy and faithful ways. Differences of opinion will always exist, but approaching one another with kindness, humility and love — rooted in prayer — can help us move forward together. By continually striving to live out our baptismal covenant, we can remain grounded in Christ and trust that God will guide us through both opportunity and challenge.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

My spiritual life begins on Sunday morning with Holy Communion, which brings us together and reminds us that we are all God's children. Morning Prayer anchors my daily connection with God, while Scripture — especially through lectio divina — keeps my focus on God's word. Service sustains me as I show up for others in need, and Compline gently closes each day, offering quiet moments for reflection, pause and renewal. I strive to walk faithfully as best I can, and when I fall, I trust that God will lift me up. Looking back on the moments when God has made a way reminds me that He will do so again.

General Convention Deputy Nominations Clergy Order



The Rev. Amanda Doshier

St. James, Fairhope

Nominated by:
The Rev. David Knight
St. Simon's, Fort
Walton Beach

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I served as a member of the General Convention deputation from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast in 2024. Over the past decade, I have served as both a lay and clergy delegate to several diocesan conventions. I am president of the diocesan Disciplinary Committee. Before beginning seminary in 2019, I practiced law for 15 years. During that time, I served as senior warden and a vestry member at Christ Church Pensacola.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

I continue to be amazed and encouraged by the abundant grace and love our churches embody and share. Coupled with our gift of hospitality, we have a unique opportunity to serve as a safe and welcoming refuge for people who are hurting, anxious or lonely in today's world. There is no shortage of such people; we simply must rise to the challenge of showing them who we are and how we can be home. The church — both local and national — continues to face financial challenges. The 2027 General Convention presents an opportunity to work together to identify ways to free up resources for local churches and dioceses while strengthening the national church's stewardship and operational efficiency.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

Life in community with other Christians sustains my spiritual life and inspires my faith. I also seek spiritual direction and attend annual retreats, and I practice Centering Prayer daily. In addition, I love art, photography and poetry, and I find that my faith is deepened and enriched through engagement with them.

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General Convention Deputy Nominations Clergy Order



The Rev. David Knight

St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach

Nominated by:
The Rev. John Keith Talbert
St. John's, Mobile

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

Life in community with other Christians sustains my spiritual life and inspires my faith. I also seek out resources such as spiritual direction and yearly retreats, and make Centering Prayer a daily part of my life. I also love art, photography, and poetry; and I find my faith is deepened and enriched through my experiences with them.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

It is an exciting time for the Episcopal church and our diocese. We are seeing growth in many areas, more young families seeking our church, and lots of hands-on mission work in our communities. Our challenge is to be ready to love all, accept and welcome all, and help all follow Christ in every way. I believe we have something unique and wonderful to offer a world searching for light in the darkness and a path to a loving God and Savior. As someone who has been part of General Convention in a variety of ways my entire ordained life, I am excited to see serious conversations around our governance and ways convention itself can be uplifting, formative, and dedicated to furthering the gospel and not so mired in legislation.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

Daily prayer time, spiritual retreats, bi-annual gatherings with clergy friends and others who have helped form me and keep me on solid ground. I spend a lot of time reading classic spiritual books as well as new materials. I love reading and studying the Bible and leading Bible studies.



General Convention Deputy Nominations Clergy Order



The Rev. Eric Mancil
St. Mary's, Andalusia

Nominated by:
Self

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I have served as a parish priest in the Episcopal Church for the past ten years, mostly as the rector of small congregations in the Diocese of Alabama and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. I have also served in various leadership capacities and currently serve as a member of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. I am interested in serving as a deputy to General Convention because I think it's important for clergy and lay people in smaller, rural parts of the diocese to be represented not only at the diocesan level but also the national level.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

In my opinion, the greatest opportunity right now for our church is creating open spaces for people who are either unchurched or who have become estranged from the church. What I'm seeing in my own ministry is people who are coming from other traditions looking for a church home where they can truly belong, feel accepted for who they are, and explore their faith in a place that welcomes questions.

The greatest challenge we're facing right now, I think, is communicating who we are as a church, especially in a time when people are questioning what it means to be a Christian, and inviting people to come and see what we're all about. I think we've made a lot of progress in recent years in how to be "Episcopal evangelists," but we still have a lot of work to do in that area.

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

Reading, making space for daily prayer, and physical exercise are all incredibly important for me and crucial for my spiritual well-being. As a musician, I'm also fed by making music, both in worship and through the local community choir I direct in Andalusia.



General Convention Deputy Nominations

Clergy Order



The Rev. John Keith Talbert

St. John's, Mobile

Nominated by:
The Rev. David Knight
St. Simon's, Fort
Walton Beach

Describe experiences and positions you have, or currently hold, in the church and the world that will have helped you prepare for serving in this position:

I currently serve at St. John's, Mobile, in my first rectorship (Presentation 2025). Prior to that, I ministered with the congregation for 41 months (Easter 7, 2022) while serving as priest-in-charge alongside my curacy at St. Paul's, Daphne, since my ordination (Presentation 2021). My diaconal service in 2020 was at Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores, during Advent and Christmas, followed by work as a digital evangelist for St. Luke's, Mobile, through Epiphany and Easter of the same year. St. Peter's, Bon Secour, welcomed me during Lent and Easter 2017, while I discerned my vocation for Pentecost 2019, concluding seven years on the staff of St. Paul's, Foley, where I served as musician, choirmaster, youth minister, and ministry coordinator since Easter 5, 2013. I am a clerical deputy of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to the 81st General Convention (Louisville, 2024) and was appointed to the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property for triennium work. I am a Beckwith alum, a Happening and Cursillo musician, a six-year summer staff alum, and have just signed up for my ninth consecutive year as a camp dean! #GodsFrontYard. All of these experiences continue to prepare me for what is next in my ministry as I reflect on our work, gather for worship, and build up our community.

What, in your opinion, are the greatest opportunities and challenges facing the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at this time?

I believe the greatest challenge and opportunity we face is now closer, and three years later. This was my deputy nominee response to our 52nd Diocesan Convention as well: "We stand on the precipice of parishes leaning in to embrace a communal identity. I find myself fascinated when reading about developments across the Church of mutual ministry covenants where once-declining parishes are beginning to share physical space, creative leadership, administrative gifts and communal spiritual guidance by one or more (often alternatively formed) clergy. The shift into collaborative ministry is helping congregations with common geographical areas greater serve the people around them and while doing so thrive! By fully embracing convocational identity, we would become a more expansive Episcopal presence to our regions than any individual parish would accomplish alone. However, this opportunity is met equally in force by the challenge of overcoming the fear of scarcity. These transitions will require holy creativity and pastoral sensitivity as we find the means to support a broader community of faith seeking to coordinate their resources in service to God. By renewing that we are one body in the Lord, our wholeness will certainly be greater than the sum of our parts."

What sustains you in your spiritual life?

You do. The greatest parts of the day are the moments of encounter. For on each is the opportunity to "love the face of God I see in you" (Leebrick, H#58). It is in the encounter that we have a place to bear spiritual fruit with each other, being nourished by our presence to one another; so that over time and through compassion for one another we experience patience, kindness, gentleness, and goodness with all those faithful to love, joy, and peace. I have clergy friends I can text with about quirky church stuff and to help balance a home and a church (w/kids) at the same time. I have classmates and mentors and professors that I know will get back to me when I tell them I'm lost. I believe talking to someone you trust about the spiritual experience in your life is important to sustain it and I'm grateful to have a community ready to do that with me. I believe you do too.

Proposed Resolution

Resolution for the Creation of a Committee to Review Canonical Terminology and Congregation Status

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 55th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast affirms the mission of the Church to welcome all people to be one body in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons through prayer, worship, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the promotion of justice, peace, and love; and be it further RESOLVED, that this Convention urge all members of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern the effective directing of ministry and conducting of business as an expression of our common mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Article IX of the Articles of Incorporation which calls for the Canons to be subject to amendment from time to time, this Convention commit to a season of re-newal for the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, as the guiding documents of this Diocese as it pursues its mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, in order to facilitate this prayerful work, this Convention urges the Bishop to utilize his authority under Rule IV of the RULES OF ORDER to appoint a committee whose task is to:

Listen for the Spirit, study Scripture, and pray for the Church

Review the requirements outlined in Canons 15, 16, 17, and 20 to ensure consistent application and effectiveness of assigning Congregation status

Consider specifically Canon III.4.D as to the meaning and intent of "status as a Parish in union with the Diocese"

Review the terminology of the Canons which refer to the various titles assigned to clergy and their effectiveness toward conducting the business of Convention

Consider changes in the Canons which provide clarity regarding the use of technology as appropriate tools for conducting the business of the Diocese

Develop specific recommendations for the Diocese and its constituent Mission Stations, Missions, and Parishes to achieve a more accurate and appropriate expression of its union, ensuring that every Congregation, regardless of size, is empowered to contribute fully to our shared mission

Meet by the Nativity of St. John, the Baptist (June 24th, 2026) to establish the working structure for the committee and beginning the work, that the committee delivers a report to the 56th Annual Convention of its discernment, findings, and

Proposed Resolution, continued

recommendations, along with such resolutions as may be necessary to implement those recommendations, following all time constraints as governed by Rule VI of the RULES OF ORDER; and be it further

RESOLVED, the committee be composed of at least seven and no more than twelve members, to be appointed jointly by the Bishop and the Standing Committee through an open nomination process assuring that the members represent the diversity of the diocese in geography, demographics, talents, and order of ministry, including those at a critical distance from the power structures of the diocese, that the members be named no later than the Day of Pentecost (May 24th, 2026), that the committee select its own chair and other officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee shall make such resources available to the committee as are necessary to enable this resolution to be implemented energetically and successfully.

Rationale:

The Canons of the Diocese are the guiding covenant for our union. However, since their adoption in 1971 they have remained mostly unchanged. Fifty years ago, the perception of what constituted congregational development regarding size, growth, and financial stability was quite different than it is today. Additionally, the language of the Canons regarding the roles of clergy and their relationship to Congregations has become antiquated and at times cumbersome to the efficient conducting of business of the Diocese.

The purpose of this Committee is to prayerfully consider revisions that bring our Canons into modern context; concluding their work at the gathering of the 56th Annual Convention of the Diocese, at which the report of their work, along with any recommendations and resolutions, will be presented for review and consideration.

Proposed by the Rev. John Talbert, St. John's Episcopal Church, Mobile

Proposed Budget

| INCOME | Budget 2025 | Actual Year End 2025 | 2026 Recommended To Standing Comm. | 2026 Recommended To Diocesan Conv. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Parishes and Missions | 1,320,000 | 1,306,399 | 1,340,000 | 1,340,000 |
| Total Parishes and Missions | 1,320,000 | 1,306,399 | 1,340,000 | 1,340,000 |
| CLF Interest Income | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Hicks Trust | 12,000 | 15,483 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| McMaster Fund | 8,000 | 8,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Endmondson Fund | 0 | 0 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Quigley Fund | 38,000 | 38,000 | 42,000 | 42,000 |
| Mary Berner Fund | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| SFM - Go Forward | 48,000 | 48,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Workers Comp Credit | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Vocations in Ministry (FTV) | 32,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| New Church Development Funds (FTV) | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Duwall Center Fund | 48,000 | 48,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Misc. Funds Transfer | 2,000 | 2,000 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Other (Misc.) Income | 5,000 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Total Fund Income | \$ 2,42,100 | \$ 2,40,583 | \$ 276,700 | \$ 276,700 |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| TOTAL ALL INCOME | \$ 1,562,100 | \$ 1,546,982 | \$ 1,616,700 | \$ 1,616,700 |
| DISCERNMENT | Budget 2025 | Actual Year End 2025 | 2026 Recommended To Standing Comm. | 2026 Recommended To Diocesan Conv. |
| Seminarians | 7,000 | 8,439 | \$ 8,500 | \$ 8,500 |
| Commission on Ministry | 9,000 | 9,746 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 9,000 |
| Commissions/Committees | 7,000 | 1,924 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 7,000 |
| Dom. & For. Missionary Soc. (TEC) | 120,000 | 120,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 |
| Mission Engagement (World Mission) | 7,500 | 4,500 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 |
| Prison Ministry | 0 | 0 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 |
| Canon to the Ordinary | 104,519 | 104,519 | \$ 107,132 | \$ 107,132 |
| Canon Benefits / Pension / Travel | 26,313 | 29,363 | 26,784 | 26,784 |
| TOTAL Disc. Program | \$ 281,332 | \$ 278,491 | \$ 293,416 | \$ 293,416 |

Proposed Budget, continued

| DISCIPLESHIP | Budget 2025 | Actual Year End 2025 | 2026 Recommended To Standing Comm. | 2026 Recommended To Diocesan Conv. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Beckwith Camp & Conference | 108,000 | 108,000 | 108,000 | 108,000 |
| Wilmer Hall | 73,000 | 73,000 | 73,000 | 73,000 |
| Spiritual Direction Program | 11,000 | 11,960 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Youth Ministries & Programs | 18,000 | 6,849 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| Discipleship Programming | 3,000 | 0 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Racial Justice & Reconciliation Comm. | 12,500 | 12,481 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| School for Ministry (operations) | 12,000 | 11,994 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| School for Ministry - Dean | 47,750 | 47,750 | 48,944 | 48,944 |
| Missioner for Discipleship | 47,750 | 47,750 | 48,944 | 48,944 |
| Missioner Benefits / Pension | 19,601 | 17,190 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| TOTAL Discl. Program | \$ 352,601 | \$ 336,974 | \$ 358,888 | \$ 358,888 |

| DEVELOPMENT | Budget 2025 | Actual Year End 2025 | 2026 Recommended To Standing Comm. | 2026 Recommended To Diocesan Conv. |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| EFM/TENS memberships | 1,800 | 1,750 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Missioner for Development | 35,000 | 32,658 | 36,500 | 36,500 |
| Development Programming | 5,000 | 2,427 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Clergy Conferences/Study Day | 6,200 | 4,058 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Sewanee - Univ. of the South | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Deputies to General Convention | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Deputies to Synod | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Province IV Quota | 1,600 | 3,118 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| Communications Support | 7,500 | 8,382 | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| Diocesan Convention | 12,000 | 17,395 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Support for Retirees | 10,000 | 13,681 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Liability Insurance (for congregations) | 25,000 | 26,301 | 27,500 | 27,500 |
| Diocesan Bond | 2,200 | 2,920 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| TOTAL Dev. Program | \$ 121,300 | \$ 127,690 | \$ 131,500 | \$ 131,500 |

Proposed Budget, continued

| OFFICE / ADMINISTRATIVE | Budget 2025 | Actual Year End 2025 | 2026 Recommended To Standing Comm. | 2026 Recommended To Diocesan Conv. |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bishop - Salary | 160,914 | 160,914 | 164,937 | 164,937 |
| Pension | 28,964 | 28,964 | 29,689 | 29,689 |
| Bishop - Travel | 14,000 | 12,265 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| Administrator - Salary | 104,827 | 104,827 | 107,448 | 107,448 |
| Pension | 15,724 | 15,724 | 16,117 | 16,117 |
| Financial Secretary - Salary | 57,333 | 57,333 | 58,766 | 58,766 |
| Pension | 8,600 | 8,600 | 8,815 | 8,815 |
| Bishop's Secretary - Salary | 58,604 | 58,604 | 60,069 | 60,069 |
| Pension | 8,791 | 8,791 | 9,010 | 9,010 |
| Communications Missioner | 60,530 | 60,530 | 62,043 | 62,043 |
| Pension | 9,080 | 9,080 | 9,306 | 9,306 |
| Social Security/Medicare | 22,000 | 21,825 | 22,400 | 22,400 |
| Medical & Life Insurance | 135,000 | 145,636 | 145,000 | 145,000 |
| Staff travel/Reimbursement | 6,500 | 5,713 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| Diocesan office maintenance | 17,000 | 16,005 | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| Office expense, suppl & equip | 38,000 | 41,161 | 38,000 | 38,000 |
| Diocesan Office Insurance | 24,000 | 23,667 | 25,200 | 25,200 |
| Bishop Automobile | 5,000 | 3,741 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Diocesan Audit | 25,000 | 34,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 |
| Workers Compensation Insurance | 2,500 | 1,998 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Reserve - Major maintenance | 4,500 | 2,046 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Administrative Subtotal | \$ 806,867 | \$ 821,424 | \$ 832,000 | \$ 832,000 |

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|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total income | \$1,562,100 | \$1,546,982 | \$1,616,700 | \$1,616,700 |
| Total expenses | \$1,562,100 | \$1,564,579 | \$1,615,804 | \$1,615,804 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | \$0 | (\$17,597) | \$896 | \$896 |

Pledge Report

2025/2026 PLEDGE REPORT

| Headings and Account | 2026* PLEDGES | 2025 PLEDGE ACTUAL** | 2025 PLEDGE BUDGETED | 2025 PLEDGE VARIANCE |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pledges | | | | |
| Andalusia, St. Mary's | \$14,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$0.00 |
| Apalachicola, Trinity | \$27,000 | \$22,000 | \$22,000 | \$0.00 |
| Atmore, St. Anna's | \$4,640 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0.00 |
| Atmore, Trinity | * | \$500 | \$1,200 | (\$700.00) |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | \$6,250 | \$6,380 | \$5,230 | \$1,150.29 |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's | \$8,221 | \$7,779 | \$9,678 | (\$1,898.92) |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | \$17,000 | \$19,976 | \$20,299 | (\$322.97) |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's | \$8,500 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$0.00 |
| Chickasaw, St. Michael's | * | \$0 | \$0 | \$0.00 |
| Chipley, St. Matthew's | \$5,806 | \$5,712 | \$5,710 | \$2.00 |
| Citronelle, St. Thomas | * | \$0 | \$0 | \$0.00 |
| Coden, St. Mary's | \$528 | \$5,470 | \$5,470 | \$0.00 |
| Crestview, Epiphany | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$0.00 |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 | \$0.00 |
| Dauphin Isld, St. Francis | \$18,389 | \$12,350 | \$11,400 | \$950.00 |
| DeFnk Spgs, St. Agatha's | \$5,500 | \$5,591 | \$5,250 | \$340.75 |
| Destin, St. Andrew's | * | \$2,000 | \$8,000 | (\$6,000.00) |
| Dothan, Nativity | \$58,600 | \$57,000 | \$57,000 | \$0.00 |
| Enterprise, Epiphany | \$10,511 | \$11,031 | \$11,026 | \$5.00 |
| Eufaula, St. James' | \$15,300 | \$15,300 | \$15,300 | \$0.00 |
| Fairhope, St. James' | \$90,000 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | \$0.00 |
| Foley, St. Paul's | \$29,409 | \$28,793 | \$28,793 | \$0.00 |
| Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon | \$50,516 | \$50,808 | \$50,808 | \$0.00 |
| Greenville, St. Thomas | \$17,670 | \$22,422 | \$20,305 | \$2,117.32 |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis | \$15,000 | \$12,119 | \$11,348 | \$771.50 |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | \$33,750 | \$33,750 | \$33,750 | \$0.00 |
| Jackson, St. Peter's | \$1,400 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$0.00 |
| Laguna Beach, St. Thomas | * | \$6,069 | \$5,787 | \$282.30 |
| Lillian, Advent | \$10,500 | \$9,540 | \$9,252 | \$288.00 |
| Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls | \$15,000 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$0.00 |
| Marianna, St. Luke's | \$14,426 | \$14,000 | \$10,000 | \$4,000.00 |
| Milton, St. Mary's | \$9,688 | \$7,815 | \$7,815 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, All Saints' | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, Christ | \$61,800 | \$41,800 | \$41,800 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, Good Shepherd | \$15,810 | \$15,600 | \$15,600 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, Redeemer | \$13,117 | \$12,024 | \$12,024 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, St. Andrew's | \$4,480 | \$6,637 | \$3,884 | \$2,753.00 |
| Mobile, St. John's | \$10,868 | \$13,890 | \$14,200 | (\$310.16) |
| Mobile, St. Luke's | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,000 | (\$6,000.00) |
| Mobile, St. Paul's | \$187,024 | \$198,912 | \$198,912 | \$0.00 |
| Mobile, Trinity | \$12,500 | \$12,500 | \$12,500 | \$0.00 |
| Monroeville, St. John's | \$4,730 | \$3,592 | \$13,334 | (\$9,742.25) |
| Navarre, St. Augustine's | \$6,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0.00 |
| Niceville, St. Jude's | \$39,958 | \$39,178 | \$39,178 | \$0.00 |
| Ozark, St. Michael's | \$1,631 | \$1,460 | \$1,460 | \$0.00 |
| Pnma City, Holy Nativity | \$45,290 | \$43,000 | \$43,000 | \$0.00 |
| Panama City, St. Andrew's | \$20,000 | \$18,848 | \$21,401 | (\$2,553.19) |
| Panama City, St. Patrick's | \$3,000 | \$4,581 | \$3,000 | \$1,580.85 |
| Panama City Beach, Grace | \$14,703 | \$12,959 | \$12,959 | \$0.00 |
| Pensacola, Christ | \$143,500 | \$135,500 | \$135,500 | \$0.00 |
| Pensacola, Holy Cross | \$24,000 | \$24,000 | \$24,000 | \$0.00 |
| Pensacola, Holy Trinity | \$15,370 | \$14,145 | \$14,145 | \$0.00 |
| Pcola, St. Christopher's | \$71,200 | \$76,000 | \$76,000 | \$0.00 |
| Pensacola, St. Cyprian's | \$3,500 | \$3,050 | \$3,286 | (\$236.00) |
| Pensacola, St. John's | \$18,700 | \$17,000 | \$17,000 | \$0.00 |
| Pt St. Joe, St. James' | * | \$0 | \$1,500 | (\$1,500.00) |
| Robertsdale, St. John | * | \$1,620 | \$1,620 | \$0.00 |
| SRB, Christ King | \$55,000 | \$55,198 | \$55,000 | \$197.92 |
| Troy, St. Mark's | * | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$0.00 |
| Wewahitchka, St. John's | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0.00 |
| Total Pledges | \$1,314,785 | \$1,306,399 | \$1,321,224 | (\$14,825.00) |

* 2026 pledge form outstanding as of February 9, 2026

** Actual 2025 pledge amounts received as of 01/22/2026

Overview of Expenses

| Discernment | |
|---|------------------|
| <p>Seminarians</p> <p>Financial assistance to support full-time Seminarians sent from this diocese to an accredited residential Episcopal seminary.</p> | \$8,500 |
| <p>Commission on Ministry</p> <p>Expenses for the Commission that receives, interviews and recommends those planning to seek ordination, including potential travel support for seminarians, and GOE registrations.</p> | \$9,000 |
| <p>Commission/Committees - Other</p> <p>Expense reimbursement for committees and commissions that requested support to meet, plan, and execute the programs for training, development, and outreach in the Diocese. This line item also includes meeting expenses of the Standing Committee, Racial Justice, ERD, etc.</p> | \$7,000 |
| <p>Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS)</p> <p>Our annual assistance provided to support the mission and program work of The Episcopal Church. Pledge is based on DFMS formula and based on overall diocesan income (pledges/endowment).</p> | \$125,000 |
| <p>Mission Engagement (World Mission)</p> <p>Funding to support the commission's work to plan / engage in mission efforts.</p> | \$6,000 |
| <p>Prison Ministry</p> <p>Funding to support prison ministry effort in the diocese.</p> | \$4,000 |
| <p>Canon to the Ordinary</p> <p>Estimated salary and benefits for our full-time Canon.</p> | \$107,132 |
| <p>Canon Pension / Travel</p> <p>Pension and estimated travel for our full-time Canon.</p> | \$26,784 |
| Total | \$293,416 |

Overview of Expenses, continued

| Discipleship | |
|---|------------------|
| <p>Beckwith Camp & Retreat Center</p> <p>Diocesan support to Beckwith's operating budget to underwrite programs and staffing at Beckwith including summer camps, Cursillo, clergy conferences, scholarships, etc.</p> | \$108,000 |
| <p>Wilmer Hall Children's Home</p> <p>Diocesan support to Wilmer Hall's operating budget to help underwrite programs and staffing that serves children and young adults in the Mobile, AL area including tutoring, on-campus living, and education programs.</p> | \$73,000 |
| <p>Spiritual Direction Program</p> <p>Funding to provide active clergy support and spiritual direction focused workshops.</p> | \$12,000 |
| <p>Youth Ministries and Programs</p> <p>Supports activities of Commission on Youth Ministries, including the Jr. High / High School Ministry, Happening, Youth Leader Training, Youth Coordinator.</p> | \$18,000 |
| <p>Discipleship Programming</p> <p>Expense assistance for various diocesan programming including music, evangelism, vestry, pastoral care education.</p> | \$3,000 |
| <p>Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation</p> <p>Support for Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation's facilitator training, speakers, and programming.</p> | \$12,000 |
| <p>School for Ministry, Operations</p> <p>Expense assistance for the in-diocese education and formation of future deacons and priests. Includes annual curriculum license fees.</p> | \$15,000 |
| <p>School for Ministry, Dean</p> <p>Salary and benefits for the Dean of School for Ministry.</p> | \$48,944 |
| <p>Missioner for Discipleship</p> <p>Salary and benefits for part-time Missioner to assist in development of discipleship/formation resources.</p> | \$48,944 |
| <p>Missioner Benefits / Travel</p> <p>Benefits, travel, and training for part-time Missioner for development/formation resources.</p> | \$20,000 |
| Total | \$358,888 |

Overview of Expenses, continued

| Development | |
|---|----------|
| <p>Education for Ministry / TENS</p> <p>Annual fee to Sewanee for Diocese to be an EFM- agent and annual membership in The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, providing stewardship resources to all churches.</p> | \$1,800 |
| <p>Canon for Development</p> <p>Expense assistance for part-time Missioner for Development salary, benefits, and travel.</p> | \$36,500 |
| <p>Development Programming</p> <p>Programming for CEV, training consultants, Convocational development, and missional engagement.</p> | \$4,000 |
| <p>Clergy Conferences</p> <p>Programing, accommodations, and other related expenses for clergy conferences/study days in the Diocese.</p> | \$5,000 |
| <p>University of the South at Sewanee</p> <p>Voluntary pledge toward the operating budget of this academic institution of which we are an owning diocese.</p> | \$3,000 |
| <p>Deputies to General Convention</p> <p>Budgeted annually on an accrual basis to cover expenses of our deputies to General Convention every three years.</p> | \$10,000 |
| <p>Delegates to Synod</p> <p>Partial offset of expenses of delegates to annual Synod meeting (our Synod is Province IV dioceses in the southeastern United States).</p> | \$2,000 |
| <p>Province IV Quota</p> <p>Pro-rata share among 21 southeastern dioceses for maintaining programs of the Province.</p> | \$3,200 |
| <p>Communications Support</p> <p>Expense to support website, apps, registrations, email marketing, domain name, miscellaneous programming, and training for congregations.</p> | \$8,500 |
| <p>Diocesan Convention</p> <p>Annual supplement to host parish and convention-related Diocesan office expenses Convention Magazine printing expenses and technology support are now rolled into this.</p> | \$1,500 |

Overview of Expenses

| Development continued | |
|---|------------------|
| <p>Support for Retirees Diocesan portion of premium costs for coverage of retired diocesan employees earned Medicare Advantage benefit.</p> | \$12,000 |
| <p>Liability Insurance Church portion of liability insurance that includes Directors and Officers Liability, Umbrella Liability and Non-owned and Hired Automobile Liability insurance, and diocesan property.</p> | \$27,500 |
| <p>Diocesan Bond A \$500,000 Fidelity Bond as required.</p> | \$3,000 |
| Total | \$131,500 |

| Office / Administrative | |
|--|--------------------|
| <p>This includes salary and benefits for the Bishop and his Staff (plus required social security, Medicare, and workman's comp expenses) plus all operational expenses for the Duvall Center.</p> <p>For the 2026 budget, the Bishop and his staff were provided with an avg. of 2.5% cost of living increase. Office/Administrative portion of the Budget includes medical insurance premiums, all office utilities, IT support, major maintenance, supplies, equipment, printing, postage, and the annual financial audit by our CPA. Diocesan Office Insurance is specifically for the Duvall Center property / liability, which increased by 3.8% for 2026. It also includes expenses for Bishop's automobile, all Bishop's in/out of diocese travel and in-diocese staff travel expenses. Diocesan Office Depreciation and Bishop's Automobile depreciation is taken as an audit adjustment after the end of the year and is not shown as an expense in the Budget.</p> | \$832,000 |
| Total | \$832,000 |
| TOTAL ALL EXPENSES FOR 2026 | \$1,615,804 |

Rules of Order

RULE I.

After Divine Service, the President shall take the chair, and call the Diocesan Convention to order, when the order of proceedings shall be as follows:

Section 1. The Secretary, or Assistant Secretary, of the last Diocesan Convention, if present (or the Secretary of the Standing Committee) shall determine, by roll call, or registration, which of the Clergy entitled to seats are present.

Section 2. The Secretary shall, in like manner, determine which of the Lay Delegates, for whom the Certificates of Election are in order, and who are, therefore, entitled to seats, are present.

RULE II.

A quorum being found present, the President shall declare the Diocesan Convention organized for business.

RULE III.

The Diocesan Convention shall then proceed to the election of a Secretary, who shall have the power to appoint assistants, with the concurrence of the Convention.

RULE IV.

The President shall appoint the following committees of the Diocesan Convention:

Dispatch of Business - to consider and recommend to the Convention an Agenda (order of business) for the Convention.

Credentials and Privileges - to consider and recommend to the Convention granting courtesy seat and voice to designated persons and to consider and recommend to the Convention on questioned credentials.

Canons and Rules of Order - to consider and recommend to the Convention actions concerning Canons and Rules of Order.

Status of Parishes and Missions and Admission of New Parishes - to consider and recommend to the Convention on change of status of congregations as well as admission of new congregations.

Finance - to consider and recommend to the Convention on the budget of the Diocese, on use of offerings during Convention liturgies, and on other matters of financial concern of the Diocese.

Elections - to act as tellers of votes for election of Standing Committee members, of Clerical and Lay Deputies to General Convention, and of other offices as needed except for the election of a Bishop for which special rules of order shall be adopted.

Such other committees as the President shall determine.

RULE V.

All reports of Officers and Committees, Agencies, Commissions, and Coordinators shall be submitted in writing to the Bishop no later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Convention and distributed to each congregation no later than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Convention.

RULE VI.

Section 1. All Resolutions to be presented by Delegates to the Convention shall be submitted, in written form, to the Secretary no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening of the Convention. These pre-filed Resolutions shall be distributed to each congregation within the Diocese no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of each Convention.

Section 2. Resolutions to alter or amend the Canons of the Diocese shall be submitted, in written form, in accordance with Canon 28, to the Secretary no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the

Rules of Order, continued

Convention and shall be distributed to the congregations of the Diocese no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of Convention.

Section 3. At the first business meeting of the Convention, the substance of each Resolution presented under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall be made known to the Convention together with assignment of each Resolution to a committee of the President's choice. Each Resolution shall be read at length at that time if requested. Copies of all Resolutions shall be made available at Convention to all Delegates.

Section 4. Resolution not presented in accordance with Sections 1 or 2 may be introduced by a Delegate to the Convention and accepted for consideration only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Convention taken at the first business meeting.

Section 5. Nothing in this Rule shall prevent the Bishop from introducing new matters to the Convention for consideration or action through the Bishop's Address to Convention; and nothing in this Rule shall prevent a committee of Convention from introducing new matters to Convention through its majority report. However, neither the Bishop nor a committee of Convention may introduce proposed amendments to Canons other than in conformity with Canon 28.

RULE VII.

Nominations for Standing Committee and for Clerical and Lay Deputies to General Convention (in the years for such election) may be submitted by Delegates not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of Convention and distributed to each congregation no later than ten (10) days prior to the opening of Convention. This provision shall not preclude Delegates from making nominations for these offices from the floor during Convention.

RULE VIII.

Once the Convention is organized for business in accordance with Rule II, and a Secretary elected (and assistants appointed) in accordance with Rule III, the Convention shall follow an order of business adopted by the Convention in the form of an Agenda upon presentation by the Committee on Dispatch of Business. Once adopted, this Agenda may be modified or suspended upon a two-thirds vote of the Convention. This Agenda shall include the following:

The Bishop's Address

The Report of the Standing Committee

The Reports of the General Officers

The Reports of committees of the Convention

The Adoption of the Operating Budget for the Diocese and other financial concerns

The Elections of the Officers and Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Coordinators of the Diocese.

RULE IX.

No Delegate shall be absent from the sessions of the Convention without leave of the President or the Delegate is unable to attend.

RULE X.

When a Delegate is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, the Delegate shall rise, as able, and, upon being recognized by the President and with due respect, address the President in an audible voice speaking only to the point in debate. No Delegate shall speak twice in the same debate without leave of the Convention.

Rules of Order, continued

RULE XI.

When the President is putting any question, the Delegates shall continue in their seats and not hold private discourse. Every Delegate present shall vote when a question is put, unless excused by the Convention.

Section 1. Action upon a question put by the President shall be determined by a majority of votes cast, except on a question for which a two-thirds vote is required by these Rules or the Canons.

Section 2. When the question is for the election of members of the Standing Committee, Clerical and Lay Deputies to General Convention, and to any other office in the Diocese excepting the election of a Bishop for which special rules of order shall be adopted, the following will apply: 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.

RULE XII.

When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be made unless to lay upon the table, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to offer a substitute. Motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order named. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

RULE XIII.

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and, if unqualified, shall be decided without debate.

RULE XIV.

No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, reduced to writing, and submitted to the Secretary before the vote.

RULE XV.

A question having been once determined shall stand as the judgment of the Convention and shall not again be considered during the session; but, a question having been decided may be reconsidered with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present on a motion to that purpose by one (1) of the majority of the first decision.

RULE XVI.

All questions of order shall be decided by the President in the first instance; but any members may appeal from such decision, and, on such appeal, no member may speak more than once without leave of the Convention.

RULE XVII.

These Rules of Order may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present.

RULE XVIII.

Except in conflict with the Constitution or Canons, or any Rule herein contained, the latest edition of Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the interpretation of these Rules and the procedures to be followed.

RULE XIX.

The above shall be the Rules of Order of all future Annual Conventions of the Diocese, unless altered or rescinded.

Convocations

Convocation I

Dean: The Rev. Jim Flowers
All Saints, Mobile

Chickasaw, St. Michael's
Citronelle, St. Thomas'
Codon, St. Mary's
Dauphin Island, St. Francis
Mobile, All Saints
Mobile, Christ Church
Cathedral
Mobile, Good Shepherd
Mobile, Redeemer
Mobile, St. Andrew's
Mobile, St. John's
Mobile, St. Luke's
Mobile, St. Paul's
Mobile, Trinity
Wilmer Hall

Convocation II

Dean: The Rev. Thack Dyson
St. Paul's, Daphne

Bay Minette, Immanuel
Bon Secour, St. Peter's
Daphne, St. Paul's
Fairhope, St. James
Foley, St. Paul's
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit
Lillian, Advent
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's
Robertsdale, St. John's
Beckwith Camp & Conference
Center

Convocation III

Dean: The Rev. Christian Rabone
St. Francis, Gulf Breeze

Cantonment, St. Monica's
Crestview, Epiphany
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis
Ft. Walton Beach, St. Simon's
Milton, St. Mary's
Navarre, St. Augustine's
Niceville, St. Jude's
Pensacola, Christ Church
Pensacola, Holy Cross
Pensacola, Holy Trinity
Pensacola, St. Christopher's
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's
Pensacola, St. John's

Convocation IV

Dean: The Rev. Linda Suzanne
Borgen
St. Thomas, Greenville

Andalusia, St. Mary's
Atmore, Chapel of St. Dismas
Atmore (Poarch), St. Anna's
Atmore, Trinity
Brewton, St. Stephen's
Dothan, Nativity
Enterprise, Epiphany
Eufaula, St. James'
Greenville, St. Thomas
Jackson, St. Peter's
Monroeville, St. John's
Ozark, St. Michael's
Troy, St. Mark's

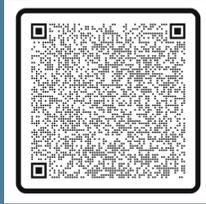
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are divided into
"convocations" within
particular geographical
boundaries of this
diocese as designated
by the bishop. Each
convocation is served by
a dean.**

Convocation V

Dean: The Rev. Joseph Hagberg
Retired

Apalachicola, Trinity
Chipley, St. Matthew's
DeFuniak Springs, St. Agatha's
Destin, St. Andrew's
Marianna, St. Luke's
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas'
Panama City, Holy Nativity
Panama City, St. Andrew's
Panama City, St. Patrick's
Panama City Bch, Grace Church
Port St. Joe, St. James'
Santa Rosa Bch, Christ the King
Wewahitchka, St. John's

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Celebrating in God's Creation
 Join us to walk the Stations of the Resurrection, celebrate the Eucharist in the Chapel of Divine Creation, and enjoy a shared meal provided by our hosts.
 Wear closed-toe shoes and bring your water bottle or favorite beverage.



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| St. Mary's, Andalusia | St. Thomas, Greenville |
| Trinity, Atmore | St. Peter's, Jackson |
| St. Stephen's, Brewton | St. John's, Monroeville |
| Nativity, Dothan | St. Michael's, Ozark |
| Epiphany, Enterprise | St. Anna's, Poarch |
| St. James, Eufaula | St. Mark's Troy |

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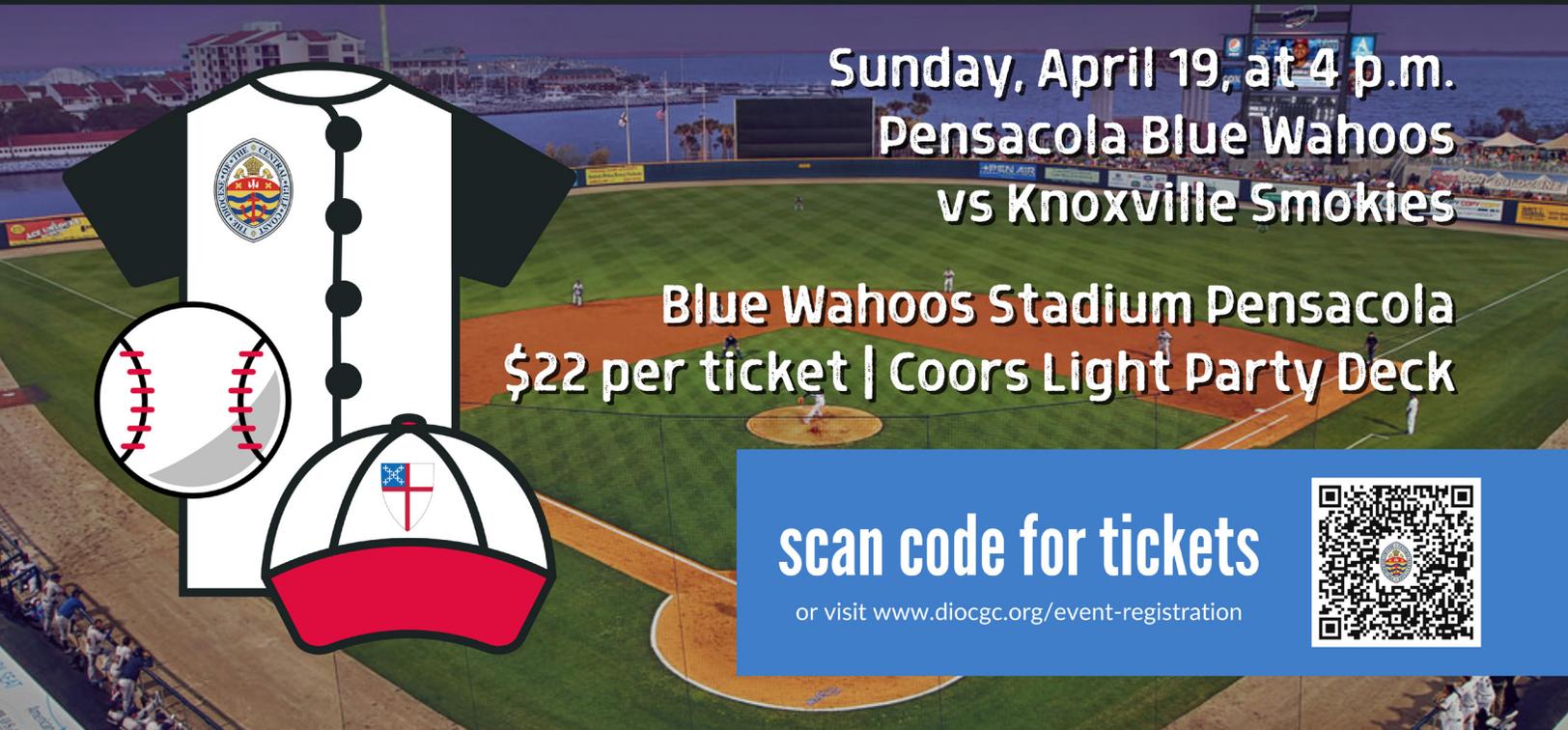
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Episcopal Night!

at the ballpark



cost includes food & drink!



Sunday, April 19, at 4 p.m.
Pensacola Blue Wahoos vs Knoxville Smokies

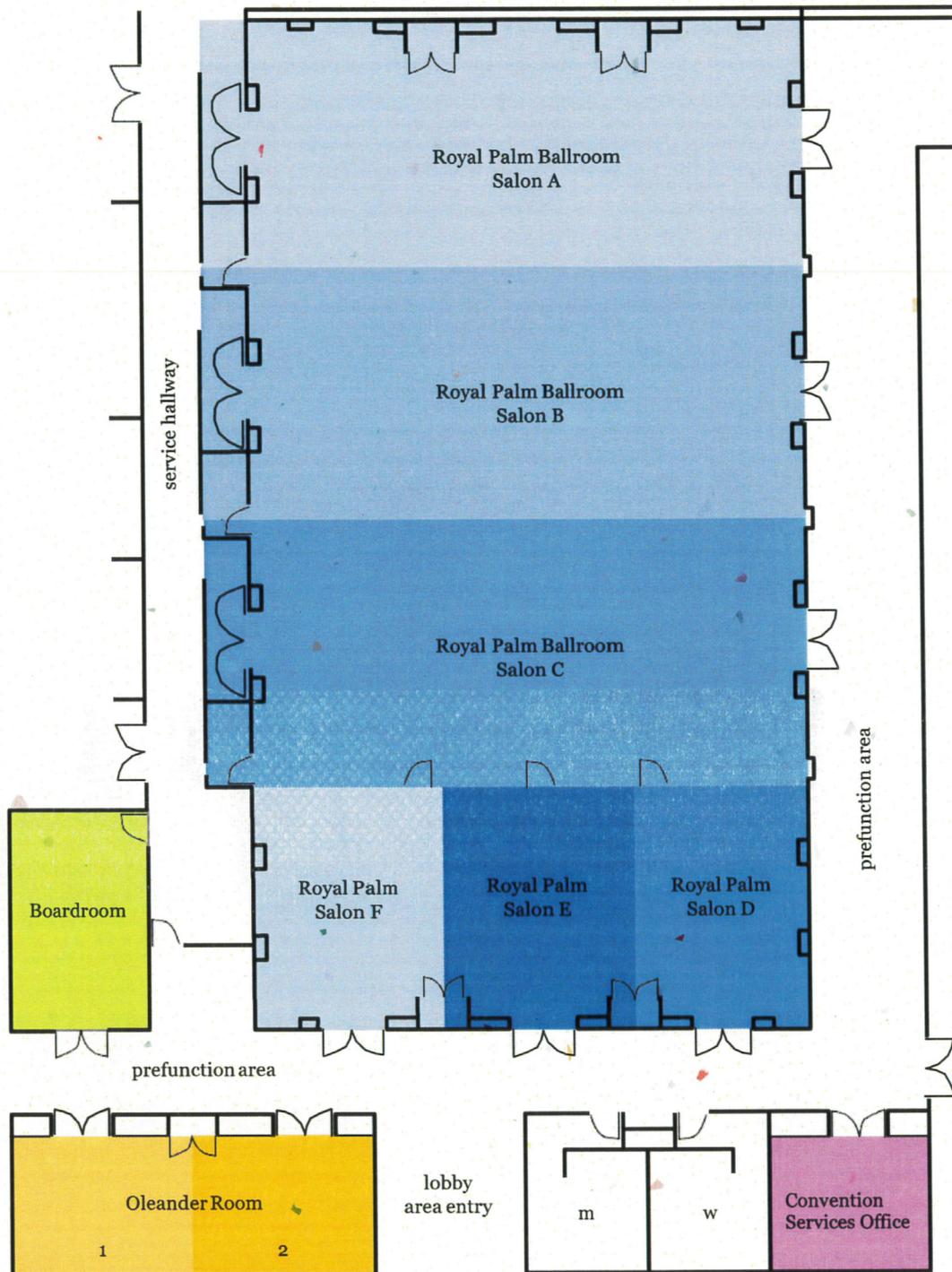
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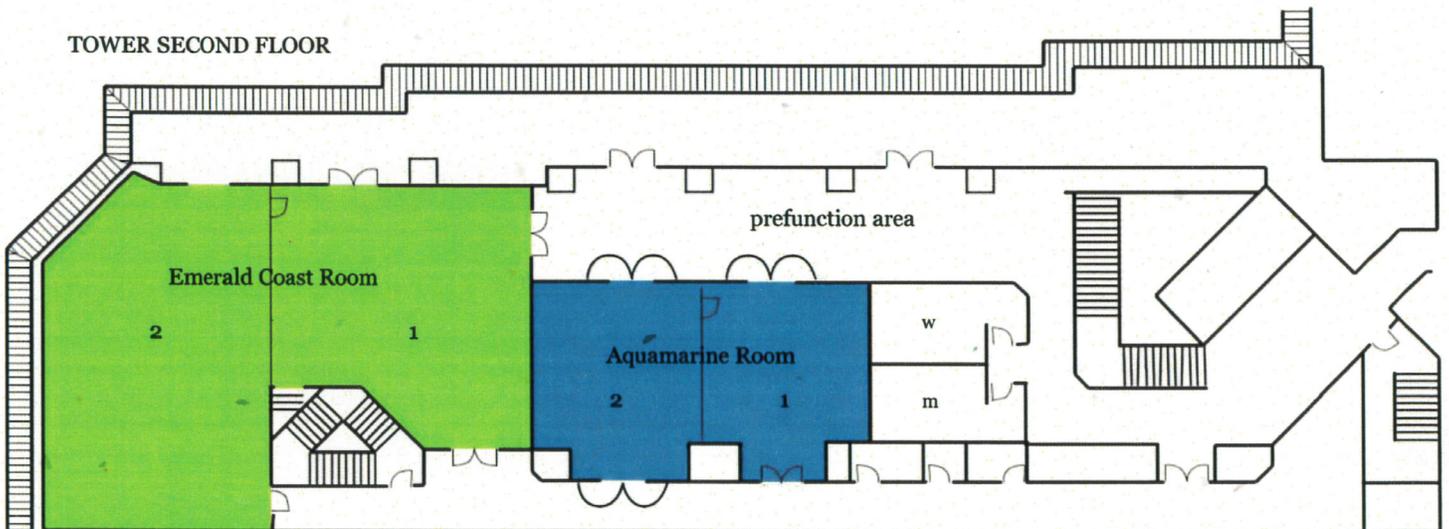
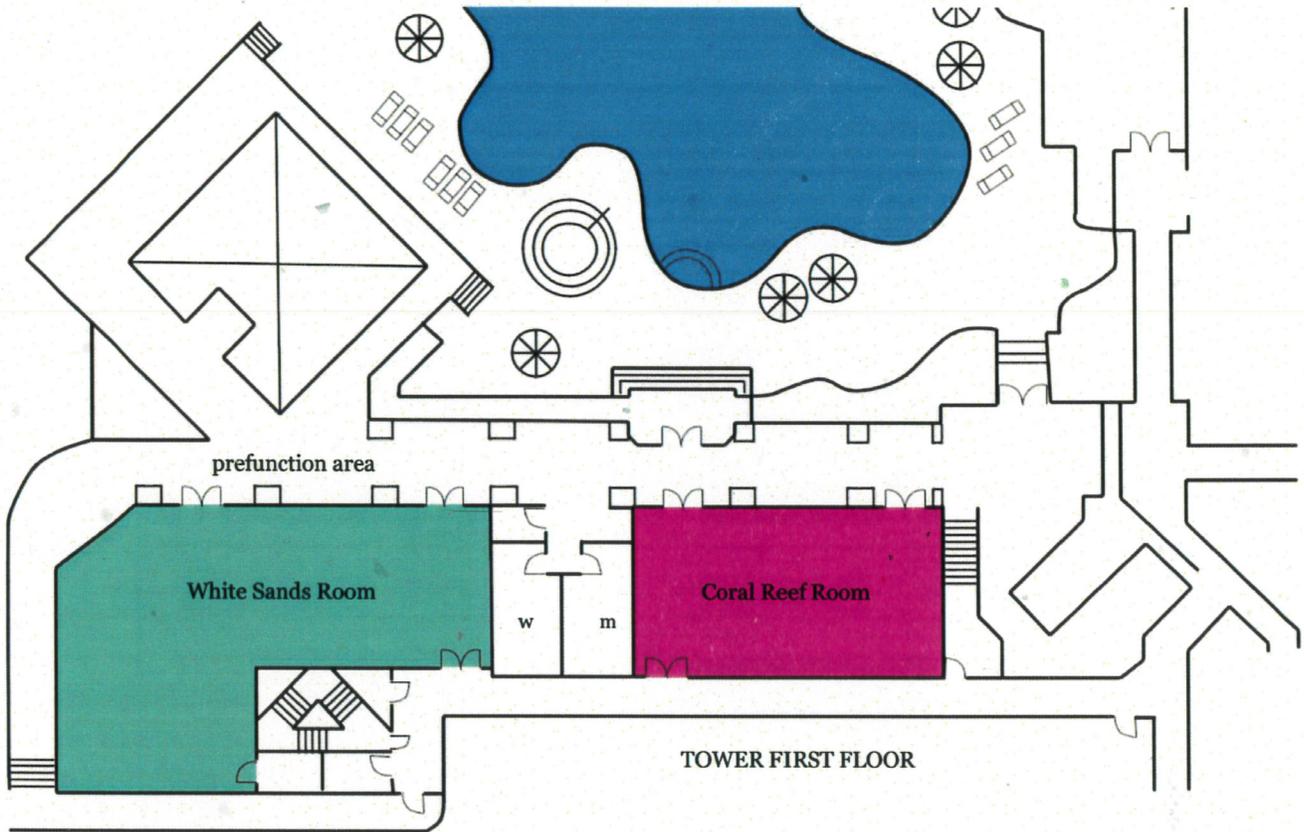
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Campus Maps



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2026 upcoming events



March

- 7 Pastoral Care: How to Cover Your Future at Holy Nativity, Panama City, FL*
- 12-15 Cursillo #174 at Beckwith, Fairhope, AL
- 19 Speaker Series: "Let the Oppressed Go Free" with Nic Wood, Associate Professor of History, Spring Hill College at All Saints, Mobile, AL**

April

- 18 Pilgrimage to Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, AL**
- 19 Episcopal Night at the Ballpark at Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola, FL
- 26 Beckwith Sunday around the diocese
- 26 Worship in the Woods at Saloom Properties, Evergreen, AL

May

- 2 Diaconate Ordinations at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, AL
- 9 Senior Warden Day at St. Francis, Gulf Breeze, FL
- 16 Becoming Beloved Community Workshop at Trinity, Apalachicola, FL**

June

- 20 School for Ministry Graduation, location TBA

July

- 26 Wilmer Hall Sunday around the diocese

August

- 15 Diocesan Choir Festival at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, AL

September

- 17-20 Cursillo #175 at Beckwith, Fairhope, AL
- 25-27 BayLights at Beckwith, Fairhope, AL
- 26 Becoming Beloved Community Workshop at St. John's, Monroeville, AL**

October

- 7-9 Clergy Conference at Beckwith, Fairhope, AL

*Sponsored by the Commission on Affirmative Aging

**Sponsored by the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation



Beckwith

Beckwith Summer Camp

Senior High (9th-12th Grade)
May 31-June 4

LIT (rising 10th grade & up)
June 4-6

Session 1 (6th-8th Grade)
June 7-12

Session 2 (3rd-5th Grade)
June 14-19

Session 3 (7th-9th Grade)
June 21-26

Session 4 (Special Ministries)
June 28-July 1

Session 5 (4th-6th Grade)
July 5-10

Session 6 (5th-7th Grade)
July 12-17

Session 7 (3rd-4th Grade)
July 19-23

Family Camp (1st Grade & up)
July 24-26



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