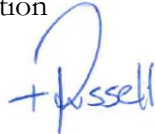




The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

16 February 2023

MEMORANDUM TO: Delegates to the 52nd Annual Convention

FROM: The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick 

REFERENCE: 2nd Packet Study Material for the 2023 Diocesan Convention

Enclosed is study material for Diocesan Convention which includes: a Schedule of Events; List of Delegates; Reports; Budgets; and General Convention Deputy nominations. **A PRINTED COPY OF THIS MATERIAL WILL BE IN YOUR CONVENTION REGISTRATION CHECK-IN PACKET.** If you find that you will be unable to attend the Convention, please forward this email to the alternate taking your place. Please refer to the reverse of this memorandum for some notes regarding the 2023 Diocesan Convention activities.

Also enclosed are parking details, venue maps and general event information.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION – Please check-in during the scheduled times: **Friday, March 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** and **Saturday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** [Conference Center Lobby]. If an alternate attends in place of a delegate, **the alternate must register to be certified as a delegate.** Attendees will receive their name badge and convention packet. Be sure to access our VPOLL voting system on your tablet or smartphone immediately following check-in. Details will be included in your packet.

NECROLOGY – Please complete the on-line form on the Diocesan website [2023 Diocesan Convention Necrology Reporting Form](#) or **email/hand to Mary Poss at the Convention registration desk [mary@diocgc.org]**, names of former clergy or lay delegates to Diocesan Conventions (including the Dioceses of Alabama and Florida which once included this diocese) who died since the 51st Annual Convention last year.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CLERGY – **SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** Holy Eucharist (Rite II). Clergy WILL NOT VEST but are asked to wear their collars. We will have Renewal of Vows during the service.

Clergy, please assemble immediately following the close of Convention for the CLERGY PHOTO.

JRK/mrp

Notes regarding 2023 Diocesan Convention

YOUTH DELEGATES – Upon arrival to the convention, Youth Delegates are asked to gather in the Conference Center Lower Lobby with the Youth Shepherd, Meghan Johnson.

REPORTS – Other than select presentations, Agency and Commission/Committee reports will be filed by title. Delegates are encouraged to read the reports included in this packet.

RULES OF ORDER – To assist new delegates, and possibly even some veterans, the Rules of Order for the Diocesan Convention are included in this packet for reference.

ZOOM HEARING ON THE 2023 BUDGET – From 4:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023. The proposed budget for 2023 will be presented on-line via ZOOM this year. This will provide an opportunity for delegates to better understand the Diocese’s finances and have answered any questions they may have. All delegates are invited and encouraged to attend this hearing. The Convention Committee on Finance will present its report to the Convention Friday morning, for a vote on the 2023 budget and Convention offerings.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82353611133?pwd=emgydjFCV3NZdVpBVTJwYm5oVUNyZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 5361 1133

Passcode: 2023

PRAYER ROOM – Sponsored by The Order of the Daughters of the King®, will be available for quiet/prayer time and a place to leave prayer requests. Room location forthcoming.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE and GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES -

There are pre-filed nominations for Standing Committee members AND General Convention deputies, additional nominations may be made from the floor Friday afternoon. The Convention will be electing two (2) lay representatives and one (1) clergy representative for the Standing Committee; plus the Bishop’s nominees for Standing Committee; and four (4) clergy and four (4) lay deputies to General Convention, along with four (4) alternate deputies in each order. These elections will be held during the Saturday morning business session. Per Rule XI, Section 2, of the Rules of Order:

“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.”

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS LIST - You will receive the list of nominations for Standing Committee members by the start of the convention on Friday. We are currently receiving names to fill one clergy and two lay positions.