

CALL TO CONVENTION

TO: The Bishop
Clergy
Parish Registrars
Chancellor of the Diocese
Treasurer of the Convention
Registrar of the Diocese
Lay Members of the Standing Committee
Lay Members of Diocesan Council
Members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons
Chairpersons of Departments, Commissions, and Committees

FROM: Mrs. Debra Dragone, Secretary to Diocesan Convention

DATE: November 15, 2007

In accordance with requirements set out in its Constitution and Canons, notice is hereby given that the 140th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton will be held on Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, in Cambridge, Maryland.

The events of Friday, February 22 will provide opportunities for clergy, delegates, alternates, and guests to gather for workshops, Eucharist, and the convention banquet. In an attempt to shorten our Saturday business session, we will conduct a brief business session on Friday, February 22. All members of the diocese are invited to attend Friday's functions. Registration information for hotel, workshops, and other convention information will go out in December.

The Schedule

Friday, February 22, 2008

Registration	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Workshops – Session I	10:15 am	11:45 am
Lunch	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
Workshops – Session II	1:15 pm	2:45 pm
Business Session I	3:00 pm	4:15 pm
Travel to Christ Church	4:30 pm	
Eucharist	5:00 pm	6:30 pm
Social Hour	6:30 pm	7:30 pm
Convention Banquet	7:30 pm	9:30 pm

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Registration	7:00 am	9:30 am
Morning Devotions	8:30 am	9:00 am
Business Session II	9:15 am	11:00 am
Children: Godly Play	11:00 am	12:00 noon
Adults: Anglican Communion	11:00 am	12:00 noon
Lunch	12:00 noon	1:00 pm
Business Session III	1:15 pm	3:30 pm
Adjournment	3:30 pm	

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

Forms for certification of delegates and alternates have been E-mailed or surface mailed to all parish offices and to rectors, vicars, priests-in-charge, and deacon pastors. They are also posted on the diocesan web site, www.dioceseofeaston.org.

PLEASE NOTE: The Bishop's staff cannot transmit information directly to these members of convention until their names are received. Registrars are strongly urged to send names, addresses, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses to Bray House at the earliest opportunity. It is most important we have an accurate E-mail address for your delegates and alternates. If they do not have E-mail access, please be sure to have another member of your delegation forward any information to them. **We suggest you set December 14 as the deadline for mailing this information.** If the election of delegates and alternates has not yet taken place, please make this a high priority.

PARISH REGISTRARS are asked to do the following:

- (1) Ask your clergy or parish office for, or go online and download, Certificate of Election forms from the diocesan web site, www.dioceseofeaston.org. Please fill out a Certificate of Election for each duly elected delegate and alternate. Make sure the appropriate box is checked indicating delegate or alternate.
- (2) Obtain the signature of each delegate and alternate. Please be sure to include the mailing addresses, phone number, and E-mail address.
- (3) Sign the original form.
- (4) Mail the original to the Diocese of Easton, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601 and make one copy for the delegate or alternate and make another copy for your parish files. **Please mail by December 14.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & CANONS

Notice is also hereby given that all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the diocese must be submitted in writing to the Committee on Constitution and Canons no later than November 23, 2007. Email these documents to Mr. David Bryan, Esq. at: dcb1@goeaston.net. All proposed parish by-laws and all amendments to parish by-laws must also be submitted to Mr. Bryan for approval by the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The deadline for submission of all other resolutions is February 15, 2008. Resolutions must be sent in writing, preferably by Word or WordPerfect attachments or plain text in E-mail,

to the Bishop's office. They may be directed to resolutions@dioceseofeaston.org, or mailed to Resolutions, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601-3684.

CONVOCATION MEETINGS

Here is the schedule of pre-convention convocation meetings: All meetings begin at 7pm

<u>Middle</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
December 3 Trinity Cathedral, Easton	December 6 St. Paul's, Centreville	December 4 St. Paul's by-the-Sea Ocean City
February 7, 2008 Christ Church, Kent Island	February 4, 2008 Emmanuel, Chestertown	February 11, 2008 St. Peter's, Salisbury

At the February meetings, each convocation will choose one representative to Diocesan Council for a three-year term. Their names will be presented to convention for ratification.

The North will select a clergy person.

The Middle will select a lay person

The South will select a lay person.

We have enclosed the preliminary 2008 budget, which will be explained and discussed at December and February meetings.

Canonically resident clergy, delegates and alternates should make every effort to be present at convocation meetings. All other members of the diocese who wish to attend are also welcome.

PLEASE NOTE It is suggested that every parish delegation to the convocation meeting should include: the wardens, treasurers, representatives of the Finance Committee, as well as clergy and elected delegates and alternates to the 140th annual Diocesan Convention.