



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 1, 2011

In accordance with requirements set out in its Constitution and Canons, notice is hereby given that the 144th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton will be held on Friday, February 24 and Saturday, February 25, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, in Cambridge, Maryland.

The business session will begin on Friday, February 24, and conclude Saturday afternoon. The Convention banquet will be on Friday. The Convention Eucharist will be on Saturday, February 26. All members of the diocese are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration information for hotel, program, and other Convention information will go out in December.

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

The form for certification of delegates and alternates has been e-mailed or surface mailed to all parish offices and to rectors, vicars, priests-in-charge, and deacon pastors. It is 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 16 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 the Credentials to Diocesan Convention form from the diocesan web site, www.dioceseofeaston.org. Please fill out a form 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) Make one copy for the delegate or alternate and another copy for your parish files, and mail the original to the Diocese of Easton, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601.
Please mail by December 16.

CONVOCATION MEETINGS

Here is the schedule of pre-Convention convocation meetings: All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Middle</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
November 29, 2011 Trinity Cathedral	November 28, 2011 St. Luke's, Church Hill	November 30, 2011 St. Peter's, Salisbury
February 2, 2012 Christ Church, Cambridge	February 1, 2012 Emmanuel, Chestertown	January 31, 2012 Holy Spirit, Ocean City

A reminder to all clergy and lay delegates: At the convocation meetings in either November or February, we are charged to nominate people from each convocation, to serve on the Diocesan Council for a three-year term. The representatives for this three-year term are chosen by the convocation, and confirmed by the Diocesan Convention, according to Article X, Sec. 2, of the Diocesan Constitution.

It is our hope that you will give serious consideration to people who would be able and willing to serve as a member of Diocesan Council. Their names will be presented to Convention for ratification. The vacancies to be filled are:

- The North will select a lay person.
- The Middle will select a clergy person
- The South will select a lay person.

A copy of the preliminary 2012 budget will be sent out November 18, which will be explained and discussed at November 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 144th annual Diocesan Convention.