

# Welcome to the 141st Convention of the Diocese of Easton

By clicking through the links on this page, you will access various information about Diocesan Convention, including

- a description of workshops
- nominees for diocesan positions
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## Good things to know...

+ Anyone may participate in convention, including workshops, meals, worship, and business session, as a “guest.” You don’t have to be an elected delegate. Check the appropriate box on the registration form.

+ If you are a first-timer, be sure to click on the “Orientation information” link for some frequently asked questions.

+ Most of our time will be spent in the wing of the Hyatt that is down the hall to the right as you come in the main entrance. Most workshops are upstairs; the meals, business session, and exhibit space are on the ground floor.

+ Delegates and alternates are seated at assigned tables during the business sessions, and there is unassigned seating for visitors at the back of the room.

+ Dress is generally business casual. Wear whatever will keep your feet and body comfortable.

+ Those who are not delegates/alternates may wish to enjoy the pool or other amenities the Hyatt offers, or explore Cambridge.

## Regarding our Hyatt hosts...

*The Hyatt staff at every level bend over backwards to accommodate our needs. Let’s help them provide us with the best service.*

+ Make sure to meet deadlines and register on time. You will secure a place, as well as gain the grateful appreciation of the convention staff.

+ Choose the meal you intend to eat. If you choose meat, don’t at the last minute tell your server you need a vegetarian meal instead.

+ Hyatt serves only Starbucks coffee.

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Diocesan Convention is the annual meeting for Episcopalians in the Diocese of Easton (the nine counties of the Eastern Shore). It is required by the Constitution and Canons, and is the time we conduct the necessary business of passing the budget, discussing resolutions that guide our ministry, and electing persons to serve on the councils of the Church. But Convention is more than simply business: It is also a time for learning, worship, and friendship. Fellow Christians share their areas of expertise through workshops that broaden our knowledge. Bible study and

worship connect us to our God and one another and inspire us for mission. The luncheons and banquet deepen our appreciation of the gifts each person offers and are just plain fun ways to be together as the Body of Christ. Annual meeting, annual party. Did you know that the diocese (not the parish) is the basic unit of the Episcopal Church? “The diocese” is not the bishop, nor his office and staff; the diocese is all of us, pulling the oars together with Jesus. Nowhere is this more evident than at Diocesan Convention. Come and see. Come and listen.