



## 206TH ANNUAL CONVENTION UPDATE

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### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

As we approach the online 206th Annual Convention, canonical requirements remain in place, including important pre-Convention dates. Please note the following:

- October 3, 3 p.m. - Budget webinar: [Register](#) (Zoom)
- October 5, 7 p.m. - Budget webinar: [Register](#) (Zoom)
- October 11, noon - Deadline to submit nominations and resolutions (More information is available below.)
- October 18, 7 p.m., [via Zoom](#): Durham Convocation pre-Convention meeting
- October 19, 5:30 p.m., [via Zoom](#): Winston-Salem Convocation pre-Convention meeting
- October 21, 7 p.m., via Zoom: Raleigh Convocation pre-Convention meeting
- October 25, 7:00 p.m., [via Zoom](#): Rocky Mount Convocation pre-Convention meeting
- October 26, 6 p.m., [via Zoom](#): Charlotte Convocation pre-Convention meeting
- October 28, 7 p.m., via Zoom: Sandhills Convocation pre-Convention meeting

At this time, no decision on “late nominations” and “late resolutions” submitted after the October 11 deadline has been reached. **We urge you to submit everything by the deadline**, including any resolutions to be submitted from our Diocese to next year’s General Convention.

Contact your clergyperson or the dean of your convocation if the Zoom link is not included above and you have not received it through other means.

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### ELECTIONS

The following positions will be filled by open election:

- Standing Committee - 2 Clergy (3 years), 1 Lay (3 years)
- Diocesan Council - 2 Clergy (3 years), 3 Lay (3 years)
- Trustee, University of the South - 1 Clergy (2 years 10 months, to fill a vacancy [the 205th “Parking Lot” Convention did not fill this position]), 1 Lay (3 years)

The principal functions of the Standing Committee are (1) to consent to the election and consecration of bishops throughout The Episcopal Church, (2) to approve candidates for Holy Orders at each stage of the ordination process beginning with admission to candidacy, (3) to consent to the sale or encumbrance of real property by any church or diocesan institution, (4) to act as a council of advice to the Bishop, and (5) to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority in extraordinary circumstances.

The Diocesan Council is responsible for the development and implementation of the Diocesan program and budget. Between Diocesan Conventions, the Council functions much like the vestry of a church, establishing policies, planning the work of the Diocese, and overseeing its administration and finances.

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tennessee, is governed by the Episcopal dioceses of Province IV (the southeastern U.S.) Each diocese elects two lay persons and one member of the clergy to the University's Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet once each year for two days. Between annual meetings, trustees serve the University by promoting its mission, encouraging enrollment, and supporting it financially.

Current membership of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, as well as the current Trustees of the University of the South, may be found on the website of the Diocese.

Please note the following:

- Nominators must be members of the clergy in the Diocese or lay communicants in good standing of a church of the Diocese. A lay person need not be confirmed or a delegate of Convention to submit a nomination.
- Consent of the nominee is required.
- Nominees for Standing Committee and Diocesan Council in the clergy order must be entitled to seat in Convention.
- Nominees for Standing Committee and Diocesan Council in the lay order must be confirmed adult communicants in good standing who are enrolled at a church in the Diocese.
- Persons desiring to nominate for re-election individuals whose terms on Standing Committee or Diocesan Council will end on December 31, 2021 should heed the [Constitution and Canons of the Diocese](#) (Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution and Canon 15, Section 1 respectively).

**The deadline for nominations to be received at Diocesan House is 12:00 noon, Monday, October 11.** Nominations are submitted through an online form found on the website of the Diocese. The names of persons nominated by the deadline will be included in Convention materials. Shortly after the deadline has passed, the online form will be disabled and its link removed from the website of the Diocese.

Detailed rules for nominations and elections are found in Rule of Order XXII. The Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order are posted on the diocesan website.

**Elections at Convention will be conducted electronically. Read the revised Handbook or watch the pre-Convention webinar from the Secretary for further information.**

[Submit a nomination](#)

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## RESOLUTIONS

Members of the clergy entitled to seat at Convention, lay delegates to Convention, constitutional or canonical officers, and constitutional or canonical bodies may submit

resolutions for consideration by Convention.

Authors must phrase resolutions in such a way that Convention can resolve the question by a direct Yes or No vote. “Whereas” clauses are not allowed. An explanation clearly marked “Comment” may be appended to the text for the convenience of Convention; it will be included in Convention materials, but it will not be debated or published as part of the final resolution if adopted. The Secretary may contact authors to propose edits for clarity or consistent style.

Canon 12 prescribes special procedures to amend the Constitution, Canons of the Diocese, or Rules of Order of Convention. Authors of such resolutions are urged to consult the Chancellor of the Diocese, [Mr. Edward L. Embree, III](#), prior to submitting them.

Send resolutions in plaintext or Microsoft Word format by email to the Secretary of Convention. Each resolution submitted on time will be posted on the website of the Diocese shortly after the Secretary has assigned it a descriptive title and a number.

**The deadline to submit resolutions is 12 noon, Monday, October 11.** The Secretary will return without action any resolution received after the deadline.

Detailed rules for introduction and consideration of resolutions are found in Rules of Order IV(a) and (b), XXIII(a), and XXIV. The Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order are posted on the website of the Diocese.

[Submit a resolution](#)

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Yours in Christ,  
Charles L. Till  
[Secretary of the Convention](#)

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