

NOTICE OF THE 208TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 1, 2023

To Members of the Clergy Order of Convention:

Greetings! Notice is hereby given that the 208th Annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina will be held at the M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention and Civic Center, 301 West 5th Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Timeline of Convention. Material for Convention, including a timeline, is available on the diocesan website under About Us and then Annual Convention (www.episdionc.org/annual-convention).

Eligibility. The Constitution of the Diocese provides as follows for priests and deacons:

canonically resident in this Diocese?	parochial or active in this Diocese?	primary residence in this Diocese?	eligible for seat and voice at Convention	eligible for vote at Convention
N	N	doesn't matter	N	N
N	Y	doesn't matter	Y	N
Y	N	N	maybe	N
Y	N	Y	Y	N
Y	Y	doesn't matter	Y	Y

Non-parochial clergy and retired clergy who are both canonically resident and active in this Diocese may apply for voting status, if they have not already done so, by completing the online Annual Report of Acts of Ministry for 2022. These reports are received by the office of the Bishop Diocesan.

Registration for Convention. Effective this year, the person who files a Certificate of Election for lay delegates from a church and registers those lay delegates for Convention (now a combined process) will register parochial clergy for Convention at the same time. The link to the registration system is found on the diocesan website. **The deadline for this type of registration is July 31, 2023.**

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Non-parochial and retired clergy may register themselves by using a different web form on the website. This second form may also be used to register spouses, guests, observers, etc. **The deadline to register non-parochial and retired clergy and others is October 31, 2023.** However, if you wait that late, hotel rooms at the negotiated price may be sold out.

After a registration is submitted, an email with payment instructions will be sent. If you pay by check, please mail it to the address specified in the email.

Subsequent Communication. In mid-August 2023, the Secretary will email important material to every member of Convention. The Diocese has discontinued paper mailings to clergy about Convention. Therefore, ensure that your current email address is always on file with Ms. Elizabeth Dawkins, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Diocesan. **If you change your email address, please inform Ms Dawkins promptly.** You may reach her at elizabeth.dawkins@episdionc.org or (919) 600-5301.

Questions about Convention registrations should be sent to convention@episdionc.org. If you have questions about other matters, please contact me by email to secretary@episdionc.org or by calling (919) 834-7474, entering extension 5416, and leaving a voicemail. I look forward to seeing you in November.

Charles L. Till
Secretary of the Convention