

NOTICE OF THE 208TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 1, 2023

To Senior Wardens in the Diocese of North Carolina:

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.

New this year! You will submit your Certificate of Election for lay delegates electronically and register them for Convention at the same time. You will also register your parochial clergy for Convention at that time. The submission system is now available at www.episdionc.org/annual-convention.

Timeline of Convention. All material for Convention, including a timeline, is available on the diocesan website at www.episdionc.org/annual-convention.

Election of delegates. A table showing the apportionment of lay delegates is available on the diocesan website. Candidacy is limited to confirmed adult communicants in good standing who are enrolled at your church. Please be mindful of the number of delegates to which your church is entitled. Churches whose delegation has changed in size since the 207th Convention were notified in April.

Data Entry. A new and complete Certificate is required each year that identifies all delegates, including delegates who were elected in prior years and continue to serve. If you need assistance in submitting your information, please email convention@episdionc.org.

Careful! Please verify the email addresses that you submit. Parish email directories are often out of date. Studies show that on average, a person changes his or her email address every 5 years. Last year, we had far too many erroneous email addresses to fix. After you submit the email addresses, each delegate will be contacted to confirm his or her address.

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Subsequent Changes. If your delegation changes later in the year, a change form will be available on the diocesan website. **An alternate may not take the place of a delegate unless a change form has been submitted**, either in advance of Convention (preferably) or at the Convention itself.

Only persons duly elected by the vestry of your church may represent your church at Convention. Delegates and alternates may not be selected by clergy, wardens, or delegates acting alone.

Payment. After you submit your registrations, you will receive an email with payment instructions. If you pay by check, please mail it to the address specified in the email.

This letter is the only Convention material you will receive through the U.S. Postal Service. In mid-August, the Secretary will email eight pages of important information about Convention to every member. Therefore, **the deadline to submit your Certificate is July 31, 2023.**

All lay delegates will be subscribed to the weekly diocesan email newsletter, *Please Note*, which will provide further information about Convention during September, October, and November.

If you have questions, 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 the delegation from your church in November.

Charles L. Till
Secretary of the Convention