

NOTICE OF THE 209TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 1, 2024

To Members of the Clergy Order of Convention who are Non-Parochial or Retired:

Greetings! Notice is hereby given that the 209th 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 22 and Saturday, November 23, 2024.

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

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 and retired clergy who are canonically resident 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](#). The Bishop Diocesan, not the Secretary, grants voting status to non-parochial and retired clergy pursuant to the ministerial activity that you report each year. If you wish to change your canonical residence to this Diocese, please do not wait too late to pursue this with the Bishop Diocesan.

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Non-parochial and retired clergy may register themselves for Convention by using the form on the website specifically marked for non-parochial and retired clergy, spouses, guests, observers, etc. **The deadline to register non-parochial and retired clergy and others is October 31, 2024.** However, if you wait that late, hotel rooms at the negotiated price may be sold out.

A separate registration process is used for parochial clergy and lay delegates, with a different deadline.

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

The Diocese has discontinued paper mailings to clergy about Convention. In mid-August, the Secretary will email important material to every member of 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