



ORIENTATION

**205th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina**

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Please...

- If you RSVP'd, do show up on March 6
- We need a quorum in both the lay order and the clergy order
 - Otherwise, the primary purpose of this “drive-in Convention” is thwarted
- Stay in your vehicle while at Convention
 - UNC Friday Center buildings will not be open



Travel tips

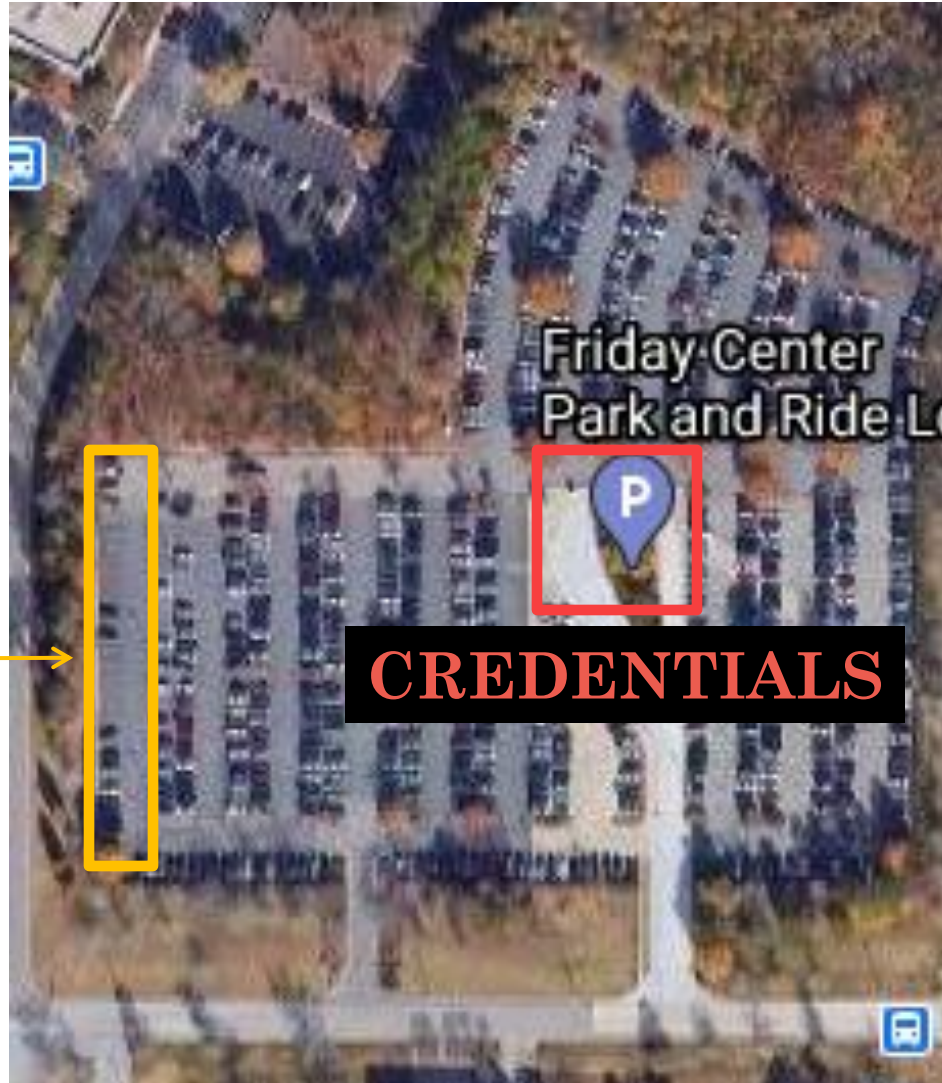
- Use NCDOT rest facilities and commercial sites for personal comfort
 - Particularly before arriving
- Bring your own water, snacks, etc
 - Nothing available on-site; no in-and-out
- Don't run low on fuel or battery charge
- If the weather is cold, dress warmly so that you don't have to run your vehicle often



What's unique about this Convention?

- Constraints
 - Duration
 - Movement of persons
 - One-way communication
 - Visibility
 - Weather?
- Two consequences
 - Tight agenda – only the necessities
 - Special rules





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CREDENTIALS



Entry

- Follow signs from NC 54
- Turn your vehicle radio to FM 88.3 (English) or 106.5 (Spanish)
 - Signal does not extend beyond the parking lot
- You will be directed to a parking place
- Upon parking
 - Roll down your vehicle window slightly
 - Hand your credential to the attendant, who gives you a sealed bag with a pre-consecrated host



During Convention

- Listen to the FM broadcast
- Refer to the Yapp app for materials (or print them yourself before you leave home)
- Remain in your vehicle
 - Turn off engine unless you need to keep warm or you fear your battery will run down
- When the time comes to partake of Communion, use the pre-consecrated host you were given (or make a spiritual Communion)
- After adjournment, follow directions to exit the lot



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- Under a three-sided tent with social distancing
- Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Suffragan, Secretary, Chair of Committee on Dispatch, Parliamentarian
- Podium
- Not visible to most of the parking lot



Sequence

- Announcement of quorum
- Bishop's appointment of parliamentarian
- Agenda and Special Rules; **vote to adopt**
- Secretary's report on Rule III and Canon 18.4
- Bishop's nominations; **vote to elect/confirm**
- Bishop's appointments
- Motion to affirm the 2021 budget and the 2022 fair share; **vote to adopt**
- Motion to affirm filling of vacancies by Standing Committee and Diocesan Council; **vote to adopt**



Sequence, continued

- Motion to adopt Resolution 205.1 – **vote to adopt by orders**
- Motion to adopt Resolution 205.2 – **vote to adopt by orders**
- Motion to adopt Resolutions 205.3 through 205.8 – **vote to adopt**
- Holy Eucharist, Liturgy of the Table and Communion
- Motion to set date and place for 206th Convention – **vote to adopt**
- Adjourn



How to vote?

- No elections, so all voting will be yea or nay
- Blow your vehicle's horn when prompted
 - Two votes by orders
- We do not anticipate that any measure will have a close vote



Holy Eucharist

- Pre-recorded Liturgy of the Word will be made available as a podcast
 - Listen before you leave home, or
 - Download in advance and listen as you drive
- Reserved sacrament will be distributed on arrival
- When the last resolution is handled, the pre-recorded Liturgy of the Table will be played over FM
- When indicated, you may partake of the host you received or participate in spiritual communion



Summary of Special Rules

- No election of Trustee for the University of the South
- All reports are deemed to have been received
- No committee hearings; the resolutions are deemed to have been approved in committee
- No debate, no amendments, no subsidiary or renewal motions... in other words, immediate vote as-is
- No other matter may be brought before Convention
- Special rules apply to **only this Convention**



Questions?