

TIMELINE FOR THE 208TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Revised March 21, 2023

Wednesday, March 1, 2023	Deadline for churches to file 2022 parochial reports.
Monday, May 1, 2023 (200 days before Convention)	The Secretary notifies churches whose number of lay delegates will change for the 208th Annual Convention.
May-July Meetings of Vestries	Vestries elect lay delegates to Convention for three-year terms and alternates for one-year terms.
Thursday, June 1, 2023	Diocesan Council notifies each church of its Fair Share for the 2024 Mission and Ministry Budget. The Secretary provides notice of the 208th Annual Convention and notifies churches of the procedure to certify election of lay delegates. Convention registration opens for clergy, lay delegates, alternates, family members, observers, and guests.
Thursday, June 22, 2023	Diocesan Council sets the dates for webinars on the tentative Mission and Ministry budget and for Convocation meetings.
Monday, July 17, 2023	Deadline for a church to request reduction of its Fair Share for 2023 or 2024.
Thursday, July 20, 2023 (120 days before Convention)	The Bishop certifies to the Secretary the list of clergy entitled to seat, voice, and vote in Convention.
Monday, July 31, 2023 (110 days before Convention)	Deadline for clerks of vestries to enter online certificates of election of lay delegates to Diocesan House.
Friday, August 18, 2023 (90 days before Convention)	The Secretary publishes the official roll of Clergy and Lay Orders of the 208th Annual Convention, gives formal notice of positions to be filled by election, issues instructions for submitting resolutions and nominations, and informs members of Convention about the appointment of Legislative Committees at Convention. Online systems for nominations, indications of interest to serve on Legislative Committees, and submission of reports are open.
September Meetings of Campus Ministries	Each campus ministry elects one lay delegate and one alternate to Convention (one-year terms).
Friday, September 1, 2023	Deadline for churches to file 2022 audits with Diocesan House.

Monday, September 11, 2023	Deadline for lay delegates and clergy to volunteer for appointment to Legislative Committees.
Thursday, September 14, 2023	Diocesan Council adopts the tentative Mission and Ministry budget for 2024. Deadline for youth to file applications with Diocesan House for placement on ballot as convocational youth delegates to Convention.
Monday, September 18, 2023	The Secretary notifies churches that must apply to Diocesan Council for a waiver of Rule of Order III in order to retain vote at Convention.
Monday, October 2, 2023	Deadline for churches to apply for waiver of Rule III. Deadline for campus ministries to notify the Secretary of the election of their delegates.
TBD	A webinar is offered to the Diocese describing the tentative Mission and Ministry budget for 2024.
Monday, October 9, 2023 (40 days before Convention)	Deadline (noon) to submit nominations and resolutions. The Bishop appoints Legislative Committees no later than today.
Friday, October 13, 2023	Deadline to submit comments to Diocesan Council about the 2024 budget.
Monday, October 16 through Thursday, October 26, 2023	Convocations meet to discuss nominations and resolutions, to elect youth delegates and alternates for one-year terms, and to elect deans and lay wardens as required.
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (30 days before Convention)	Deadline to apply to the Secretary for admission into union with Convention as a parish or mission.
Thursday, October 19, 2023	Diocesan Council approves the 2024 Mission and Ministry budget for presentation to Convention. Diocesan Council adopts a proposal for the 2025 Fair Share percentage. Diocesan Council considers applications for waiver of Rule III.
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	Deadline to make reservations for the Convention hotels (if rooms are still available). Those who miss this deadline must make their own hotel arrangements in Winston-Salem.

Friday, October 27, 2023	Deadline for officers, commissions, committees, and other entities to submit reports to Convention.
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	Deadline for online registration for Convention. Those who miss this deadline may register in person at Convention.
Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (10 days before Convention)	The Secretary strikes from the voting rolls clergy and lay delegates from churches that have not paid in full their Fair Shares for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.
Thursday, November 16, 2023	The Committee on Dispatch of Business meets at 5:00 pm. Onsite registration opens at TBD. Pre-Convention program begins at TBD.
Friday, November 17, 2023	Onsite registration opens at 8:00 am. The Secretary holds a question and answer session at 9:15 am. Members of Convention are to be seated by 9:50 am. Convention begins with the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am.
Saturday, November 18, 2023	Convention continues until adjournment in the afternoon. Members of Convention are asked not to depart prior to adjournment.

*Convention will be held at the M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention Center,
301 W 5th St., Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27101.*

