



The Episcopal Church Diocese of Central Florida

The Right Reverend Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION The Diocese of Central Florida

TO: The All Clergy, Delegates, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Board

FROM: The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop +GB

DATE: September 12, 2014

Confirming the action of the Forty-Fifth Annual Convention, I hereby give notice that the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida will be held in Orlando, Florida. The Convention will meet Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24, 2015, at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke, 130 North Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801

❖ MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONVENTION

Canon II of the Canons of the Diocese, stipulates that:

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of the Bishops, together with the other clergy and lay persons of the Diocese, as provided for in the following sections of this Canon.

Section 2. (a) Each canonically resident, licensed member of the clergy responsible for sacerdotal and/or pastoral ministry shall have seat, voice and vote.

(b) All clergy, canonically resident and not qualifying under section (a) above, shall have only seat and voice.

(c) All clergy, licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority for the performance of sacerdotal and/or pastoral ministry but not canonically resident, shall have seat and voice, but no vote.

Section 3. Each canonically organized **Mission** of the Diocese shall be entitled to **two lay delegates**.

Section 4. Every **Parish** in union with the Convention of this Diocese shall be entitled to **three lay delegates**.

Section 5. At least one lay delegate from each Parish or Mission shall be a Vestry or Church Committee member.

*“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
So that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.” – Colossians 1:28*

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- Section 6.** Lay delegates shall be chosen by the Vestry or Church Committee of each congregation, or if there be no Vestry or Church Committee, or if the Vestry or Church Committee fail to act, then by the Congregation of the Parish or organized Mission, duly convened. Only confirmed communicants who are at least 18 years of age and entitled to vote as set forth in Canon XVII, Section 4, shall serve as lay delegates for the Parish or Mission.
- Section 7.** The Chancellor is an ex-officio, voting member of the Convention.
- Section 8.** The lay members of the Diocesan Board and the Standing Committee are voting members of the Convention.
- Section 9.** All lay delegates chosen in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 6 above are voting members of the Convention.

❖ **Lay Delegates must be:**

- At least 18 years of age
- Confirmed communicant in good standing
- Not employed or engaged by the Parish or Mission
- Not the spouse or immediate family member of any person employed or engaged by the Parish or Mission
- At least one lay delegate shall be a member of the Vestry or Vestry Committee

❖ **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ All resolutions must be submitted to the Diocesan Office, preferably in electronic format, (Attention of Cindy Muldoon) on or before December 10, 2014. This will allow their distribution to all clergy and lay delegates prior to the pre-convention deanery meetings and is in accordance with Canon IV, Section 5(b).
- ◆ Resolutions may be submitted after December 10, 2014 only if the Bishop is satisfied that the delay in submission was for good cause. Deviation from these requirements may be waived only by a majority vote of the delegates to the Convention.
- ◆ Rules of the Convention normally call for at least two written copies of any resolution presented on the floor of the Convention, one for the chair and one for the secretary and in an electronic format (preferably MS WORD) on a memory stick, CD or some other standard device. If it is desirable that delegates have copies of the printed resolution, it is the responsibility of the presenter to provide those copies. 450 copies are needed.

❖ **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS**

- ◆ Amendments to the Constitution or Canons must be submitted to the Committee on Constitution and Canons (through the Diocesan Office) prior to November 24, 2014.