



September 6, 2019

Dear Rectors, Priests-in-charge, Clergy, and Wardens of The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee,

The Thirty-eighth Convention will meet November 22-23, 2019, at Grace-St. Luke's Church. We thank the Rev. Ollie Rencher and Grace-St. Luke's vestry and staff for hosting for this annual gathering.

All active canonically resident clergy and lay delegates must register to fully participate at Convention. Registration and food costs including breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast and snacks on Saturday will be \$100 per person. The fee for non-stipendiary clergy, retired clergy, non-parochoial clergy and clergy licensed to officiate who are not assigned to a Faith Community, will be \$65 per person. The fee for guests and clergy spouses who desire to attend and participate in meals will be \$65 per person. The registration forms for each of these groups, as well as a form for exhibitors, can be found at www.episwtn.org/2019-convention/.

Convention will begin with registration on Friday, November 22, from 8:30 am to 9:00 am and will open with worship at 9:00 am. The Convention will continue all day Friday and will conclude on Saturday with a Diocesan Eucharist at 12 noon. Our diocesan family is invited to join the clergy and lay delegates at this Eucharist.

This year's Convention will include a Mardi Gras themed dinner with live music at Bridges on Friday night, video highlights of several diocesan and parish outreach initiatives, and a youth program hosted by St. John's Memphis which starts with a lock-in on Friday night and concludes with a lunch conversation among the youth of the Diocese and the Bishop on Saturday immediately after the Eucharist.

Attached are the following:

- Welcome letter from the Rev. Ollie Rencher
- Abbreviated Working Agenda
- Parking Information Guide
- Hotel Information
- Necrology Form
- ASA Guide

We will elect individuals at Convention for several leadership positions including lay and clergy members of Bishop and Council, Standing Committee, and Deputies to the 2021 General Convention in Baltimore, MD. We invite you to submit resolutions for consideration at Convention. We also want to include the names of diocesan leaders who have died since the last Convention in the prayers during Convention. The nomination forms, resolution forms and necrology form can be found at www.episwtn.org/2019-convention/.

The deadline for registration forms, nomination forms and resolution forms is October 15, 2019. Please complete your registration form and mail payment to the Diocesan Office by October 15. Nominations received by October 15 will be published in the Convention notebook. Persons who are nominated after October 15 are responsible for bringing 150 copies of their nomination form for distribution at Convention.

Please bring your Faith Community's banner and stand so that they may be displayed around the Convention floor. Persons at the registration table will direct banner placement.

I have worked with a Convention Design Team since June 2019 to ensure that this year's Convention reflects the mission and ministries of our Diocese. We are looking forward to seeing you in November. Please continue to check the Diocesan website for Convention updates.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bishop Phoebe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf
Bishop of West Tennessee