



The Episcopal Diocese of Newark

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Equipping congregations... Empowering people... Engaging the world... with the hope and justice of Jesus.

To the Congregations of the Diocese of Newark,

October 18, 2017

This letter comes to you with my best wishes. What is contained in this packet is information pertaining to the 144th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Newark. The Convention will once again be held at the Hilton in Parsippany on January 26th & 27th, 2018.

Along with our Convention business and the 2018 Budget to equip us in our ministries for the coming year, we will hear a report from the Joint Search & Transition Committees who have been working on our behalf to help us identify who the Holy Spirit has called as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Newark.

At last year's Convention, we engaged in an experiment of intentional listening. What did we learn from that "Unconventional Convention"? As the Rev. Joseph Harmon observed at Convention "We saw energy arising as new relationships formed among us and in knowing that God is in the midst of these relationships." What were the implications from this? That we have many stories within our congregations to share and to celebrate. With our theme this year, *Stories from the Journey – Joining God in Shaping our Future*, we will seek to claim and share our own stories as part of a larger journey – "to follow Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth."[†]

Along the same lines, in our newest experiment, we will create space to support and empower our congregational leaders. For example, Property Managers will be invited to attend Convention on Saturday morning for events specifically geared towards them. Treasurers, youth leaders, and other 'affinity groups' will also meet to share common challenges and best practices. Playing off of our successful *Vestry University* brand, we have a *working* title for this experiment – **Episcopal Vo-Tech** – as in, the Vocational-Technical side of supporting these leadership roles within your congregations. We hope to cultivate learning communities that will support each other on an ongoing basis. We hope you will share this information with those individuals to mark their calendars for Saturday January 27th, 2018 and watch for more details as they will be made available.

You can expect to receive in the mail in the coming weeks your congregation's deputy registration form, which will be due back on **December 4th, 2017**. Other deadlines are noted in the Call to Convention packet.

I would also offer one final word to everyone, inviting you to prayerfully consider the offices up for election on our diocesan committees – ACTS/VIM (& Alleluia Fund) Board, Standing Committee, Trustees, Constitution and Canons Committee, Disciplinary Board, The Cathedral Chapter, as well as some of the committees that have appointees, such as the Commission on Ministry and Marge Christie Fund, among others. As we enter this year of transition, a vibrant & diverse contingent of leadership will insure the vital stewardship of this diocese for the future.

I look forward to seeing you all in January! Thank you for your dedication to the Diocese of Newark.

Faithfully,

John A. King
Secretary of Convention

Check online for all Convention related materials: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/convention>

[†] <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/jesus-movement>



Stories from the Journey

Joining God in Shaping Our Future

The 144th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark

January 26-27, 2018

Since prehistoric times people have built cairns as memorials, landmarks and navigation aids. Cairns serve as reminders of the stories of those who came before, and help guide others on their own journeys. As we engage in our journey of Joining God in Shaping Our Future, the symbol of the cairn reminds us both to listen to others' stories and to share our own.

January 26th & 27th, 2018
Hilton Parsippany
One Hilton Court
Parsippany, NJ 07054

NOTICE OF CONVENTION
To Clerical and Lay Deputies of the 144th Annual Convention
of the
Episcopal Diocese of Newark

The Convention will be held on **Friday, January 26th**, and **Saturday, January 27th, 2018** at the Hilton Hotel, One Hilton Court, Parsippany NJ 07054. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

There will be a celebration of The Holy Eucharist on Friday at 11:30AM.
The Business Session will be Called to Order at 1:30PM

This Call to Convention packet contains the following:

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SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES

*****Please note that some deadlines are different than in prior years.**

Deadlines - received **no later than noon** on date indicated

November 10, 2017	- Resolutions - Canonical Amendments - Constitutional Amendments - Items of business proposed to be introduced at Convention 2017
November 22, 2017	- Special arrangement requests (interpreting, dietary requirements or other needs)
December 1, 2017	- Nominations for elected offices
December 4, 2017	- Exhibits space request (first come, first serve or sooner if all space assigned) - Congregational Deputation Registration/Certification Forms Due - <u>Preliminary</u> Dinner Guest Count
January 5, 2018	- Final Dinner Guest Count and all Payments Due (registrations & dinner guests)
January 19, 2018	- Late nominations for elected offices - Budget Resolutions Due
January 26, 2018	- *Cut off for names submitted to the Secretary of Convention for the Necrology

* The Necrology is for clergy and those individuals who have been active on committees, commissions, councils and other bodies of the Diocese of Newark or the wider church. **Names for the Necrology should be submitted as soon as they are available**; last-minute additions can be accepted through 12 noon on the first day of Convention. A high-resolution photo is appreciated but not required.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

The Pre-convention meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in early January to help prepare deputies for the business at convention. This date has been reserved for the Pre-convention meeting, should it be deemed necessary, however, due to lack of participation in recent years, it may be cancelled. An online presentation will be offered via web-conference (and *perhaps* in person; watch for details on the website.)

All materials, including the budget presentation, will be made available online.
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – Episcopal House, Newark (31 Mulberry Street) (7:00pm)

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Rules of Order - Section VII

Resolutions are due no later than November 10, 2017

Resolutions to Secretary of Convention, Episcopal Diocese of Newark

Instructions for submitting resolutions - <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention/resolutions.html>

31 Mulberry Street, Newark NJ 07102 or king@dioceseofnewark.org (973)-430-9919

The Committee on Resolutions for Convention 2017 is tentatively scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 29, at 6 p.m. at Episcopal House, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark. Proposers of resolutions and other interested persons may be requested to meet with the Committee. As this date is subject to change, proposers are encouraged to call John King, Secretary of Convention, for more information.

The Committee on Resolutions shall be responsible for receiving all resolutions except those provided by standing committees and bodies required to report to this Convention.

A. All resolutions to be considered for action by the Annual Convention shall be submitted to the Secretary of Convention in writing and signed by a Deputy not less than seventy-five (75) days before the date of Convention. Resolutions should be submitted on white 8-1/2 x 11 paper, typed and double-spaced or in electronic format by disk or e-mail. Each should contain two sections: 1) the RESOLVED naming the desired action, and a further RESOLVED, as appropriate, providing for the implementation of the resolution, if adopted; and 2) a brief statement or information in support of the resolution. Resolutions submitted by more than one Deputy must designate one Deputy as capable of agreeing to any amendments by the Committee or offered on the floor of Convention. After the expiration of the seventy-five (75) day deadline, the Secretary shall transmit to the Committee all resolutions submitted to him/her.

B. The Committee shall hold hearing(s) prior to Convention on all resolutions submitted timely. The Committee shall publicize at least eighty-five (85) days prior to Convention dates, place and time of its hearings, inviting submitters of all resolutions to attend. The Committee shall collate all resolutions dealing with obviously similar subjects and shall discuss such collation with the submitters.

C. Upon submission of any resolution that in the Secretary's opinion after consultation with the chair of the Committee may have financial implications if adopted, s/he shall submit a copy to the Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer for review and comments. Upon submission of any resolution that in the Secretary's opinion after consultation with the chair of the Committee may affect insurance, s/he shall submit a copy to the Chair of the Diocesan Insurance Committee for review and comments. Upon submission of any resolution that in the Secretary's

opinion after consultation with the chair of the Committee may have canonical or legal implications if adopted, s/he shall submit to the Chancellor for review and comments. Review and comments will be requested in time for the initial meeting of the Committee.

D. The Committee shall have the power to revise or modify any proposed resolution, and shall have the power, by a two-thirds vote of all committee members present and voting, to determine not to offer any proposed resolution on the floor of Convention.

E. The Committee shall submit its report to the Secretary sixty (60) days before the date of Convention with its recommendations for action upon each resolution as proposed or as amended or collated by the Committee. This report shall be mailed by the Secretary to each Deputation during the first week of January. All resolutions considered by the Committee will be included in the report, unless withdrawn by consent of the sponsoring Deputy. If a resolution to be offered to Convention has been amended by the Committee without the consent of the sponsoring Deputy, such amendment(s) will be clearly shown.

F. Any resolution which the Committee determines not to offer on the floor of Convention shall be permitted on the floor of Convention only by a majority vote of all Convention Deputies.

G. Resolutions will be permitted from the floor only when they carry a clear statement in writing of the circumstances that lead to the request for their consideration and only by a two-thirds vote. Such resolutions should be duplicated in advance by the presenter(s) with sufficient copies available for distribution to all convention delegates (650 copies are needed).

H. Consent Calendar. It is recognized that certain resolutions may not require full debate prior to action by Convention. Accordingly, the Committee on Resolutions may propose that certain resolutions be included on a "Consent Calendar". Exclusion of any resolution on the Consent Calendar requires agreement of any three congregations to remove it. Any resolution included on the "Consent Calendar" shall not be subject to amendment or debate, except that the sponsoring Deputy or his/her designee may speak to the resolution for a period not to exceed one minute.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CONVENTION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee is currently preparing a slate of candidates for the 2017 Convention and will present its report to the Committee on Rules of Order and Elections for mailing with the pre-convention package. The Committee works with rectors, vicars and lay leadership to seek diversity with regard to race, age (16+), gender balance, sexual orientation, people with physical disabilities, different economic backgrounds, and differing theological viewpoints when qualified candidates are sought for elected diocesan offices.

Nominations received by **December 1, 2017**, will be included with the official slate in the packet and published in The VOICE Online, on the diocesan website and in Convention materials. Photographs and written statements from the candidates must be received no later than **December 1, 2017** for distribution prior to pre-convention meetings. There is no forum at Convention for meeting the candidates.

A listing and description of the offices to be filled by election are printed on pages six and seven.

The deadline for nominations to diocesan offices is **Friday, December 1**. Nominations can be submitted electronically through the website or by using the paper form on page eight of this packet. The on-line form can be found on the website – <https://dioceseofnewark.org/form/convention-nominations>

Late nominations can be submitted after December 2 **until noon on Friday, January 19, 2018**. Late Nominations can use the same form as found above. Late Nominations will be furnished to deputies in the Convention day packet. Late nominations will be announced as write-in names prior to the first ballot at Convention.

REGARDING CANON 2(5) ANTI-RACISM DIALOGUES FOR ELECTED DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP

Reminder: Candidates seeking office must complete participation in anti-racism dialogues. *“No person shall be eligible for election to any office at Convention, nor shall any person elected by Districts, or appointed to serve on Diocesan Council or other Diocesan Standing Committees, Commissions or Boards accede to that office, unless that person shall have first completed or arranged for the completion of anti-racism dialogues as approved by the Bishop after consultation with the Diocesan body responsible for overseeing anti-racism dialogues.”* (Diocesan Canon 2(5))

EXHIBIT SPACE REQUESTS

Commercial vendors and organizations wishing to have display space during the Diocesan Convention should notify Randy Johnson, Exhibits Chair, Diocese of Newark, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102; or email exhibits@dionewark.org or call 973-430-9906.

The exhibit fee for commercial vendors is \$330. Register by **December 4th**. The vendors receive as part of the package 1 free Lunch ticket for Friday. Additional vendors per table will be required to buy lunch separately (\$30)

The exhibit fee for non Diocesan affiliated non profits is \$210. Register by **December 4th**. The vendors receive as part of the package 1 free Lunch ticket for Friday. Additional vendors per table will be required to buy lunch separately (\$30)

There is no fee for Diocesan Affiliated ministries to display; however, **there must be a purchase of the Friday lunch (\$30) for each person** staffing the display table.

Space requests will be honored on a first come basis.

The **firm** deadline to reserve space is **December 4th, 2017**. Forms and additional information are on the diocesan website at <https://dioceseofnewark.org/convention/exhibits>

2018 CONVENTION - OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION AT CONVENTION

On-line nomination and Nomination Forms can be found on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofnewark.org/convention

General requirements for diocesan offices: No person shall be eligible for election to any office at Convention, nor shall any person elected by Districts, or appointed to serve on Diocesan Council or other Diocesan Standing Committees, Commissions or Boards accede to that office, unless that person shall have first completed or arranged for the completion of anti-racism dialogues as approved by the Bishop after consultation with the Diocesan body responsible for overseeing anti-racism dialogues.
(Diocesan Canon 2(5))

Communicant in good standing: All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

(National Church Canons, I.17.3) (Diocesan Canon 9.6(a))

- 1) ACTS/VIM BOARD** (13 members) (also administers funding grants through the Alleluia Fund)
To be elected: Class of 2021 1 clergy/2 lay members
Class of 2019 1 lay (vacancy)

Multiple nominations; require 2 clergy and 4 lay candidates.

Membership: The Diocesan Bishop; 3 clergy and 6 lay members elected by convention for a three year term; 3 clergy or lay members appointed by Bishop for a three year term. Two consecutive three year terms may be served.

Candidate expectations: attendance at four meetings a year when proposals are being considered for funding. Two meetings between the second week in March and last week in April. Two meetings between the second week in October and the last week in November. For the Alleluia Fund. Two or three site visits made to grant requesters in the spring and fall. Also, as needed, participation in at least two educational forums about ACTS/VIM around the diocese in the calendar year; e.g. district meetings, convention, workshops organized by ACTS/VIM.

- Desirable, but not essential, experience: grant writing, reviewing grants, starting or expanding programs.

- 2) CONSTITUTION AND CANONS COMMITTEE** (10 members and the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor)
To be elected: 10 members - (lay or clergy)

Multiple nominations; require 11 candidates; clergy or lay.

The committee serves from the adjournment of the convention at which it is elected until the adjournment of the next annual convention. It reviews the Constitution and Canons and makes recommendations for the amendment thereof and reports to the convention on amendments proposed by others. The committee also reviews Opinions of the Chancellor, as outlined in Canon 20.

- The committee meets at the beginning of December to prepare for the annual convention, during convention as necessary, and when called into special session as described in Canon 20.
- The Chancellor is a member ex officio and the chair.
- Desirable, but not essential, experiences: church law, revising parish constitutions.

- 3) DISCIPLINARY BOARD** (11 members: 6 clergy, 5 lay)
To be elected: Clergy Class of 2024 (1 for six year term)
To be elected: Lay Class of 2023 (1 for five year term)

One nomination necessary for each office.

The Disciplinary Board oversees matters of clergy discipline under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church. Each diocese must have a Disciplinary Board. The committee is made up of lay persons and priests and deacons. The members are elected by diocesan convention. The Elected Members of the Disciplinary Board will be required to attend an organizational meeting of the Board tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday February 6th, 2018**.

- 4) THE STANDING COMMITTEE** (8 members)
To be elected: Class of 2022 1 clergy/1 lay member

Multiple nominations; require 2 clergy and 2 lay candidates.

4 clergy and 4 lay members are elected by Convention for a four (4) year term. A maximum of eight (8) consecutive years may be served.

The Standing Committee is the Bishop's council of advice and the ecclesiastical authority when there is no bishop in charge. Additionally, the Committee:

- gives consent to elections and resignations of bishops;
- approves any encumbrance of real property and sale of real property;
- approves modifications or revisions of judicial sentences;
- recommends postulants for candidacy, candidates for ordination to the diaconate and deacons to be ordained priests.
 - Attendance is required at ten monthly meetings.
 - Currently the Standing Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 12:30 p.m. The body is open to a time change to 7:30 a.m. (same day) as an accommodation to different schedules. Video conferencing is also an option that will be considered.
 - Committee assignments as required.
 - Desirable, but not necessary, experience: law, real estate, vestry/executive committee, diocesan groups.

5) **TRINITY & ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL CHAPTER** (18 members)
To be elected: Class of 2021 1 clergy/1 lay members

Multiple nominations; require 2 clergy and 2 lay candidates.

The membership of the Chapter is as follows:

- The Diocesan Bishop as President
- Bishops
- The Dean
- Archdeacons, if any
- 3 clergy & 3 lay persons elected by Convention for a one 3-year term
- 3 clergy or 3 lay members appointed by the Bishop for a one 3-year term
- 2 wardens, 1 treasurer, 1 clerk and 12 lay members elected from and by the congregation

Under the joint consolidation agreement and the Constitution of the Cathedral, the Chapter shall have the regulation, management and administration of temporal affairs of the Cathedral and the decision in such spiritual matters pertaining to its administration as may be referred to the Chapter by the Bishop or the Dean. Attendance is required at quarterly meetings. Desirable, but not necessary, experience: vestry, diocesan groups.

6) **TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND & DIOCESAN PROPERTIES**

To be elected: Class of 2022 - 3 members - either clergy or lay

Multiple nominations; require 4 candidates; clergy or lay.

The Trustees hold title to and administer the funds and real estate for the benefit of the Diocese.

- Additional candidate requirement: must reside in the geographical area of the diocese.

7) **SECRETARY OF CONVENTION**

One nomination necessary. Candidate requirement: Communicant in good standing.

The Secretary shall give notice of all Conventions as required by the Constitution, take Minutes of the proceedings, preserve the journals and records, attest the public acts of the Convention, and perform such other services as may from time to time be prescribed by the Canons or by the Convention.

The Secretary of the Convention shall also be a Secretary of the Diocesan Council.

8 & 9) **TREASURER & ASSISTANT TREASURER**

One nomination necessary for each office. Candidate requirement: Communicants in good standing.

The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer each shall give satisfactory security for the faithful performance of his/her duties. The Treasurer shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention and shall submit a statement of the accounts to each Annual Convention. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Treasurer of the Convention.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall also be Treasurer of the Diocesan Council.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Convention deputies requiring services, such as interpreting, dietary requirements, or other needs, should notify Mr. John A. King, Secretary of Convention, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102; email jking@dioceseofnewark.org or call 973-430-9919 or 973-430-9900 **by November 22nd, 2017.**

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Hotel room reservations can be made by calling the Hilton Hotel at 973-267-7373. The convention room rate is \$116 a night. The reservation cut off date is **Thursday, January 04, 2018.** (*Please don't wait too long to make your reservation.*) Any reservations received after that date will be accepted on a space or rate available basis.

There will be a specific website for reservations available through a link on the Diocesan Webpage (<https://dioceseofnewark.org/convention/hotel>) Watch *The VOICE Online & Leadership News* for more details.

To receive the group rate, identify yourself as part of the **Episcopal Diocese of Newark 2018** when calling. All reservations must be guaranteed with one room night's deposit.

Special equipment is available to accommodate the housing needs for the deaf and hearing impaired at the hotel upon request. Wheelchair accessible guest rooms are also available.

The Hilton Hotel is barrier free.

Diocese of Newark • 144th Annual Convention
NOMINATION FORM • DUE DATE: Noon on December 1st, 2017

Please use a separate form for EACH OFFICE! Feel free to copy this form for each nomination. On-Line nomination is available at

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/form/convention-nominations>

(Please type or block print in black ink. C & L = clergy & lay)

- NOMINATION FORM FOR:**
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> ACTS/VIM | <input type="radio"/> CATHEDRAL CHAPTER |
| <input type="radio"/> CONSTITUTION & CANONS | <input type="radio"/> TRUSTEES |
| <input type="radio"/> DISCIPLINARY BOARD | <input type="radio"/> SECRETARY OF CONVENTION |
| <input type="radio"/> STANDING COMMITTEE | <input type="radio"/> TREASURER OF CONVENTION |
| | <input type="radio"/> ASSISTANT TREASURER |

I, _____, would like to be considered:

I, _____, would like to nominate the person named below and permission has been given to place her/his name in nomination. *(Please have the person you have nominated fill out the balance of this form and submit it.)*

Mr. Ms. Rev. Other _____

Name: _____

Phone: (W) _____ (H) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

_____ (zip) _____

Church affiliation (name/town): _____

Statement: Briefly, 1) list your past and present **experience** (congregation and/or diocesan leadership, professional and civic experience) that highlights the skills you bring to this position, and 2) give a **personal statement** explaining why you seek the office.

Canon 2(5) Compliance:

I have completed anti-racism dialogues as approved by Namaste (formerly Mission to Dismantle Racism).

- or -

I have notified the Secretary of Convention of my intent to participate on _____

Photo requirements: A full face, well-lit **headshot**, as a high resolution JPG should be emailed to jking@dioceseofnewark.org. It is strongly preferred that you send the original, unedited JPG file as it came off the camera; we will crop as needed.

If you only have a print photograph, **mail it along with the completed nomination form to Diocese of Newark, attn: John A. King, Secretary of Convention, 31 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ 07102.**

This information will be published prior to the pre-convention meetings, in The VOICE Online, on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofnewark.org) and in Convention materials.