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MEMORANDUM TO: Clergy and Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations

FROM: Bishop Kendrick

REFERENCE: 46th Annual Diocesan Convention
"For the means of Grace; for the hope of Glory"
February 23 – 25, 2017
Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Dothan, Alabama

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2017 Diocesan Convention set for the time and place shown above. Included in the packet are information and instructions for completing all necessary Convention forms; we ask that you submit them to the Diocesan office by the dates provided. Please note and meet the key deadlines to ensure timely confirmation and communication.

Church of the Nativity has been busy preparing to host our convention and has prepared flyers with hotel accommodations, local attractions, and local restaurants, which can be found on the Convention website (<http://www.diocgc.org/2017-diocesan-convention>). They have reserved a block of rooms at several nearby hotels, with a range of reduced rates. Each provides a variety of amenities that include complimentary parking, Wi-Fi, and most include breakfast. Please note that **reservations must be made by January 31, 2017 to receive reduced rates.**

A Convention schedule, driving directions, and other pertinent information will be forwarded to all delegates in a convention packet, that will be sent out prior to Convention. This year, we plan on holding a number of pre-Convention Regional meetings across the Diocese, in January and February, which we will publicize shortly. We highly encourage on-line registration; we have available PayPal and credit card payment options again this year. **Registration will open November 7, 2016.**

I am deeply grateful to be your Bishop. I have met so many wonderful people, experienced such gracious hospitality, and heard so many stories of God's power in our midst. It is deeply humbling. I look forward to our gathering at Convention.

JRK/mrp

Enclosures