



The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

October 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM TO: Clergy and Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations

FROM: Bishop Kendrick

REFERENCE: 49th Annual Diocesan Convention – “Life Together – Our Jubilee”
February 7 – 8, 2020
Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, AL

***** PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS ONLY A ONE NIGHT CONVENTION THIS YEAR *****

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2020 Diocesan Convention, set for the time and place shown above. Included in the packet, you'll find 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.**

The Cathedral has been busy preparing to host our convention, including hotel accommodations, which can be found on the Convention website (www.diocgc.org/2020-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. Please note: **Hotel deadlines to receive the reduced group rate varies this year, from January 5 to January 9, 2020, depending on the hotel you make reservations. Please be aware of the deadlines in order to take advantage of the group rate.**

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, **there will only be one pre-Convention meeting, held at St. Christopher's, Pensacola, January 12, from 4 to 5:30pm.** Attendance to this meeting may be in person or through ZOOM video conferencing that will be set up. The meeting will also be recorded for later viewing. Details for accessing via ZOOM will be posted later.

All Convention attendees are asked to register on-line. **Registration will open December 2, 2019.**

I am deeply grateful to be your Bishop. The theme for our 2020 diocesan convention carries over from last year, in celebration of our Jubilee year. It is “Life Together – Our Jubilee.” While together in Mobile, I hope we will take time to explore and celebrate our common life and identity as Episcopalians. I look forward to our life together at Convention.

JRK/mrp
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A note about the schedule of Convention:

The Convention schedule is still being finalized. However, we do plan to start Convention activities on Friday morning with registration check-in and meetings, then move into the opening service, Bishop's Address, and business sessions. A fun Mardi Gras Party will close the day. We will have all business wrapped-up by noon on Saturday.

Please stay closely tuned for parade and parking information as the schedule may affect your evening travel plans on Friday.