



The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

October 30, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO: Clergy and Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations

FROM: Bishop Kendrick

REFERENCE: 48th Annual Diocesan Convention – “Life Together”
February 14 – 16, 2019
St. James, Fairhope, AL

This is the initial pre-convention packet for the 2019 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.

St. James has been busy preparing to host our convention, including hotel accommodations, which can be found on the Convention website (<http://www.diocgc.org/2019-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 breakfast. Please note that **reservations must be made by January 14, 2019 to receive group 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 again 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. **On-line registration will open November 30, 2018.**

I am deeply grateful to be your Bishop. The theme for our 2019 diocesan convention is “Life Together.” This theme was chosen in anticipation of our 50th anniversary as a diocese in 2020. While together in Fairhope, 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

Enclosures