

THE CALL TO CONVENTION



The Rev. Marian M. Sive
Secretary of the Diocese

June 26, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you.

In accordance with Article I of the Constitution of the Diocese of Albany, the Bishop of Albany (**with the consent of the Standing Committee**) has re-issued the Call to the 152nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany. The new dates are **October 2-3, 2020, at Camp of the Woods** in Speculator, New York, with the Right Reverend William H. Love, presiding. This will be BUSINESS MEETING ONLY. Attendance is limited to clergy and deputies. Alternates may attend only if they are taking the place of a deputy.

A proposed schedule for the convention business meetings is:

Friday, October 2: (Attendance optional)

3:00 – 7:15 PM	Registration	(Purdy Center Basement)
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Dinner	(Purdy Dining Room)
7:30 – 8:30 PM	Evening Prayer	(Buirkle Center)
8:30 PM	Social Time	

Saturday, October 3:

7:00 – 9:15 AM	Registration Continues	(Purdy Center Basement)
9:30 AM -12:00 PM	Business meeting	(Buirkle Center)
1:15 PM until done	Business meeting Continues	(Buirkle Center)

The enclosed materials contain business session information and respective forms. If you have questions, you may contact me at msive@ctkcenter.org, 518-692-9550 ext 201, or at 575 Burton Road, Greenwich, NY 12834

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The business meeting registration tables will be in the lower level at the far end of the Purdy Center. **The Diocesan Office will send information about accommodations and/or other convention matters separately.** “Other convention matters” includes but is not limited to guidelines for social distancing. *****Please NOTE that if the situation with the pandemic prevents us from meeting as currently planned, we will pursue an alternate meeting method for the same date.**

May God bless you.

In Christ,

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General information for clerical members, lay members and alternate members:

A) From Article III of the Diocesan Constitution. About Deputies:

“The Convention shall consist of...Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese...**and of Lay Deputies** consisting of not more than three deputies from each Church in union with the Convention, who shall be communicants, and shall have been duly chosen, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Convention. **Alternate Deputies** may be elected by said Churches. Any vacancy in lay deputations shall be supplied from its alternates who shall have all power and authority, while so serving, of the deputy whose place he/she shall take. The Convention shall be the final judge of the qualifications of its members.”

“Licensed clergy” are not the same as “canonically resident clergy. (Licensed clergy in the Diocese of Albany means that such clergy are canonically resident in another diocese and would vote there.) Canonically resident clergy include the canonically resident bishops, priests, and deacons in the Diocese, and they are members of the Convention. The Secretary of the Diocese keeps the official list of the canonically resident and licensed clergy; but the official notification about the canonical status of clergy is conveyed to the Secretary by the Diocesan Office.

Deputies are to be **communicants** who are members of the Episcopal Church and who have received Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church at least three times during the preceding year, in accordance with the 2003 Canons of the Episcopal Church – Title I, Canon 17, section 2.

B) From Diocesan Canon 1.2. About elections for Lay Deputies/Alternates:

“Deputies and Alternate Deputies from the...Churches shall be elected annually by their vestry or governing body, at a meeting duly held, or by a duly summoned meeting of the congregation. Persons of less than full age but of the age of eighteen years or more shall be eligible to serve and vote as Lay Deputies or Alternate Deputies and shall be eligible for election or appointment to any lay office of the diocese.”

Send the names of the elected Lay Deputies and Alternate Deputies to **The Rev. Marian M. Sive, Secretary of the Diocese, Christ the King Center, 575 Burton Road, Greenwich, N.Y. 12834** on the accompanying “Certificate of Election” form. (See section C below).

C) From Diocesan Canon 1.3. The Certification of Election

“A certificate of election of Deputies and Alternate Deputies shall be transmitted by each Church to the Secretary at least 10 days before the opening session of the Convention and shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretary.” While the canonical deadline to send back the certificate of election is 10 days before Convention, it would be helpful to hold the election and **mail the certificate to the Secretary at the Christ the King Center address by Monday, August 24, 2020.** (Email is also acceptable: msive@ctkcenter.org)

PLEASE NOTE: EACH DEPUTY MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION (food and lodging) THROUGH THE DIOCESAN OFFICES. BEING CERTIFIED AS A DEPUTY IS NOT THE SAME AS BEING REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION.

D) What do Deputies do?

Each church in union with the Convention – regardless of size – may elect and send up to three Lay Deputies and three Alternate Lay Deputies to the Convention. (Canonically resident clergy of the respective congregations are automatically members and may therefore vote. Licensed clergy however, are not members of the Diocese of Albany and may not vote. Deputies are independent agents and are empowered to act without further instruction from those who chose them.

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Deputies attend and vote at the business meetings of the Convention. The Call to Convention, Pre-Convention Booklet, and Convention Booklet inform the Deputies and Members about proposed business at the Convention. (New Deputies may wish to review the minutes of the previous convention found in the Diocesan Journal on our diocesan website (albanyepiscopaldiocese.org) to get an overview of the business typically conducted at the convention business meeting.)

Each Deputy may vote in a plurality vote, but only one vote may be cast by each lay deputation in a “Vote by Orders.” (a single ballot representing a combined vote on behalf of all the lay deputies of a particular congregation.)

Deputies also elect nominees to specific offices as part of the convention business, including:

The Great Chapter of the Cathedral of All Saints. The Chapter is the corporate body that governs the Cathedral of the Diocese of Albany. The members who are elected at each Convention become members of the Great Chapter. Members should expect to contribute their time and talent for the support of the Cathedral and its mission. The election of Chapter members is not a canonical requirement, but is held at Convention at the request of the Cathedral, which is a church in union with the Convention, in accordance with the Cathedral Charter. The Chapter meets three times per year in January, April and October. (Plurality Vote)

The Diocesan Council. Diocesan Council is the “program agent with the Bishop and the Convention of the Diocese between meetings of the Convention.” Between conventions, the Council consults with the Bishop, who is the President of the Council, on budget and program matters to be presented to the Convention for the work of the Church in this Diocese. Representatives to the Council should expect to be involved with the mission and goals of the Diocese. The Diocesan Council meets on Saturday mornings a minimum of four times per year. (Plurality Vote)

The Disciplinary Board. The Disciplinary Board only meets if charges are brought against a Priest or Deacon of the Diocese. Members should be aware that they might be called upon to hear testimony and issue a decision in cases of alleged clergy misconduct. Both fairness and compassion are needed. Members of the Court should plan to meet with the Secretary of the Diocese at the Convention, after the election, to set a meeting date for the yearly election of the Disciplinary Board President. The Disciplinary Board meets on an as-needed basis. (Vote by Orders)

General Convention and Provincial Synod. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is a gathering of deputies from all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church. The General Convention meets for about 9 days once every three years. The elected Deputies serve in the House of Deputies. Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention also serve as deputies and alternates at the Provincial Synod for Province II. The Provincial Synod is a regional gathering of deputies from Province II, held in the same year as General Convention. Province II includes the Episcopal Dioceses of Albany, Central New York, the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Haiti, Long Island, New Jersey, New York, Newark, Rochester, Virgin Islands, Western New York and Cuba. The next General Convention that was to be held in Baltimore, MD, in July of 2021 has been postponed. A new date has not been established as of this writing. (Vote by Orders)

The Standing Committee. The Standing Committee is primarily the Bishop’s Council of Advice. The duties of the Standing Committee may range from (but are not limited to) certain aspects of ordinations and consecrations to certain aspects of the sale or mortgage of church property. Members should have a broad knowledge of the Diocese of Albany and acquire at least a basic understanding of the role of the Standing Committee in the Canons of the General Convention, the Canons of the Diocese of Albany, and in the New York State Religious Corporations Law. The Standing Committee meets the first Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Vote by Orders)

The Trustees of the Diocese. The Trustees invest, manage, and control all the real and personal property of the Diocese, subject to the control and discretion of the Convention. They may also hold title to and act in a fiduciary capacity in other ways as well. Members should have some background in finance, investments, real estate, or building management and maintenance. The Trustees meet five Tuesday mornings per year. (Plurality Vote)

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Convention 2020 Nomination Eligibility Information
NOTE CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

Offices to be filled by Plurality Vote Election

The Great Cathedral Chapter

1 priest and 1 lay office to be filled, each for three-year terms
The following members' terms expire: ("E" indicates eligibility for re-election)

The Rev. Paul Hunter

Margaret Haskell

Convention Representative to Diocesan Council

1 lay office to be filled for a two-year term
The following member's term expires: ("E" indicates eligibility for re-election)

Penny Belton (E)

Trustees of the Diocese

2 offices (priest, deacon, or lay) to be filled, each for four-year terms
The following members' terms expire: ("E" indicates eligibility for re-election)

The Rev. David Haig (E)

Helen Smith (E)

1 office (priest, deacon or lay) to fill out the one-year, unexpired term of
The Rev. Mark Chesnut

1 office (priest, deacon or lay) to fill out the 3-year, unexpired term of
The Very Rev. Dr. J. Nixon McMillan

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Offices to be filled by Vote by Orders Election

Provisional Deputies to General Convention 2021

(and Provincial Synod)

4 priests and 4 lay offices

The Rev. Cn. Robert Haskell (E)	Mark Brittell (E)
The Rev. N. Bradley Jones (E)	Randall Demler (E)
The Rev. Thomas Papazoglakis (E)	Sarah Garno
The Rev. William Strickland	MacKenzie Shoen (E)

The Disciplinary Board

1 clerical and 2 lay offices, each for three-year terms

(Term is January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023)

The following members' terms expire: ("E" indicates eligibility for re-election)

The Very Rev. Dr. J. Nixon McMillan	Gayle Campbell (E)
	David Malsan (E)
	Sue Ellen Ruetsch

1 clerical office for the 2 1/2 -year, unexpired term of The Rev. Jill Stellman
(Term is October 3, 2020-December 31, 2022)

The Standing Committee

2 clerical (priest or deacon) and 2 lay offices to be filled, each for three-year terms.

The following members' terms expire: ("E" indicates eligibility for re-election)

The Rev. Derik Roy (E)	Randall Demler (E)
The Rev. N. Bradley Jones (E)	Barbara Beaulac

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Convention 2020 Certificate of Election

If you have already submitted a Certificate of Election for the previously scheduled convention, you DO NOT need to re-submit one unless there are changes.

To the Secretary of the Diocese:

I certify that at a meeting of the Vestry, governing body, or congregation of

_____ Church, in _____, NY,

the following people were elected as Deputies and/or Alternate Deputies to the 152nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany, meeting on October 2-3, 2020, at Camp of the Woods, Speculator, New York.

(Please print the Deputies' and Alternate Deputies' names clearly, as they might appear in the convention Journal.)

Deputies (3 maximum)

E-mail

Alternate Deputies

E-mail

Certified by: _____
(Clergy, Lay Vicar, Warden, or Clerk)

Lay Deputies must be members and communicants (as defined by Canon 1.2 of the Canons of the Diocese of Albany.)

(Please give a copy of this form to each deputy and alternate deputy to bring to the Convention in case there is a question; and make a copy to include with the minutes of your meeting.)

Date of this annual election: _____

Please return this Certificate of Election to: msive@ctkcenter.org or:

**The Rev. Marian Sive, Secretary of the Diocese
Christ the King Center
575 Burton Road
Greenwich, N.Y. 12834**

Requested deadline for receiving this certificate: **Monday, August 24, 2020.**

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Convention 2020 Nomination Form for Elective Office

If you have already submitted a Nomination for Elective Office for the previously scheduled convention, you DO NOT need to re-submit one unless there are changes.

In accordance with Canon 2.3,

I (please sign your name) _____,

(please print your name) _____,

agree to serve if elected to the following office (check one):

The Great Cathedral Chapter Member

Trustee of the Diocese

Standing Committee Member

Disciplinary Board Member

Convention Rep to Diocesan Council

Provisional Deputy to General Convention

Nominated by (please sign): _____

Please print nominator's name and parish: _____

Seconded by (please sign): _____

Please print seconder's name and parish: _____

In accordance with diocesan Canon 2.2, **each lay person wishing to nominate or second a nomination must be a Certified Lay Deputy in the Diocese of Albany whose Certificate of Election for the annual Convention in October 2020 is already on file with the Secretary of the Diocese by the time this nomination form has been received by the Secretary.** Each Lay Deputy nominating or seconding a nomination must indicate his/her parish and the parish's town next to his/her name.

Please include the following two items along with the nomination form:

1. A brief biographical sketch of the nominee (100 words or less, per Canon 2.2). **Electronic version preferred.**
2. The following information for Diocesan Office use and which may appear in the Diocesan Journal:

Nominee's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

The Secretary of the Diocese would appreciate receiving the completed information by **Monday, August 24, 2020**, in order to have the nomination included with the Pre-Convention materials. (Please make a copy of the form for your own records in case questions arise later.) Please send this nomination form along with the biographical sketch and address information to:

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Christ the King Spiritual Life Center
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Convention 2020 Resolution Form

Resolutions may be moved and seconded only by the deputies and members of the Diocesan Convention 2020 who are on file with the Secretary of the Diocese at the time the resolution is submitted; such deputies and members must be on the floor of Convention at the time the resolution is submitted to convention. Each lay person wishing to move or second a resolution must be a certified (elected) Lay Deputy in the Diocese of Albany whose Certificate of Election for Convention 2020 is already on file with the Secretary by the date of the resolution. **Each Lay Deputy must indicate his/her parish and the parish's town, next to his/her name. Clergy do not need to indicate a parish or town.** Use the other side and/or additional sheets as necessary. (Please make a copy for your own records.)

The canonical deadline for submitting proposed canonical amendments to the Secretary of the Convention is the **90th day preceding the first day of Convention (7/4/20)**. The requested deadline for submitting other resolutions to the Secretary of the Convention for inclusion in the Pre-Convention Book is for her to receive them by **Monday, August 24th**. The requested deadline for submitting other resolutions to the Secretary for inclusion in the Convention Book is for her to receive them by **Friday, September 4th**. It may not be possible to reproduce copies of a resolution as part of the Convention materials (for general distribution to members and deputies at Convention) if she receives the resolution after September 4th.

Resolution moved by (please print):

Parish (if Lay Deputy): _____

Resolution seconded by (please print):

Parish (if Lay Deputy): _____

Resolved, that

Please forward this form to: msive@ctkcenter.org

—or—

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