

The 198th Diocesan Convention

Cross Insurance Center, Bangor
Saturday, October 28, 2017



IMPORTANT DATES:

June 30th

- ▶ Certificate of Delegates Due

September 8th

- ▶ Resolution Deadline
- ▶ Nomination Deadline
- ▶ Dio Council Nominations Due
- ▶ Delegation Revisions Due

September 22nd

- ▶ Convention e-booklet Distributed

October 4th

- ▶ Pre-Convention Hearing
St. Martin's, Palmyra 7-8:30pm

October 5th

- ▶ Pre-Convention Hearing
Trinity, Portland 7-8:30pm

October 6th

- ▶ Diocesan Youth Rep
Nomination Deadline

October 1st

- ▶ Early (Discounted) Convention
Registration Deadline

October 11th

- ▶ Convention Registration
Deadline

October 28th

- ▶ Diocesan Convention

Delegate Formula

0-50 ASA = 2 Delegates

51-100 ASA = 3 Delegates

101--150 ASA = 4 Delegates

151 ASA or more = 5 Delegates

Summary based on Diocese of
Maine Constitution, Article III,
Section 4.

Call to Convention

We are pleased to invite you to Diocesan Convention in Bangor!

All information presented here is available online on the "2017 Convention" page of episcopalmaine.org. Alternately, you may use this direct link to the page: tinyurl.com/diome2017.

Any updates and required registration will be posted on this page. Check often!

A full e-booklet will be distributed in September.

Please plan to attend one of the two hearings before convention: Wednesday, October 4th from 7-830pm at St. Martin's in Palmyra or Thursday, October 5th from 7-830pm at Trinity in Portland.

Other important deadlines to keep in mind are listed in the box on the left.

Questions? Call Teresa Pinney at 772-1953 X 132 or email tpinney@episcopalmaine.org.

Lay Delegates to Convention

Certificate of Delegates

Please complete the 2017 Certificate of Average Sunday Attendance and Delegates to Diocesan Convention form online at episcopalmaine.org by Friday, June 30, 2017.

The certificate must be prepared and signed by the Rector, Vicar or Priest in Charge. In congregations without one, the Senior Warden or Clerk of the Vestry may sign. Each parish and mission is entitled to delegates based on their Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) as reported on their 2016 Parochial Report.

If you have questions or

need to make revisions to a certificate on file, contact tpinney@episcopalmaine.org

Delegates' Responsibilities

1. In advance of Convention, be familiar with and prepared to discuss and vote on business to come before Convention
2. Attend a Pre-Convention gathering
3. Attend Convention
 - Debate and vote on resolutions that come before Convention
 - Elect Diocesan Officers
 - Adopt a 2018 budget for the Diocese of Maine
4. Abide by the Rules of Order adopted by Convention
5. Report back to your congregation the result of elections, the actions taken by Convention on resolutions, and share the Bishop's Address
6. Expenses for congregations/delegates to pay:
 - Mileage to and from Convention
 - Cost of meals
 - Cost of hotel room, if necessary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

is hereby given, in accordance with Canon Six, Section 1, of the Diocese of Maine that the 198th Annual Convention of the Diocese will assemble, God willing, at the Cross Insurance Center, Bangor on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

/s/ MS LEIGH SPAHR
Secretary of the Diocese
May 12, 2017



Youth Opportunities

Teens in high school through age 20 can apply to be among the eight Diocesan Youth Representatives who will attend Convention with their church and serve with voice, not vote. Nominate online at episcopalmaine.org by October 6th.

Remember that congregations can also elect a teenager as a regular delegate. FMI contact Jane Hartwell jhartwell@episcopalmaine.org.

Nominations for Diocesan Leaders

Nominations for consideration by the 198th Convention of the Diocese of Maine must be received at the diocesan office by September 8, 2017, in order to be included in the booklet.

Please check with nominees to make sure they are willing to serve in the position.

A list of open diocesan positions follows:

Secretary (1 year term)

Treasurer (1 year term)

Standing Committee—Clergy (3 year term)

Standing Committee—Lay (3 year term)

Disciplinary Board—Lay (3 year term)

Provincial Synod—Lay Alternate (2 year term)

Provincial Synod—Clerical Deputy (2 year term)

Trustee of Diocesan Funds (4 year term) (elect two)

Diocesan Council – Clergy (3 year term) (elect 8, by Area)

Find descriptions of each position and the nomination form at episcopalmaine.org. Nominations are due on September 8th.



Resolutions

Resolutions to be considered by the 198th Convention of the Diocese of Maine must be received in the diocesan office on or before Friday, September 8, 2017, in order to be included in the Convention e-Booklet.

Resolutions emerge from the life of the Diocese and for the purpose of addressing the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Maine.

Any delegate or group of delegates of a parish or

mission, or a member of a recognized diocesan body may propose a resolution using the online form at episcopalmaine.org by September 8th.

Pre-Convention Hearings

In preparation for the 198th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine, area gatherings of clergy and lay delegates will be held in early October.

These gatherings include a 2018 budget presentation and review of resolutions to be considered at convention.

Again this year, Diocesan Council elections will not take place at these hearings, but rather will be held at Convention.

October 4 - 7:00-8:30pm
St. Martin's, Palmyra

October 5 - 7:00-8:30pm
Trinity, Portland

Don't miss important news leading up to Convention! Sign up for The Dio Log, our electronic newsletter, at episcopalmaine.org. Scroll down to "The Dio Log" link in the footer. From there, click on "Sign up for our email newsletter."

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