



## **Bishop Cole Announces Secretary of Convention and Opening of Nominations and Resolutions**

In this recent video, Bishop Brian Cole updates the diocese on our new Secretary of Convention, the Rev. Christopher Hogin, and the opening of nominations and resolutions to the 40th annual diocesan convention. More information is available below.



## Secretary of Convention



The Rev. Christopher Hogin, Associate Rector for Pastoral Care at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Knoxville, has agreed to serve as the Secretary of Convention for the 40th annual diocesan convention. His work as Secretary of Convention plays a critical role in ensuring a healthy process and the engagement of all the various committees and bodies involved in diocesan governance.

In his capacity as the Secretary of Convention, he may be reached at [secretary@dioet.org](mailto:secretary@dioet.org). Please be advised that his in-office hours at the diocesan house are limited, and thus initial inquiries are best suited to email.



## Nominations

Nominations for elected positions at the 40th annual convention in 2024 are now open! We are excited to announce openings in elected diocesan leadership for Bishop and Council, Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board, and University of the South Trustee.

Nominations may be made only by the Bishop, Clerical and Lay Delegates, Vestries, and any other person authorized by Canon. [See Rule 8.01](#). Nominations are due by Saturday, January 6, 2024. All nominees are invited to submit photo, detailed biography, and reasons for seeking the position to the respective diocesan office (no word limit). This information will be posted on the [convention website](#). Nominees are also invited to submit an abbreviated 100-word informational profile to be included in convention materials. Additionally, all nominees will be invited to participate in a breakout session during convention to meet and answer questions from delegates and visitors. **For further assistance with nominations after January 6th, please email the Nominations Committee at [nominations@dioet.org](mailto:nominations@dioet.org).**

Head to our [convention website](#) to see each of the open positions, descriptions of each group, and to nominate yourself or someone for these positions.

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## Resolutions

The Diocese of East Tennessee remains committed to providing time and space for healthy and productive dialogue embodied in the resolutions process. We welcome resolutions from the community for the purpose of creating a unified voice in the diocese. Please note the following information as a helpful guide as we prepare for the 40th Annual Convention.

### **When is deadline for submitting resolutions?**

Proposed resolutions must be received at Diocesan House no later than January 6, 2023 to be posted on our convention website and included in convention packet. Resolutions proposed after January 6, will be made from the floor of convention with a requirement of a 2/3rds vote from the convention to be considered immediately.

### **How does one write a resolution?**

Learn more with the 2024 Resolution Guide!

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## Workshops

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Your diocesan leadership has been developing a robust lineup of workshops for before, during, and following convention. These plans will be released in a subsequent publication. You can expect topics to include discernment, pastoral care, mental health, leadership, mission, pilgrimage, and more.

Delegates, clergy, and staff, will also have an opportunity to complete required Safe Church training in-person just in time for convention.



## Certification and Registration

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The **deadline for Certification and Registration is Friday, December 15**, and is fast approaching. Make sure to complete your certification of delegates here following the instructions closely. Registration may be completed at any time as your parish will register the delegates by the total number of clergy and lay delegates not by specific persons. Visitors may register at any time.

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## Hotel Information

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**Hotel reservations are due Monday, January 1, 2024.** We have room blocks at three area hotels: the Marriott Courtyard in Cedar Bluff, the Marriott SpringHill Suites in Turkey Creek, and the Hampton

Inn by Campbell Station Road.

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## Convention Website and Resources

This year we continue to utilize our diocesan convention website as the main hub for information regarding the annual convention. This is a great resource of information regarding upcoming diocesan convention and referencing previous years.

[Certification](#)

[Communications Archive](#)

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Please note: We have made a transition from Constant Contact to Active Campaign as our newsletter system. Should there be errors or hiccups in the coming months, please reply with an email with details or feedback. We will make design adjustments along the way, but we hope this system performs well for all our East Tennessee Episcopal community.

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