

Greetings Delegates, Alternates, and Ex-Officio members of Diocesan Convention,

Tonight is the delegation orientation, beginning at 7:00 PM Eastern on Zoom. All delegation members are invited to meet, practice voting, and receive orientation to the business being considered at this year's convention, including candidates for elected positions, resolutions for consideration, and the consent agenda. Well-informed and prepared delegates are critical to the efficient flow of business on Saturday morning. This meeting will be recorded, and **all delegates are requested to familiarize themselves with the information presented at this meeting before attending convention.**

[Click here to REGISTER for the Delegation Orientation Meeting.](#)

RSVP for Childcare, Lunch, and Accessibility on Saturday, February 8, In Person at the Episcopal School, Knoxville

In preparing for our time together on Saturday, we need to know the number of delegates, alternates, ex-officio members, and visitors who wish to have lunch, who need childcare, or may have accessibility needs.

[Click here to register your options for Saturday.](#)

Other important information and links:

- [Diocesan Convention Website](#) | [Diocesan Convention Schedule](#)
- **Justice in Banking Webinar** - 7:00 PM Eastern, Monday, February 3, on Zoom
 - Join Bishop Brian Cole, Kim Wilson Owen and Rick Roach (authors of [Resolution 2023-08 "Justice in Banking"](#)), Adam Hughes (organizer for Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment), and Mary Hirt (Policy

Specialist in Community and Economic Development at the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank) for a session on the new diocesan [Justice in Banking and Investing Guidelines Policy](#). This webinar is being offered as a way for all East Tennessee Episcopalians to engage with the new policy ahead of the in-person forum at St. Elizabeth's on Friday, February 7. [Click here to REGISTER for the Justice in Banking webinar.](#)

- **Meet the Nominees** – 7:00 PM Eastern, Tuesday, February 4, on Zoom
 - Join members of the Elections Committee for a special session to meet the nominees for elected positions at the convention. Learn more about where the candidates are from, which community they belong to, and what their hopes are for engaging and participating in diocesan work on their respective bodies. [Click here to REGISTER for the Meet the Nominees session.](#)
- **Budget Hearing** – 12:00 PM Eastern, Wednesday, February 5, on Zoom
 - The Budget Hearing will take place prior to the in-person portion of the convention. The budget presentation recording will be available beginning Wednesday, January 29, in both your inbox, and at www.dioceseconvention.org. We will play the presentation 30 minutes prior to the hearing. [Click here to REGISTER for the Budget Hearing](#)
- **Safe Church Training** – 12:00 PM Eastern, Friday, February 7, St. Elizabeth's, Farragut
 - All parochial clergy, church staff, and delegates are required to be in compliance and current with their Safe Church requirements by Saturday, February 8, 2025. To help with this, the diocese will offer in-person training from 12:00-4:00 PM on Friday, February 7th at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. This just-in-time opportunity is before the Convention Eucharist. Training can also be completed online any time before the deadline. [Click here to register for the training.](#)
- **Justice in Banking Forum** – 2:00 PM Eastern, Friday, February 7, St. Elizabeth's, Farragut
 - All are welcome to attend the Justice in Banking Forum at St. Elizabeth's on Friday of convention. This presentation will be both an introduction to the work of Justice in Banking as well as breakout group discussions.

Blessings,

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