

**42nd Diocesan Annual Convention for
The Episcopal Church in East Tennessee
February 20th & 21st, 2026, Knoxville, TN
Equip Disciples**

DELEGATE PROFILE (voting)

- Confirmed communicant in good standing, at least 16 years of age ^{1,2,3}
- Desires to participate in the ministry of governance
- Total minimum time commitment: 6 – 9 hours, more if attending optional events
 - Capacity to show up prayerfully, spiritually, and **physically** at Episcopal School of Knoxville (ESK) for 4 hours of business meeting on Saturday, February 21st, 2026, (specific times TBD)
 - Healthy engagement in pre-convention activities by Zoom in January and February (dates & times TBD) in preparation for making decisions and voting at the main business session
- Facility with technology, willingness to learn, and grace-filled patience when technology doesn't respond as planned
- Openness and curiosity regarding the voice of the Holy Spirit and moments for joyful worship
- Passion for connecting Christ-centered communities with our current sense of God's mission
- Not currently in formation for ordained ministry
- Representation from diverse demographics from our region and communities is encouraged

All voting Delegates are required to have access to their own device for voting:

- Smart phone, tablet, laptop, or personal computer
- Delegate MUST be able to receive and access messages (with voting links) sent to their own unique, personal email address (not institutional, restricted, or government-issued)
- Delegates are responsible for securing a reliable internet connection via Wi-Fi or cellular data plan for digital meetings held in preparation for convention, with understanding that the diocese cannot reimburse any costs incurred by cell phone data usage

PARTICIPANT PROFILE (non-voting)

- Includes, but is not limited to, those who support convention – staff and volunteers
- Wants to learn more about the diocese and its community
- Potentially considering the role of a delegate in the future
- Willing to grow in faith through seeking understanding
- Values gathering and connecting with other faithful Episcopalians across the diocese
- Desires to connect with the stated theme of convention
- Listens to the Holy Spirit, then acts faithfully in the world

¹ *Diocese of East Tennessee Constitution & Canons, Title I Canon 3 Section 8(b)*

It shall be the duty of each Chapel Board and of the Vestry of each Congregation to elect its Lay Delegates and an equal number of Alternates, each of whom shall be a Confirmed Communicant in Good Standing of the Congregation and at least sixteen years of age.

² *The Episcopal Church Constitution & Canons, Title I Canon 17 Section 3*

All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

³ *Other conditions may be present in the by-laws of the parish, worshiping community, or chaplaincy*