

Diocese of New Jersey

221st Diocesan Convention



Hilton Conference Center
Cherry Hill, New Jersey
March 4-5, 2005

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 221st Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, to be held, God willing, at the Hilton Conference Hotel in Cherry Hill, on Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, 2005.

Please note that our theme is, "New Life, New Mission, New Jersey." Through our prayers, our worship, our fellowship and the decisions that we make together, we will be seeking the renewal of our diocese for our mission today. As we have been praying at Convocation meetings this fall, "Lord, in your mercy, make New Jersey new."

I ask that you read over the enclosed materials carefully and prepare to share in discernment and decision-making at this important gathering of our Diocese. Come prepared for hard work, inspiration, education, fun, fellowship and joy in our Lord.

I ask for your prayers for our Convention and our Diocese:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Come and celebrate the amazing grace of gracious God in New Jersey, where things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new. May our Lord, in his mercy, make New Jersey new.

Faithfully yours,
The Rt. Rev. George E. Councill

Parking and Directions

Free parking is available on the premises in the Hilton Conference Center parking lot. To arrive at the Hilton **from points North**, take the New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 7 to Interstate 295 South. Exit at 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 West). Proceed on Route 70 West approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd. / Collingswood Exit. The Hilton is on your left. **From points South**, take the Interstate 295 North to Exit 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 West). Proceed to Route 70 West approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd./Collingswood Exit. The Hotel is on the left.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Conference Center for those attending the convention from outside of the immediate area at a rate of \$107 single and \$117 double per night. Reservations at this rate can be made by guests through **February 1, 2005**. Any reservations made after this date, will be based on the current availability and prevailing rates. To receive this rate, please call the hotel directly at 856 665-6666 Ext. 6280 by **February 1, 2005** and **mention that you are attending the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey**.

Convention Registration

Registration will be from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4 and 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Hilton Conference Hotel in the Terrace Room located to your left as you enter the lobby from the main entrance of the Hilton Conference Hotel. **Who should pre-register?** All clergy, delegates, and alternates attending in place of a delegate should pre-register. **Who does not need to pre-register?** All visitors, press, and alternates attending as visitors and not replacing a delegate should visit the information table to sign in and receive a convention packet.

Reminder: All names of delegates and alternates need to be mailed to Diocesan House on the gold prescribed form (found in the Clerical Compensation mailing) by January 28, 2005 so convention packets can be properly prepared. If there are changes after this date, please advise Diocesan House as soon as possible.

Delegates are to present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Conference Center. Signage will be visible at the Registration Tables depicting the congregation by TOWN. Each delegate to convention will sign for an individual convention packet and envelope containing nametag and banquet ticket if ordered. Only delegates authorized to vote will be given voting cards and ballots. Your name must be on our Master List, so please make sure your congregation has mailed in the appropriate form listing delegates and alternates.

Alternates serving in place of a delegate will present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables. If alternate's name is not on the delegate registration form, then his/her validity to serve must be certified by his/her priest-in-charge. An alternate attending convention but not replacing a delegate must register at the Information Table for a packet.

Clergy are to present themselves at the Clergy Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Conference Center. Signage will be visible at the Registration Tables with the LAST NAMES listed alphabetically. Each cleric will sign for a convention packet and envelope containing a nametag and banquet ticket if ordered. Only clergy authorized to vote will be given voting cards and ballots.

Press, visitors, alternates not replacing a delegate, and guests should present themselves at the Information Table to register for a convention packet and to receive nametags that are needed to enter the plenary sessions.
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Women's Commission/ECW Breakfast

When planning for the Diocesan Convention, be sure to include the WC/ECW Annual Breakfast slated for Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. Watch for more information in future convention mailings.

New at Convention!

Child Care: When you elect your Convention delegates at your Annual Meeting, please keep in mind that we have engaged the teaching staff from Trinity Cathedral's Academy and rooms at the Hilton Conference Hotel in order to provide childcare during Convention.

The issue has been raised in the past that people could not allow their names to be considered as Delegates because of childcare needs. We are attempting to include delegates who might otherwise not be able to attend Convention by offering this service at no charge.

Childcare will be available on Friday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to the close of Convention for children ages 4 to 12.

Watch for more information to follow in Convention mailings.

Convention Eucharist

The Convention Eucharist is Friday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. All guests and members of the diocese are invited to attend the Eucharist.

Chapel

The chapel is located in Plaza VII on the second floor. It is available for worship and meditation throughout the convention.

Exhibits

Registration forms for exhibitors are included in this mailing. Tables are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return *Exhibit Registration Form* by the deadline with information and fees. Set up for exhibits will be the evening of March 3 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the morning of March 4 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the Conference Center, please ask to see The Rev. Dr. Edward Murphy who will direct you to your assigned exhibit table.

Banquet

The Banquet will be held on Friday evening, March 4, in the Riverside Room at 7:30 p.m. Advance purchase of tickets is required. Please fill in the banquet ticket order form (found in Mailing #2) and return by the requested deadline along with the proper amount. Checks are payable to the Diocese of New Jersey. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and will be included in the envelope at registration.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will be available as cash purchases in the main lobby. Menu selections will be listed in Mailing #2.

Voting

If you are eligible to vote, your 'day of' packet will contain your voting materials. Please wait for instructions before marking your

ballots! Names may have been removed from the ballot, which will be announced prior to voting. For detailed instructions, refer to the Balloting Rules found in Mailing #2 and in the 'day of' packet.

Pre-Convention Hearings

Five pre-convention hearings are scheduled from 7-9 p.m. *February 3* in Haddonfield, *February 7* in Trenton, *February 10* in Dunellen, and *February 16* in Vineland, and *February 17* in Point Pleasant Beach. The Resolutions Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on February 26 at Diocesan House.

Please watch for more information in future mailings. More to come on:

Keynote Speaker: Clarence Horace Boyer, Editor of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Banquet Entertainer: Mark MacGougan, liturgical comedian and more.

For more on the 221st Convention, just visit us at newjersey.anglican.org.

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221st Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey
Tentative Schedule

Thursday, March 3, 2005

Evening Convention Set-Up
Exhibit Set-up

Friday, March 4, 2005

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Convention Registration
Exhibit Set-up

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Business Session

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Cash purchase at site)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Business Session Resumes

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Eucharist

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fellowship

7:30 p.m. Banquet

Saturday, March 5, 2005

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Women’s Commission/ECW
Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
Cash purchase at site

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Convention Registration

9 – 11 a.m. Workshops

11:15 – 12:45 p.m. Business Session Resumes

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch
Cash purchase at site

2:00 p.m. Business Session Resumes
(if needed)

NOTE: Subject to change