

The Diocese of New Jersey



222nd Diocesan Convention

Hilton Conference Hotel, Cherry Hill
March 3-4, 2006

Join us as we gather at Convention this year, to conduct the business of the Diocese, in an exploration of ways to lead and to inspire mission and ministry in our Church. The information in this mailing will be helpful in preparing your time at the 222nd Annual Convention, scheduled to begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 3, at the Hilton Philadelphia/Cherry Hill Hotel, Cherry Hill. Adjournment will be when business is completed on Saturday, March 4. Additional materials and information will be sent in future mailings. Updates will be posted on our website www.newjersey.anglican.org.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Conference Hotel 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, 2006. 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 by February 1, 2006 and mention that you are attending the *Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey*.

According to NJ State Law, individuals attending a convention of a tax exempt organization are not entitled to the same state sales tax exemptions that the registered organization is entitled to. All **tax-exempt payments** must be made by the individual church's check or credit card and accompanied by a NJ issued ST-5 form.

Directions and Parking

Free parking is available on the premises in the Hilton Conference Hotel 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 the left.

From points South, take 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.

Convention Registration

Registration will be from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 3 and 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4 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, deputies, and alternates attending in place of deputies should pre-register.

Who does not need to pre-register?

All visitors, press, and alternates attending as visitors and not replacing deputies should visit the information table to sign in and receive a convention packet.

Reminder: All names of deputies and alternates need to be mailed to Diocesan House on the gold prescribed form (mailed to parishes in November) by January 25, 2006 so that convention packets can be properly prepared. If there are changes after this date, please advise Diocesan House as soon as possible.

Deputies are to present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Conference Hotel. Signage will be visible at the Registration Tables depicting the congregation by TOWN. Each deputy to convention will sign for an individual convention packet and envelope containing nametag and banquet ticket if ordered. Only deputies 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 deputies and alternates.

Alternates serving in place of a deputy will present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables. If alternate's name is not on the deputy 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 deputy must register at the Information Table as a visitor for a packet.

Clergy are to present themselves at the Clergy Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Conference Hotel. 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.

<p>NOTE: Press, visitors, alternates not replacing deputies, 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.</p>
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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 4 at 8:00 a.m. Watch for more information in future convention mailings.

Convention Eucharist *New Time*

The Convention Eucharist will be on Friday morning, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverside Pavilion. 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 2 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the morning of March 3 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the Conference Hotel, 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 3, in the Riverside Pavilion 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 *New*

Breakfast will be available as a cash purchase in the main lobby. Lunch will be a **pre-ordered and pre-paid** box lunch. Details on ordering and 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.

Child Care

When you elect your Convention deputies 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 to provide child care during Convention. The issue has been raised in the past that people could not allow their names to be considered as Convention Deputies because of child care needs. This is an attempt to include deputies who might otherwise not be able to attend Convention by offering this service at no charge. Child care will be available on Friday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 4 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 and on the website.

Pre-Convention Hearings

Pre-Convention hearing dates will be posted in the next mailing. The Resolutions Committee will hold their meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 18 at Diocesan House.

More to come on:

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tony Campolo

An educator, evangelist, author, and high-profile counselor

Banquet Entertainer: The Rev. Mark Giroux

Singing, liturgical comedian

WC/ECW Speaker: Dr. Renee M. Tembeckjian

Please watch for more information in future mailings.
Also, visit us at www.newjersey.anglican.org

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Tentative Schedule

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Evening Convention Set-Up
Exhibit Set-up

Friday, March 3, 2006

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

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

10:00 a.m. Eucharist (Bishop’s Address)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
Pre-paid box lunch

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Business Session

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker

4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Business Session Resumes

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fellowship

7:30 p.m..... Banquet

Saturday, March 4, 2006

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

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Women’s Commission/ECW
Breakfast

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

10:00 – 1:00 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