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DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY 223RD CONVENTION

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill, New Jersey
March 2-3, 2007

Join us as we gather to conduct the business of the Diocese at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill on March 2-3, 2007. The 223rd Diocesan Convention is scheduled to begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 2. Adjournment will be when business is completed on Saturday, March 3. Additional materials and information will be sent in future mailings. All convention materials and updates will be posted on our website www.newjersey.anglican.org.

Hotel Reservations

Crowne Plaza for Friday - 856 665-6666:

A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for those attending the convention from outside of the immediate area at a rate of \$117 single and \$122 double per night.

Holiday Inn for Thursday - 800 465-4329

There will be an additional large group in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday evening until noon on Friday. Therefore, the Crowne Plaza does not have rooms available for the Diocese on Thursday evening. Arrangements have been made with the Holiday Inn, next door to the Crowne Plaza, to provide us with rooms for Thursday evening, March 1, at a rate of \$89 per night.

Directions and Parking

Free parking is available at the Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn hotels.

Crowne Plaza

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 Crowne Plaza 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.

Holiday Inn

From points **North**, follow directions above to Route 70 West to the Cornell Ave. jug handle.

From points **South**, follow directions above to Route 70 West to the Cornell Ave. jug handle.

Reservations at the above rates at both hotels can be made by guests through February 6, 2007. Any reservations made after this date, will be based on the current availability and prevailing rates. To receive this rate, please call the hotels directly by February 6, 2007 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.

Convention Registration

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 2 and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Terrace Room located to your left as you enter the lobby from the main entrance of the Crowne Plaza 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.

Clergy are to present themselves at the Clergy Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Crowne Plaza 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.

Deputies are to present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Signage will be visible at the Registration Tables with the congregations listed 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 that your congregation has mailed in the Deputy Certification form listing deputies and alternates.

Alternates serving in place of a deputy will present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables. If the 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 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, 2007 so that convention packets can be properly prepared. **If there are changes after this date, please call Diocesan House.**

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.

Women's Commission/ECW Breakfast

When planning for the Diocesan Convention, be sure to include the WC/ECW Annual Breakfast slated for Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 a.m. Watch for more information in future convention mailings.

Convention Eucharist

The Convention Eucharist will be on Friday morning, March 2 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 2, 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

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 convention 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 convention packet.

Child Care

When you elect your Convention deputies at your Annual Meeting, please keep in mind that we have engaged a teacher, an aide, and a suite at the Crowne Plaza 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 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 3 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 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The purpose of pre-convention meetings is to equip clergy and lay delegates for a ministry of discernment and leadership of our Diocese at the Annual Meeting of the Convention, March 2-3, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill. The schedule of pre-convention meetings is as follows:

February 5 - Trinity Church, Asbury Park

February 13 - Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood

February 7 - Holy Spirit Church, Tuckerton

February 12 - St. John's Church, Somerville

The **Committee on Resolutions** invites submission of proposed resolutions for consideration at next March's Diocesan Convention, and asks that proposals be submitted on white 8-1/2 x 11 paper, typed and double-spaced, and contain at least two sections: the RESOLVED paragraph naming the desired action, and a FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, as appropriate, providing for the implementation of the resolution if adopted. Each resolution should also be accompanied by a short explanatory statement by the proponent.

Resolutions may be proposed by any communicant of any congregation in the diocese, whether or not a Convention delegate.

Proposals should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee, Paul Ambos, c/o Christ Church, 5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 (facsimile (732) 545-6264) or by email (pambos@amboslaw.com) before the deadline of January 15, 2007. Formal hearings will be held on resolution proposals in the Matthews Room in back of Diocesan House, 808 West State Street, Trenton, on February 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., and further hearings may be scheduled during the Convention itself. Additional informal discussions may take place at pre-convention meetings, subject to availability of members of the Committee on Resolutions.

More to come on:

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. David Beckmann
President, Bread for the World

Banquet Entertainment: Ethnic Dancers

WC/ECW Speaker: The Rev. Joanna D. Graham

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Tentative Schedule

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Evening Convention Set-Up
Exhibit Set-up

Friday, March 2, 2007

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 3, 2007

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)

Please watch for more information in future mailings. Visit us at www.newjersey.anglican.org

NOTE: Subject to change