

The Diocese of New Jersey

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224th Annual Diocesan Convention

Wildwoods Convention Center
Wildwood, New Jersey

All are invited to attend our **224th Annual Diocesan Convention** which will be held on Friday, February 29 and Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Wildwoods Convention Center in Wildwood, New Jersey. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mailing 2

The first mailing contained convention information including the directions to the Wildwoods Convention Center and how to make your reservations. Mailing #2 contains all your registration materials for the various events. Please register early and be mindful of the deadlines.

Registration Deadlines

February 11, 2008 – registrations for:

Clergy
Lay
Visitor
Child Care

February 8, 2008 – food orders for:

Banquet
Box Lunches (Friday and Saturday)
WC/ECW Breakfast

Reservations for accommodations at the special convention rates must be made by February 15, 2008. Refer to Mailing #1 for instructions on how to reserve a room.

Submission of Proposed Resolutions

The Diocese of New Jersey Committee on Resolutions invites submission of proposed resolutions for consideration at Diocesan Convention in March. The Committee 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. No "whereas" or other prefatory language can be used, so the proposals should begin with "Be it RESOLVED That" Each resolution should be accompanied by a short explanatory statement by the proponent(s).

Resolutions may be proposed by any communicant of any congregation in the diocese, whether or not a Convention delegate, or by any member of the clergy serving or residing in the diocese, whether or not eligible to vote at Convention. We appreciate it if the proponents' identifying parish affiliations are included.

Proposals should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee, Paul Ambos, c/o Paul Ambos, P.C., 110 Wall Street, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10005-3836, facsimile 212 514-5222 or by email pambos@amboslaw.com so as to be received before the deadline of January 15, 2008. Formal hearings will be held on resolution proposals at Diocesan House, 808 West State Street, Trenton, on **February 23, 2008, 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.

Registrations:

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, February 29 and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the Wildwoods Convention Center located to your left as you enter the lobby from the main entrance of the convention center. All clergy, lay deputies, alternates, visitors, and child care attendees should pre-register using the prescribed forms included in this mailing.

Clergy are to present themselves at the Clergy Registration Tables located to your left as you enter the main entrance of the Wildwoods Convention 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 meal tickets if ordered. Only clergy authorized to vote will be given voting cards and ballots.

Lay Deputies are to present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables located to your left as you enter the main entrance of the Wildwoods Convention Center. 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 meal tickets 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.

Visitors, press, alternates not replacing deputies, and guests should present themselves at the Information Table to register for a convention packet, nametags and meal tickets if ordered.

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 special room at the Wildwoods Convention Center 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, February 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to the close of Convention, for children ages 4 to 12. Use the prescribed form to register children before the deadline of February 11.

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, 2008 so that convention packets can be properly prepared. **If there are changes after this date, please call Diocesan House.** If your annual meeting takes place after January 25, please submit names of deputies and alternates within three days of your meeting. Deputies and alternates, whose names are not on our Master List at convention, will not be able to receive packets with voting materials.

Questions:

- Please feel free to contact the convention coordinator, Ann Notte, with questions regarding the convention at 609 394-5281 ext. 41 or anotte@newjersey.anglican.org
- For exhibitor questions, contact Mary Ann Rhoads at 609 394-5281 ext. 11 or mrhoads@newjersey.anglican.org
- For registration questions, contact Sarah Paige at 609 394-5281 ext. 10 or spaige@newjersey.anglican.org

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas is a passionate educator and activist for the worldwide mission of God. A recognized leader in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, Professor Douglas is a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, member of the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth conference, and member-elect of the Anglican Consultative Council as a priest representing The Episcopal Church.

Professor Douglas travels extensively around the world pursuing activities dedicated to promoting reconciliation in the Anglican Communion. He is widely published in missiology, the mission history of The Episcopal Church, and postcolonial perspectives on Anglican ecclesiology.

His most recent book is *Understanding the Windsor Report: Two Leaders in the American Church Speak Across the Divide*, with Paul Zahl (Church Publishing).

Professor Douglas is currently engaged as one of four co-editors of the ground-breaking worldwide study: *Oxford University Press Handbook of Anglican Studies*. Dedicated to helping The Episcopal Church live faithfully into God's mission through the Millennium Development Goals, Professor Douglas is co-founder and vice chair of the Board of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation. Sought after widely as a speaker and mission organizer, Professor Douglas has been quoted in almost every major syndicated newspaper in the United States including *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The San Francisco Examiner*, as well as appearing on *The ABC Evening News*, *PBS Religion and Ethics Newsweekly*, *CNN*, and the *BBC*.

Education: BA, Middlebury College; EdM, Harvard Graduate School of Education; MDiv, Harvard Divinity School; PhD, Boston University Graduate School.

Current positions: Member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church; Clergy Member elect from The Episcopal Church to the Anglican Consultative Council; Member of the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference; Convener of the Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM); Member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Anglican Studies*; Member of the Advisory Committee for the College of Bishops; EDS faculty, 1990-present.

Recent publications include:

Oxford University Press Handbook of Anglican Studies (forthcoming, Oxford)

Understanding the Windsor Report: Two Leaders in the American Church Speak Across the Divide, with Paul Zahl (Church Publishing);

Waging Reconciliation: God's Mission in a Time of Globalization and Crisis (Church Publishing);

Beyond Colonial Anglicanism: The Anglican Communion in the Twenty-First Century (Church Publishing);

Fling Out the Banner: The National Church Ideal and the Foreign Mission of the Episcopal Church



Contra Dance

At the Diocesan Convention Banquet

What Is Contra Dancing?

Contra Dancing is a form of American folk dance in which the dancers form a set of two parallel lines which run the length of the hall. Each dance consists of a sequence of moves that ends with couples having progressed one position up or down the set. As the sequence is repeated, a couple will eventually dance with every other couple in the set. Contra Dancing was all the rage in 1800.

Is Contra Dancing Similar To Square Dancing?

Many of the basic moves in Contra Dancing are similar to those in square dancing (swings, promenades, dos-à-dos, allemandes). The number of couples in a Contra Dance set is limited only by the length of the hall. To join the set, all you need is a partner.

What If I Have Never Danced Before?

In Contra Dancing, your feet are never asked to do more than walk to the music. Each dance is taught by the caller before it is danced. The caller continues to prompt the dancers as needed. Because the pattern of moves of each Contra Dance is repeated often, Contra Dances are easy to learn. Both beginning and experienced dancers happily share the same set.

What If I Don't Have A Partner?

No problem. Many people come to a Contra Dance alone. Dancers are encouraged to dance with many different partners throughout the evening. If there is an excess of one gender, it is customary for women to dance men's parts (and vice versa) to form couples and extend the set.

Do I Need To Wear Special Clothes?

No. Contra Dancers tend to dress informally. Most people dress for comfort and wear soft-soled, comfortable shoes.

What Is The Music Like?

For many dancers, the live music is the great attraction. Traditional jigs, reels, and hornpipes from the Scots-Irish tradition on both sides of the Atlantic form the basic repertoire. The fiddle is often the lead instrument.



Join the fun and reserve a spot at the diocesan convention banquet by filling in the form enclosed with this mailing.