



The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Join us for the 125th Annual Meeting of Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles: Servants of the Spirit on Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th.

Convention 2020 will be an historic first for the Diocese of Los Angeles, a virtual meeting hosted as a Zoom webinar. We will conduct the business of Convention on Saturday and then conclude Sunday morning with a Diocesan-wide Eucharist, celebrated by our Bishop Diocesan, John Harvey Taylor.

The entirety of Convention will also be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube for anyone to watch.

To prevent "Zoom fatigue," we've streamlined the agenda. We will hear the Bishop Diocesan's address, the Bishop Suffragan's address, and the Treasurer's report. We will vote on elective offices, proposed changes to the Constitution & Canons, and the 2021 Mission Share Fund (MSF) budget.

Spanish language translation and real-time closed captioning will be provided.

All voting delegates will need their own smart phone, tablet, or other web-connected device to vote.

All delegates must have a unique email address to participate.

Delegates will receive all materials, including a custom link to join the Webinar, by email. So please make sure to submit your lay and clergy delegate certificates as soon as possible to receive important updates and instructions. All forms can be found at www.diocesanconvention.com.

In some cases - for example, if you have limited access to internet at home - it may be best for delegates to gather safely and responsibly at their respective faith communities. We have been working with the Deans to determine what is best for each congregation.

We will have a "Practice Convention" on Saturday 11/7 at 10:00 am so that delegates and faith communities can practice logging in to Zoom and answer sample voting questions.

The Convention Coordinator, Samantha Wylie, and I will host a weekly open Zoom meeting starting at the end of October for anyone to log in and ask questions about Convention. We will

also have Q&A sessions during the week leading up to Convention to give delegates even more opportunity to review, discuss, and ask questions about the proposed canonical changes and the 2021 Mission Share Fund budget. (Schedule below. Links to these sessions are on the Convention website.)

We also invite everyone to check out the Virtual Exhibit Hall at www.diocesanconvention.com/virtualexhibithall

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times together.

I look forward to seeing you at Convention.

Canon Dr. Steve Nishibayashi
Secretary of Convention

Upcoming Schedule:

October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9 @ 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Q&A with the Secretary of Convention and Convention Coordinator

Saturday, November 7 @ 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Practice Convention

Wednesday, November 11 @ 5:00 p.m.

Overview of Proposed Canonical Changes with the Rev. Canon Kelli Grace Kurtz, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons

Thursday, November 12 @ 5:00 p.m.

Overview of Proposed 2021 MSF Budget with Canon Andy Tomat, Treasurer of the Diocese, and the Rev. Michele Racusin, CFO of the Diocese.

Saturday, November 14

8:00 a.m. Registration opens (all delegate status changes must go through the Registrar)

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Call to Order

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Reconvene

12:30 p.m. Lunch break

1:30 p.m. Reconvene

3:00 p.m. Recess

Sunday, November 15

10:00 a.m. Diocesan-wide Convention Eucharist

(Convention adjourns with the dismissal)