



Notice of the 203rd Annual Convention November 8-9, 2019

Date: June 2019

To: Clergy, Senior Wardens, Clerks of Vestries, Persons granted Seat and Voice, Parish Administrators, Diocesan Staff

From: William A. Powel, III, Canon to the Ordinary

The 203rd Annual Diocesan Convention will meet November 8-9, 2019 in Sandusky, Ohio. All details and documents will be posted on the website at www.dohio.org/convention when available.

Friday Evening: Convention Eucharist at Grace Church, Sandusky
Dinner at Lyman Harbor Entertainment Complex (after the Eucharist)

Saturday: All business will be conducted at Lyman Harbor Entertainment Complex.

a. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & CANONS – must be received by **Aug. 12**

If you are considering submitting a proposed amendment or have questions, please contact Bill Powel, staff liaison, at wpowel@dohio.org or 216-774-0449 before the deadline. The committee is happy to work with you collaboratively in this effort.

b. RESOLUTIONS – must be received by **Sept. 13 for inclusion in the handbook** (canonical deadline is Sept. 25). Resolutions must follow diocesan guidelines (at www.dohio.org/convention) and sent to the Secretary of Convention, c/o Bill Powel, Diocese of Ohio, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

c. NOMINATIONS – must be received by **Sept. 13 for inclusion in the handbook**

Positions to be elected by this year's Convention include:

- Diocesan Trustee – one lay or clergy (5-yr term)
- Standing Committee – one lay and one clergy (4-yr term)
- Diocesan Council – two lay and two clergy (3-yr term)
- ECS Development Council – two lay and one clergy (3-yr term)
- Diocesan Disciplinary Board – three clergy (3-yr term, clergy ordained at least 5 years)
- General Convention Deputy – four lay and four clergy (3-yr term)

d. DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS – must be paid by **Oct. 9**

Parishes that are current by Oct. 9 on paying all previous year and current year assessments through June 30, 2019 will be seated with voice and vote. Parishes in arrears as of Oct. 9 will be granted seat and voice but will forfeit their lay delegates' ability to vote.

- e. **PAROCHIAL REPORTS – must be filed/completed by Oct. 9**
- f. **AUDIT REPORTS – must be filed/completed by Oct. 9**
- g. **CLERGY AND LAY PENSIONS – must be current by Oct. 9**
- h. **REGISTRATION – Closes on Oct. 11**
The 2019 registration process will open by September 1. This year’s registration fee is \$38 per person. Everyone attending any portion of Friday or Saturday must register in advance, which includes clergy, lay delegates, lay alternates, visitors, guests and children. Details will follow later this summer.
- i. **NECROLOGY – due by Oct. 18**
Instructions will be emailed to parishes in September.
- j. **VOLUNTEERS – by Oct. 18**
The Convention depends on having many volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help.
- k. **EXHIBITORS – applications due by Oct. 18**
Exhibits will be at the convention hotel on Nov. 10 *only*.
- l. **DELEGATE CERTIFICATES – must be received by Oct. 25**
- m. **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATES – must be received by Oct. 25**
- n. **HOTEL RESERVATIONS - must be made by Nov. 1**
A block of rooms has been arranged at the Comfort Inn, 5909 Milan Rd. in Sandusky.
 - The room block rate is \$89 per night plus tax.
 - Reservations must be guaranteed by a major credit card and presented at check-in.
 - Parking is free.
 - Reservations can be made online <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/RA78H1> or by calling 419-621-0200 and dialing 0 to get to the front desk. Ask for the group rate.

ELECTING MISSION AREA REPRESENTATIVES TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL

North Central, Southeast, and Summit Mission Area Councils will elect new representatives prior to Diocesan Convention. The first Diocesan Council meeting will be Dec. 13-14, 2019 at Bellwether Farm.