

TO: All Clergy and Convention Delegates  
FROM: Leon A. Brathwaite II, Secretary of Convention  
DATE: October 9, 2009  
RE: Arrangements for the 224th Diocesan Convention,  
Friday-Saturday, November 6-7, 2009



The 224th Annual Diocesan Convention will take place at Trinity Church, Boston, Massachusetts, on November 6-7, 2009. For a full schedule, please refer to the Delegate Handbook. The following information is offered to help you plan for Convention:

**REGISTRATION:** In order to make appropriate arrangements, we ask all Convention attendees to pre-register by going to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) and clicking on the Convention link on the home page. The registration fee, in the amount of **\$20 per person**, will cover a portion of the costs for coffee, lunch on Saturday, and the materials that you will receive during the course of Convention. Please complete this process no later than **Friday, October 30, 2009.**

**CHILD CARE AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** We are offering child care for children ages 4 and under, and a children's program for kids ages 5-12 again this year. You may register your child for these programs as part of your Convention registration process. All children who participate **must be pre-registered.** No walk-in registrations will be accepted. For questions, please call Ms. Amy Cook (617-482-4826 x645) or email her ([acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org)).

**PRE-CONVENTION DELEGATE FORUMS:** Please plan to attend one of the following pre-Convention delegate forums. These meetings will include a presentation on the proposed operating budget for 2010, as well as an opportunity to discuss resolutions and other Convention issues. The forums will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 20** at St. Paul's Church (390 Main Street) in North Andover;
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21** at Trinity Church (One Blue Hill River Road) in Canton;
- **Tuesday, Oct. 27** at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston;
- **Wednesday, Oct. 28** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and
- **Thursday, Oct. 29** at the Church of Our Saviour Parish Hall (60 Union Street) in Middleborough (please note that the hall is located one and a half blocks away from the church).

**CLERGY CERTIFICATION DEADLINE:** In accordance with Diocesan Canon 1, Sec. 3, all clergy desiring to vote at Diocesan Convention must be canonically resident two weeks prior to the start of Convention. Clergy in the process of becoming canonically resident please contact Ms. Clare Moffitt (617-482-4826 x495) to complete this process by **Friday, October 23, 2009.**

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**CHANGES IN LAY DELEGATES:** Delegate changes should be reported by mailing or faxing (to 617-482-8431) the enclosed substitute delegate form to Ms. Lois Murphey in the Convention Office. Names of alternate delegates will be accepted in the Convention Office **until Friday, October 30, 2009**. After that date, the alternate must bring to Convention the substitute delegate form, or a letter stating the alternate's name and address and the name of the delegate being replaced, indicating whether this is a permanent replacement or for this convention only. This letter must be signed by a warden or the clerk of the vestry. Without written documentation, the delegate must wait for Convention's approval to be allowed seat, voice and vote.

**CONVENTION HANDBOOK:** Enclosed is the Convention Delegate Handbook with the agenda, nominations, Compensation and Benefits Report, resolutions and other materials for Convention. This year we have also included the convention liturgies in this booklet. Please read the Handbook carefully and inform your congregation about the issues to come before Convention. **BE SURE TO BRING THE HANDBOOK TO CONVENTION.**

**REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE:** Reports for the 2009 Journal of Convention are available by going to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) and clicking on Diocesan Convention 2009. There will be a vote to receive these during the opening business portion of Convention on Friday, November 6. Please call the Convention Office if you need a paper copy of these reports.

**OPTIONAL FRIDAY LUNCH & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:** There will two optional lunch and learning opportunities on Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please sign up and pay (\$15 to cover the cost of lunch) for this special opportunity when you register online for Convention.

- **Bishop Bud Cederholm & Friends**

*Green Bishop's Forum on Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change*

The critical moment to act is now – What have we done? What can we do together as disciples in Christ?

- **Bishop Gayle Harris & Friends**

*Holy Journey, Holy Work: Live from Jerusalem, it's the Episcopal Church!*

A live journey to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a discussion on opportunities to enrich our relationship with that diocese, and an invitation to our November 2010 Mission trip.

**BENEFIT DINNER:** There will be an evening of great food, live music, square dancing and a live auction, open to all Convention attendees, to raise funds to benefit strategic ministry with young adults through the Relational Evangelism and Micah Project intern programs of our diocese. It starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. The cost of the dinner is \$45. You are encouraged to register and make payment when you are online registering for convention. Don't forget to bring to Convention your congregation's special offering to supplement the auction proceeds.

**QUESTIONS** may be directed to Ms. Lois Murphey in the Convention Office, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111; 617-482-4826 x 406; Fax: 617-482-8431; e-mail: [loism@diomass.org](mailto:loism@diomass.org). If you have **questions after October 30, 2009**, please leave a message at 617-482-4826 x516 and your call will be returned.