

To: Clergy and Lay Leadership of the Diocese
From: Leon A. Brathwaite II, Secretary of Convention
Date: March 7, 2014
Re: Convention to Elect a Bishop Diocesan



The Special Convention for the Election of a Bishop Diocesan will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, beginning with a worship service at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, 138 Tremont Street, Boston. The following information is offered to help you plan for Convention:

REGISTRATION: There will be no pre-convention registration. All attendees must register upon arrival on the morning of April 5, 2014. **Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and close at 9:30 a.m.** Voting members of Convention will receive their floor-access name badge and corresponding ballot book at registration. There will be no absentee ballots and no substitute or transferable ballots (other than those issued to properly certified alternate delegates).

CHANGES IN LAY DELEGATES: Delegate changes should be reported by email (lsimons@diomass.org), mail or fax (to 617-482-8431) **on the enclosed alternate delegate form** to Ms. Laura Simons in the Convention Office. Names of alternate delegates will be accepted in the Convention Office **until Friday, March 28, 2014**. After that date, the alternate must bring to Convention the alternate 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 form or 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.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT CHURCH FACILITIES: Only voting members and those with assigned credentials will have floor access and seating. Non-voting attendees will be seated in the balcony or in Sproat Hall (where there will be a live video feed) on a first-come, first-served basis and as space allows.

LUNCH: There will be a one-hour break for lunch if there is no election by 12:30 p.m. There will be tables set up in Sproat Hall for those who wish to bring lunch with them. All others may choose to get their lunch from one of the nearby restaurants listed on the attached flyer.

WALK-ABOUTS: These open meetings in March offer an important opportunity to meet and learn about the candidates on the slate for election. Clerical members of Convention and Lay Delegates are strongly urged to attend at least one of these sessions. The candidates are: The Rev. Holly Antolini, The Rev. Tim Crellin, The Rev. Ronald Culmer, The Rev. Alan Gates, The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin, The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd and The Rev. Sam Rodman. The walk-about schedule is as follows:

- March 14, 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church (79 Denton Road) in Wellesley
- March 15, 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston
- March 16, 4:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn
- March 17, 6:30 p.m. at Grace Church (422 County Street) in New Bedford
- March 18, 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover

TESTIMONIALS: No member of Convention shall be excused until the Convention is either recessed or until the election is announced and the signature of each voting member is obtained for the Testimonial of the Election. **This is a canonical requirement.** Voting members of Convention must sign by orders (clergy and lay) before leaving.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATION: Any voting members who will need language translation during the Convention should contact the Convention Office by **Monday, March 17, 2014** so that arrangements can be made.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Simons, Administrator to Convention and Council, at 617-482-4826 x 406 or lsimons@diomass.org.