# Pre-Convention Diocesan Presentations 2026
# Meeting Agenda

*Deaneries 3, 4 & 5 – Saturday, October 24, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.*
*Deaneries 6, 7 & 8 – Saturday, October 24, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.*
*Deaneries 1, 2, 9 & 10 – Saturday, October 31, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.*

1. **Opening prayer**

2. **Bishop's Remarks** – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena

3. **Call to Convention** – Ms. Samantha Wylie

4. **Proposed 2027 MSF Budget** – Joint Budget Committee

5. **Q&A and discussion**

Materials attached:

- Call to Convention and instructions for participation
- Draft Convention schedule
- Information on diocesan elective offices
- Items submitted for consideration
- Proposed 2027 MSF Budget
- Guide to voting eligibility

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# Living in Love & Truth | Viviendo en Amor y Verdad
# Diocesan Convention 2026

## CALL TO THE 2026 DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Join us for the **131st Annual Meeting of Convention** of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles on **Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, 2026 at the Riverside Convention Center** at 3637 5th Street, Riverside 92501.

This will be the first Diocesan Convention presided over by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Antonio José Gallardo Lucena, VIII Bishop of Los Angeles who was elected at the 2025 Convention and consecrated earlier this year.

The theme of this year's Convention draws from the theme of Bishop Gallardo's episcopacy: *Living in Love & Truth* | *Viviendo en Amor y Verdad*. "In a diocese as large, diverse, multilingual, multicultural, and politically varied as the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, Ephesians 4:15 is not just a slogan; it is a way of exercising episcopal ministry. As your Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, this means leading with theological clarity and pastoral charity at the same time: telling the truth about injustice, exclusion, conflict, and institutional reality, while doing so in love and in a way that equips the Church, protects communion, honors cultural diversity, and helps the whole diocesan body grow into the life of Christ."

**Attendance:** Diocesan Convention 2026 will be an in-person event on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, at the Riverside Convention Center at 3637 5th Street, Riverside 92501.

ASL interpretation and Spanish translation will be provided.

The business sessions, including Eucharist, will be livestreamed on the diocesan YouTube channel. The workshops will be recorded and posted to the YouTube channel later for viewing on demand.

**Visitors:** Any guests or visitors attending Convention in person are welcome to sit in the visitors' section adjacent to the Floor of Convention. Pre-registration is not required but guests must check in at the Information Table. Guests are also welcome to attend the lunch buffets and Friday Night Dinner.

**Schedule:** Convention will kick off late Friday morning with two rounds of workshops and a buffet lunch. Business will be called to order at 2:45 p.m. with prayer, and recess by 6:00 p.m. that evening. Business will reconvene with Holy Eucharist on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude by 4:00 p.m.

**Voting**: Voting will be done electronically. Delegates will be assigned a voting device at Registration. There will be no remote voting.

A guide on "Who is eligible to vote at Diocesan Convention 2026?" is included in this packet of materials and is also available on the Convention website.

Open elective offices, the current slate of candidates, and the nomination form can be found here.

One proposed amendment to the diocesan Constitution submitted in 2025 will be brought to Convention for a second reading. One resolution has also been submitted for consideration at this Convention. The text of these is in this packet starting on page 8 and are also published on the Convention website.

**Guest speakers:** We are excited to welcome two guest speakers at this year's Convention. The Rev. Lauren Grubaugh Thomas – Episcopal priest, writer, and activist in the diocese of Colorado – will offer a Friday morning workshop and preach at the Saturday morning Eucharist. The Rev. Dr. Lincoln Galloway – an active elder in The United Methodist Church and instructor of Homiletics and New Testament studies at the Claremont School of Theology – will offer a deep dive into the Book of Ephesians as part of the Bishop's Address.

**Hotels:** As of the publishing of this packet of materials, the Marriott is sold out. There are still rooms available at The Mission Inn and The Hyatt Place.

**Meals:** All meals including the Friday Night Dinner are available for everyone and are not limited to delegates. Coffee and concessions will be available for purchase throughout the day on Friday and Saturday.

Lunch: A lunch buffet will be served on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Tickets are $30.

Friday Night Dinner: Following the conclusion of business on Friday evening, there will be a hospitality reception in the Upper Concourse and then dinner in the Raincross Ballroom. Tickets are $50 and must be purchased in advance. Seating will not be assigned.

All meal tickets can be purchased here.

Delegates and visitors are also welcome to dine off campus during the lunch break. No outside food is permitted in the Convention Center.

**Youth participation:** Each Deanery is entitled to one youth delegate to serve as a representative for the deanery with full seat, voice, and vote, the same way an adult lay delegate would represent a congregation. To nominate someone to serve as a youth delegate from your Deanery, please complete the form here.

**Exhibit Hall:** We will be hosting the annual Exhibit Hall in the Upper Concourse. All are welcome to sign up to host a booth; tables are $150 for the first table and $75 for every additional table. More information about the Exhibit Hall and exhibitor registration can be found here. The price of a booth comes with table(s), chairs, and Wi-Fi. Access to an electrical outlet is a small additional charge. Ad space is also available in the booklet.

**Childcare**: We will have childcare providers onsite to care for children during Convention in a breakout room adjacent to the Raincross Ballroom. Toys, activities, snacks, and meals will be provided. There is no charge for childcare, but donations are appreciated. Please pre-register for childcare here so we can plan accordingly.

**Soft Space for Worship at Eucharist:** During the Saturday morning Eucharist, we will have a "soft space" by the floor of Convention. This is a way for young children and their caregivers to engage in age-appropriate, worship-centered activities during the service in a designated area. Equipped with materials such as children's Bibles, worship aids, and materials for "playing church," it invites children to participate through movement, play, and tactile learning while remaining part of the gathered congregation.

**Clergy Spouses:** As in previous years, a breakout room will be reserved for clergy spouses attending the convention to join together in fellowship and refreshments. More information to come.

**Workshops and Other Gatherings:**

FRIDAY

Bishop Eric Bloy, a Man and his Vision | MR1 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presented by Eric Miller, Acting Dean, Bloy House

Immersed in Worship: What We Believe, What We're Learning, What's Possible | MR2 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presented by Missy Morain, Diocesan Missioner for Formation, Children, Youth

Wardens' Gathering: A Model for Sharing and Support | MR3 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Presented by Kathy Eisel (St. Luke's - Monrovia), Lucy Jones (St. James - So. Pasadena), Harry Allen (St. James - So. Pasadena), Leticia Santos (St. Bartholomew's - Pico Rivera), Melody James (Church of the Transfiguration - Arcadia), Lester Eisel (St. Luke's - Monrovia)

Peace Be with You: Building Solidarity Beyond Church Walls | MR1 | 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Presented by the Rev. Lauren Grubaugh Thomas

Congregational Discernment Committee Training | MR2 | 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Presented by Cameron Johnson, Co-Chair, Commission on Ministry
(RSVPs are requested for this gathering. Please email cameratta@gmail.com.)

The Art of Spiritual Direction | MR3 | 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Presented by Jasmine Bellamy, Executive Director, Stillpoint: The Center for Spirituality
(After this workshop, MR3 will continue to serve as a Chapel space hosted by Stillpoint.)

SATURDAY

Disaster Preparedness, Spiritual Resilience, Ecological Faith | MR1 | 8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
Presented by Grace Wakelee-Lynch, the Rev. Payton Hoegh, and Whitney White, Diocesan Disaster Recovery & Resilience Team

Girls Friendly Society | MR2 | Lunch hour
Presented by Klaire Harris, Executive Director, GFS Los Angeles

## Draft Convention Schedule

**Friday, November 13**

9:30am Registration opens

11am-12pm Round 1 of workshops

12pm Lunch Break

*Coffee and concessions will be available for all day on Friday and Saturday. A delicious buffet lunch will be served in the Raincross Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased here.*

1:15-2:15pm Round 2 of workshops

2:45pm Call to Order

5:45pm Evening prayer and recess

6pm Hospitality reception

6:30pm Seated dinner in the Raincross Ballroom

*Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance here. Seating will not be assigned.*

**Saturday, November 14**

8:30am Disaster Preparedness Workshop Kit session

9:30am Reconvene with Holy Eucharist, with the Rev. Lauren Grubaugh Thomas preaching

11:20am The Bishop's Address Part 1 – a deep dive into the Book of Ephesians, with the Rev. Dr. Lincoln Galloway, followed by small discussion groups

12:00pm Noonday prayer and grace for lunch

*Coffee and concessions will be available for all day on Friday and Saturday. A delicious buffet lunch will be served in the Raincross Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased here.*

2:00pm Reconvene with the Bishop's Address Part 2

2:50pm Finance Report and 2027 Mission Share Fund

Adjourn by 4pm

## Offices Open for Election

Nominations may be made from the floor of Convention, but the deadline to be included on the tally sheet is November 6, and on the website is November 10. The current slate of candidates and the nomination form can be found here.

**Canterbury Irvine, Director**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a one-year term

**Canterbury USC, Director**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a one-year term

**Canterbury Westwood, Director**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a one-year term

**Corporation of the Diocese, Director**
2 lay for a three-year term

**Commission on Ministry, member**
1 clergy for a three-year term;
and 1 lay for a three-year term

**Diocesan Investment Trust, Trustee**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a four-year term

**Diocesan Council, member**
1 clergy for a three-year term;
and 1 lay for a three-year term

**Hillsides, Trustee**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a three-year term

**HFS Adoption and Foster Care**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a three-year term

**Secretary of Convention**
1 clergy or 1 lay for a one-year term

**Standing Committee, member**
1 clergy for a four-year term;
and 1 lay for a four-year term

## Proposed Resolution Regarding Advocacy for Immigrant Justice and Promotion of Truth and Reconciliation

**Resolved,** that the 131st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles submit the following resolution to the 82nd General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in 2027:

> **Resolved,** the House of _____ concurring, that the 82nd General Convention recognize that secrecy in migrant detention leads to abuses and inhumane conditions, reaffirm its staunch opposition to migrant detention in line with Resolution 2022-D031, advocate for abolition of the immigration detention system, and call for an end to the practice of third-country removals and other inhumane immigration enforcement practices; and be it further
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> **Resolved,** that this Convention direct the Office of Governmental Relations and the office of the Presiding Bishop to oppose on behalf of The Episcopal Church any legislation that provides funding for construction, expansion, or operation of migrant detention centers; and be it further
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> **Resolved,** that The Episcopal Church affirm that the call to welcome the stranger (Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19, Matthew 25:35) and the commitment to Migration With Dignity found in Resolution 2024-C031 require immigration policies that protect the rights of migrants and support immigration without discriminatory regard to national origin; and be it further
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> **Resolved,** that this Convention direct the Office of Governmental Relations and the office of the Presiding Bishop to support immigration reform legislation that implements the values of Migration With Dignity with the following policy goals:
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> > To protect the right to asylum, including at national borders, and support asylum-seekers
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> > To prioritize the unity of families in the immigration process
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> > To protect due process rights for all migrants and avoid migrant detention
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> > To protect the civil rights of all categories of immigrants within U.S. borders and provide them a pathway to continued residency and eventual citizenship, reaffirming and extending the goals of Resolution 2009-B006
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> > To provide increased pathways for legal immigration to the United States for people who wish to migrate to that country, regardless of their national origin;
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> > and direct the Office of Governmental Relations and the office of the Presiding Bishop to report back at least annually to the Executive Council regarding progress toward these legislative goals; and be it further
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> **Resolved,** that The Episcopal Church embark in the coming triennium on a pilot process of Truth and Reconciliation for harms done to immigrant communities by abusive policies and for the church's complicity in them, to include: encouraging dioceses, parishes, and

missions to convene truth-telling processes and restorative-justice healing circles, adapted for local context; bearing witness publicly; and developing records of harms done; and be it further

**Resolved,** that this Convention direct Episcopal Migration Ministries, in partnership with the Episcopal Migration Response Network, to assist in coordinating local and diocesan pilot programs for truth-telling processes and healing circles; and be it further

**Resolved,** that $20,000 be allocated for this resolution, to support such truth-telling processes and healing circles, to be distributed by Episcopal Migration Ministries through grants to dioceses.

**Submitted by**

Hannah Bowman. St. Michael and All Angels, Studio City on behalf of LA Sacred Resistance

**Endorsed by**

The Rev. Canon Jaime Edwards-Acton, St. Stephen's, Hollywood, co-chair LA Sacred Resistance

The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia, co-chair LA Sacred Resistance

Ms. Sandra Martínez-Moore, St. Paul's, Pomona

**BACKGROUND**

This resolution calls for responses to the crisis of inhumane governmental responses to migration in three ways: by strengthening The Episcopal Church's opposition to migrant detention; by deepening and clarifying The Episcopal Church's advocacy for just and welcoming immigration policy; and by encouraging the development of processes of truth-telling and sacred storytelling for communities harmed by inhumane immigration enforcement, detention, and deportation.

**Detention**

The Episcopal Church has a policy of opposition to migrant detention, laid out in Resolution 2022-D031. This resolution builds on that opposition to take a clear moral stance against the inhumanity of immigration enforcement as it is practiced in the United States at this time. This includes policies of detention of migrants, which is increasing rapidly in scale, as well as "third-country removals" which can lead to people fleeing persecution being sent back into danger.

Information on the rapid expansion of immigration detention in President Trump's second term (as of January 2026): https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/report/immigration-detention/
More information from the Brennan Center for Justice on how the enormous budget approved for immigration enforcement is supercharging the detention system: https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/how-ices-budget-boom-changing-immigration-detention

A helpful explainer from Detention Watch Network on immigration detention: https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/issues/detention-101

More on third-country removals, from Amnesty International: https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2026/06/how-do-us-third-country-removals-work-and-are-they-legal/

Advocating for abolition of the immigration detention system does not mean that border enforcement will no longer exist. Even without an immigration detention system, Customs and Border Patrol officers still have the ability to refuse entry to migrants, and if there are concerns such as open criminal warrants when someone presents themselves at a port of entry, those can be handled with due legal process. Migrants can proceed through the immigration court system without any apparatus of detention. Identity checks at ports of entry, notices to appear in immigration court, and a system of orderly adjudication of immigration does not require the detention of migrants outside of the existing criminal legal system.

While sometimes reformers call for building newer, better immigration facilities to assure more humane conditions of detention, we have ample evidence that building new facilities leads to new harms as more people come into contact with the detention system. Reforms must aim to shrink the scale of the detention system and reduce the number of people in contact with it. Reforms that call for new "humanitarian campuses," such as the Dignity Act, are nonetheless creating new sites of detention and are outside of the scope of reforms for which The Episcopal Church should advocate. A helpful guide to determining whether reforms will help reduce and end the detention system or will counterproductively feed it is available from Detention Watch Network here: https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/resources/analysis/2022/ending-immigration-detention-abolitionist-steps-vs-reformist-reforms

**Immigration Policy**

Current U.S. law makes legal immigration almost impossible. See, for example, this explainer from the Cato Institute on why most people who wish to immigrate to the U.S. are unable to do so: https://www.cato.org/policy-analysis/why-legal-immigration-nearly-impossible

Under the second Trump administration, some of the few remaining pathways, such as the refugee resettlement program, have been further narrowed: https://forumtogether.org/article/fact-sheet-u-s-refugee-resettlement/

This resolution calls for a framework for advocacy for immigration law based in the simple idea that we should welcome those who wish to immigrate to the United States.

The advocacy goals for immigration law reform presented here build on many former resolutions approved by General Convention, such as:

2009-B006, which called for legislation "to allow undocumented immigrants who have established roots in the United States and are often parents and spouses of U.S. Citizens to have a pathway to legalization and to full social and economic integration in to the United States," and which also opposed invasive immigration enforcement tactics such as ICE checkpoints;

2006-A017 which called for undocumented aliens to have "reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency, for legal workers to be allowed to enter to respond to recognized labor force needs, for due process for all, and for border enforcement to be proportionate and humane";

1985-D113 which called upon Congress to "enact immigration legislation of a positive nature that will recognize human realities of the millions of undocumented people in the country" and to protect the right to seek asylum;

2015-D048 which reaffirmed 2009-B006 and called for "The Episcopal Church to support the goals of expanded immigration relief for youth and parents designed to keep families together;

2018-D009 which "set forth Christian principles to guide response to human migration" including, in part, respecting the human rights of migrants, maintaining family unity during migration, addressing root causes of migration, supporting refugee resettlement and respecting the principle of non-refoulement (not sending asylum seekers back into danger), maintaining safe routes of transit for refugees, and developing long-term solutions for people displaced by climate change;

2018-C033 which advocated for comprehensive immigration reform which would include "keeping families together, respecting the United States Bill of Rights, honoring human and worker rights, and providing a pathway to citizenship";

2018-C009 which urged The Episcopal Church "to become a sanctuary in support of immigrants," including a "pledge to challenge and question any unjust immigration law, policy, or practice that is inconsistent with our biblical mandate to 'not wrong or oppress a resident alien' (Exodus 22:21)" and which also "affirmed our church's support for U.S. executive policies that deemphasize immigrant enforcement action against those who have not committed felony crimes, and reaffirmed our church's support for congressional action for comprehensive and just reform of the broken U.S. immigration system as called for in General Convention resolution 2009-B006";

2018-A178 which "denounced inhumane immigration policies" and "called for a halt to the implementation and intensification of inhumane and unjust immigration policies and practices such as detaining and separating children from parents; ignoring the reproductive health needs of women and girls in detention centers and converting military bases to immigration detention centers for children," advocating for the "specific vulnerabilities and needs of immigrant women, parents and children."

**Truth and Reconciliation**

Truth and Reconciliation work became famous in national responses to civil conflict, most famously the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa following the end of apartheid. A helpful introduction to Truth Commissions as a model is available from the International Commission on Transitional Justice here: https://www.ictj.org/sites/default/files/ICTJ-Book-Truth-Seeking-Chapter2-2013-English.pdf. But Truth and Reconciliation work can also be taken on at the smaller scale, and can take a variety of forms.

Truth and Reconciliation processes have also been undertaken by church bodies, including The Episcopal Church. Past General Convention resolutions calling for such processes in a variety of contexts include:

2024-B010, which in part encourages Title IV processes to consider the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a model;

2022-A127, concerning responses to indigenous boarding schools:

2022-C058, which in part commends Maryland's Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a model for other dioceses;

2022-D074, which proposes a Truth and Reconciliation process for survivors of forced adoptions;

2018-D016, which creates a Task Force for Women, Truth, and Reconciliation in response to gender-based harassment and inequity;

2009-A143, which extends Resolution 2006-A127 calling for an audit on The Episcopal Church's complicity in slavery and includes discussion of truth and reconciliation processes;

2006-A127, which endorses restorative justice and calls for possible Truth and Reconciliation processes around complicity in slavery and also racial privilege.

Other bodies within The Episcopal Church have also engaged in this work. The Diocese of Maryland, for example, maintains a Truth and Reconciliation Commission around issues of racial justice: https://episcopalmaryland.org/social-justice-and-reconciliation/

The Anglican Church of Canada also engaged in a comprehensive truth and reconciliation commission process about the harms done to indigenous people and nations via the residential school system: https://www.anglican.ca/reconciliation/. The Episcopal Church similarly, has formed a Truth, Justice and Healing Commission on Native Schools: https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/11/26/indigenous-boarding-school-research-groups-merge-as-truth-justice-and-healing-commission/

Truth and reconciliation processes related to the harms of immigration enforcement are newer but beginning to be piloted, both within The Episcopal Church and by other bodies. The Minnesota Truth Council, for example, is gathering stories and experiences from Operation Metro Surge: https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/MNTruthCouncil. The important work of sacred storytelling and bearing witness is occurring in various forms in the church. For example, the Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande has been interviewing detained immigrants upon their release, in order to share their stories. This is part of the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation.

Because of the difficulty of implementing a national truth and reconciliation process and the need to adapt truth-telling and sacred storytelling work to the local context, as well as the difficulty of discussing truth and reconciliation in the context of ongoing trauma and harm from a continuing crisis of inhumane immigration enforcement, this resolution proposes encouraging truth-telling processes at the diocesan and local parish/mission level. Pilot programs might include truth-telling/sacred storytelling circles organized and facilitated in affected communities or dioceses, such as a pilot Sacred Storytelling Circles process in progress in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Processes prioritize providing a confidential space for affected people to safely narrate and share their stories of harm done to or witnessed by them, and also gathering information and documentation of harms to be archived or made publicly available, so that the stories are preserved and not lost.

These processes cannot offer accountability or reparation. What they are intended to do is promote healing, bear witness to harms done, and preserve records of harms in the hope of further reparative work and reconciliation in the future.

The role of the national church is in supporting these processes as they are organized at the diocesan and local level. As such, the resolution calls for Episcopal Migration Ministries to provide a central hub for coordinating resources and training among local programs as they develop, and to administer grants as budgeted in the resolution to provide dioceses and parishes/missions with funding for facilitator training and other costs associated with holding such processes. Funding could be used, at diocesan discretion, for training for healing-circle facilitators and for the archiving of records related to truth-telling pilot programs and processes that may be developed at the diocesan, parish, or mission level, or for other needs in the truth and reconciliation process.

**SUMMARY**

This resolution calls for responses to the crisis of inhumane governmental responses to migration in three ways: by strengthening The Episcopal Church's opposition to migrant detention; by deepening and clarifying The Episcopal Church's advocacy for just and welcoming immigration policy; and by encouraging the development of processes of truth-telling and sacred storytelling for communities harmed by inhumane immigration enforcement, detention, and deportation. It calls on the church to take strong and uncompromising moral stances against inhumane treatment of migrants, including migrant detention, and in favor of a just and welcoming immigration policy. It backs up these moral stances with calls for specific governmental policies for the national church to advocate for. Then it turns to what the church can do, providing a budget, encouragement, and training for processes of "sacred storytelling," to be developed at the local and diocesan level to help affected migrant communities process trauma and to keep a record of harm, as the beginning of a larger truth and reconciliation process.

## Proposed Amendment to the Diocesan Constitution & Canons (second reading)

### Article VI, Section 16

In addition to the lay members described above in this section, ~~one youth or young adult person, aged 14 to 22, from each Deanery chosen by the Program Group on Youth and Young Adult Ministries, with the consent of the Pastoral/Liturgical Authority of their ecclesial community,~~ ten youth, aged 16, 17, or 18 (and still enrolled in high school at the time of Diocesan Convention), identified in a process approved by Diocesan Council, shall be entitled to seat, voice, and vote at each meeting of Convention.

**As amended would read:**

In addition to the lay members described above in this section, ten youth, aged 16, 17, or 18 (and still enrolled in high school at the time of Diocesan Convention), identified in a process approved by Diocesan Council, shall be entitled to seat, voice, and vote at each meeting of Convention.

Submitted by Canon Dr. Steven Nishibayashi, Secretary of Convention, and Ms. Missy Morain, Diocesan Missioner for Christian Formation, Children, Youth

Committee on Constitution & Canons recommends adoption. (The full report from the Committee will be included in the Convention booklet.)

**Explanation:**

The current clause in the diocesan Constitution granting a youth or young adult representative from each Deanery to serve as a delegate to Convention is out of date and runs contrary to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and Safe Church practices.

1. As of Convention 2025, the Program Group on Youth and Young Adult Ministries is not active. As such, the selection of youth delegates has not been made by the head of diocesan youth ministries; instead, youth delegates have been selected by leaders in their faith communities and then registered by their Deans.
2. It is important for there to be wide representation, but some Deaneries historically do not elect youth representatives to Convention. Further by specifying only one kind of representation--geographic-- all the other types of representation that should be included for a healthy delegation are absent.

3. A “qualified elector” as defined by the diocesan and Episcopal Church’s Constitution and Canons is 16 years old and up. Therefore, 14- and 15-year-olds cannot be qualified electors and as such are not eligible to serve as voting members at Convention.
4. A program which combines 16–18-year-old high school students with 18–22-year-old individuals not enrolled in high school is not in line with Safe Church practices. (This division in age group and high school enrollment is delineated in the Safe Church Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth as the difference between a youth and an adult.)

The process for choice needs to be flexible to match the current mission and ministry structure of EDLA. The proposed language provides maximum flexibility without having to make constitutional changes in the future.

# Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles
## 2027 Consolidated Summary of Income & Expense

| Program Income and Expense | | | MISSION SHARE FUND | CORP SOLE | CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE |
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| | 2026 Consolidated Budget | 2027 Consolidated Proposal | 2027 MSF Proposal | 2027 Corp Sole Proposal | 2027 COTD Proposal |
| **Revenue** | | | | | |
| Mission Share Assessment | $5,175,000.00 | $5,400,000.00 | $5,400,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| COTD Trust Fund Withdrawal | $1,211,500.00 | $1,032,054.00 | $363,944.00 | $0.00 | $668,110.00 |
| Corp Sole Income | $356,000.00 | $275,000.00 | $0.00 | $275,000.00 | $0.00 |
| COTD Income | $724,000.00 | $744,000.00 | $360,000.00 | $0.00 | $384,000.00 |
| Contribution Income | $168,500.00 | $123,000.00 | $60,000.00 | $0.00 | $63,000.00 |
| Fundraising Income | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Grant Income | $40,000.00 | $40,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $40,000.00 |
| Other Income | $623,700.00 | $474,256.00 | $474,256.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Christian Formation & Youth | $337,586.00 | $359,180.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $359,180.00 |
| *IRIS Income* | *$1,339,180.00* | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| *SOH Income* | *$1,175,600.00* | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Prism Income | $25,300.00 | $25,300.00 | $25,300.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| CFLC Income | $311,931.00 | $289,855.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $289,855.00 |
| Disaster Recovery & Resilience | $170,000.00 | $170,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $170,000.00 |
| Camp Stevens Income | $1,766,703.00 | $1,952,355.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $1,952,355.00 |
| **Total Income** | **$13,425,000.00** | **$10,885,000.00** | **$6,683,500.00** | **$275,000.00** | **$3,926,500.00** |
| **PROGRAM EXPENSES** | | | | | |
| **THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD** | | | | | |
| The Episcopal Church | $756,819.00 | $874,000.00 | $874,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Global Partnership | $55,000.00 | $55,000.00 | $15,000.00 | $40,000.00 | $0.00 |
| Bishop's Office | $1,803,319.00 | $1,957,155.00 | $1,819,655.00 | $0.00 | $137,500.00 |
| Diocesan Convention | $273,672.50 | $182,718.00 | $182,718.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **The Church in the World Total** | $2,888,810.50 | $3,068,873.00 | $2,891,373.00 | $40,000.00 | $137,500.00 |
| **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH** | | | | | |
| **IRIS Refugee Resettlement** | | | | | |
| IRIS Total | $1,339,181.36 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |

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| **Seeds Of Hope** | | | | | |
| Seeds of Hope Total | $1,175,601.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **PRISM** | $25,300.00 | $25,300.00 | $25,300.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **CFLC** | $311,931.43 | $289,855.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $289,855.00 |
| **Disaster Recovery & Resilience** | $170,000.00 | $170,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $170,000.00 |
| **Camp Stevens** | $1,773,517.00 | $1,952,355.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $1,952,355.00 |
| **Christian Outreach Total** | $4,795,530.79 | $2,437,510.00 | $25,300.00 | $0.00 | $2,412,210.00 |
| **CHRISTIAN FORMATION** | | | | | |
| Neighborhood Youth Association | $40,000.00 | $40,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $40,000.00 |
| Campus & Youth | $101,000.00 | $101,000.00 | $101,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Christian Formation, Children & Youth Ministry | $340,911.00 | $359,180.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $359,180.00 |
| Commission on Schools | $130,108.58 | $133,710.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $133,710.00 |
| EFM Contract Fees | $2,750.00 | $2,750.00 | $2,750.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Bloy House | $25,000.00 | $25,000.00 | $0.00 | $25,000.00 | $0.00 |
| Diocesan Ministries (Asian/Hispanic Ministries) | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Bishop's Commission on Liturgy & Music | $5,000.00 | $18,500.00 | $18,500.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **Christian Formation Total** | $644,769.58 | $680,140.00 | $122,250.00 | $25,000.00 | $532,890.00 |
| **MISSIONS AND CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| Administration | $141,873.79 | $147,504.00 | $147,504.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Missions-Retired Benefits | $19,776.00 | $10,000.00 | $10,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. John's/Holy Child, Wilmintgon | $18,000.00 | $18,000.00 | $18,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Columba's, Big Bear Lake | $18,000.00 | $18,000.00 | $18,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-Immanuel, El Monte | $45,000.00 | $45,000.00 | $45,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-Holy Communion, Gardena | $60,000.00 | $60,000.00 | $60,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-La Magdalena, Glendale | $50,000.00 | $55,000.00 | $55,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Thomas, Hacienda Heights | $35,000.00 | $35,000.00 | $35,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. St. Hilary's, Hesperia | $35,000.00 | $35,000.00 | $35,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |

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| Mission Grant-St. Clement's, Huntington Park | $80,000.00 | $80,000.00 | $80,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Luke's/San Luka's, La Crescenta | $51,000.00 | $51,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $51,000.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. John's, La Verne | $23,000.00 | $23,000.00 | $23,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-Faith, Laguna Nigel | $22,500.00 | $26,500.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $26,500.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Thomas, Long Beach | $29,000.00 | $30,500.00 | $30,500.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-Epiphany, Los Angeles | $76,200.00 | $76,200.00 | $76,200.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| MIssion Grant-St. Francis, Norwalk | $17,000.00 | $25,000.00 | $25,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Bartholomew's, Pico Rivera | $48,000.00 | $45,600.00 | $45,600.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| MIssion Grant-St. Peter's, Rialto | $42,500.00 | $45,000.00 | $45,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. George's, Riverside | $47,531.00 | $42,342.00 | $42,342.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Steven's, Beaumont | $0.00 | $50,000.00 | $50,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Martin's, Winnetka | $15,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Alban's, Yucaipa | $40,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Michael's, Anaheim | $72,000.00 | $88,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $88,000.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Paul's, Barstow | $15,000.00 | $15,000.00 | $15,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Anselm's, Garden Grove | $20,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Mission Grant-St. Athanasius, Los Angeles | $35,000.00 | $35,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $35,000.00 |
| Missions-Bishop's Discretion | $54,000.00 | $59,400.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $59,400.00 |
| **Missions and Congregational Development Total** | $1,110,380.79 | $1,206,046.00 | $946,146.00 | $0.00 | $259,900.00 |
| **COMMUNITY MINISTRIES** | | | | | |
| EAM | $1,500.00 | $1,650.00 | $1,650.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Black Ministries | $28,000.00 | $30,800.00 | $30,800.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Chinese Ministries | $15,000.00 | $16,500.00 | $16,500.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Hispanic Ministries | $36,000.00 | $39,600.00 | $39,600.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Korean Ministries | $10,000.00 | $11,000.00 | $11,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| LGBTQ/Gay & Lesbian Ministries | $10,000.00 | $11,000.00 | $11,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Native American Ministries | $9,500.00 | $10,450.00 | $10,450.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |

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| **Multicultural Ministries Total** | $110,000.00 | $121,000.00 | $121,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **STEWARDSHIP AND CARE** | | | | | |
| Human Resources | $343,325.95 | $249,280.00 | $247,280.00 | $2,000.00 | $0.00 |
| Administration and Finance | $977,862.92 | $804,479.00 | $779,479.00 | $25,000.00 | $0.00 |
| Information & Technology (IT) | $180,000.00 | $224,000.00 | $224,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Unemployment Insurance | $234,000.00 | $234,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $234,000.00 |
| **Stewardship and Care Total** | $1,735,188.87 | $1,511,759.00 | $1,250,759.00 | $27,000.00 | $234,000.00 |
| **OFFICE OF FORMATION AND TRANSITION MINISTRY** | | | | | |
| Office of Fomation and Transition Ministry | $550,412.69 | $466,769.00 | $316,769.00 | $150,000.00 | $0.00 |
| Deacon Formation | $2,000.00 | $2,000.00 | $2,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Deaneries Support | $10,440.00 | $10,440.00 | $10,440.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Interfaith Ministry | $10,500.00 | $10,500.00 | $10,500.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **Office of Formation and Transition Ministry Total** | $573,352.69 | $489,709.00 | $339,709.00 | $150,000.00 | $0.00 |
| **ADVANCEMENT** | | | | | |
| Capital Development | $165,000.00 | $150,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $150,000.00 |
| Communications and Public Affairs | $315,646.46 | $236,574.00 | $236,574.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Stewardship | $2,050.00 | $2,050.00 | $2,050.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Retreat Center | $114,134.95 | $78,921.00 | $78,921.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **Advancement Total** | $596,831.41 | $467,545.00 | $317,545.00 | $0.00 | $150,000.00 |
| **FACILITIES AND GROUNDS** | | | | | |
| Building Operations | $690,529.12 | $702,418.00 | $669,418.00 | $33,000.00 | $0.00 |
| Episcopal Residence Expense | $79,605.42 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Capital Improvements | $200,000.00 | $200,000.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $200,000.00 |
| **Facilities and Grounds Total** | $970,134.53 | $902,418.00 | $669,418.00 | $33,000.00 | $200,000.00 |
| **Total Expenses** | **$13,425,000.00** | **$10,885,000.00** | **$6,683,500.00** | **$275,000.00** | **$3,926,500.00** |
| **NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** |

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION?

The Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles governs representation at the Annual Meeting of Convention.

How representation is decided has undergone very little change in the last two decades, with most of Article VI of the Constitution having been amended most recently in 2003.

Here is an overview of who is entitled to seat, voice and/or vote at Diocesan Convention. (The full text of Article VI is at the end of this document.)

## LAY DELEGATES

### Parishes and Missions

Each parish and mission of the diocese is entitled to at least one lay delegate, with the total number based off the number of communicants reported on the Parochial Report from two years prior (so for *Diocesan Convention **2026***, it's based off the ***2024** Parochial Report*).

Up to 100 communicants = 1 lay delegate
101-200 communicants = 2 lay delegates
201-400 communicants = 3 lay delegates
401-700 communicants = 4 lay delegates
701-1000 communicants = 5 lay delegates
>1000 communicants = 6 lay delegates

If a congregation is entitled to two or more delegates, at least one of them must also be a member of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee.

There is no limit to the number of alternates that a congregation can have, but they must be registered in advance in order to take the place of a delegate. All information must be received at least **10 days** before Convention is called to order.

### Ministry Centers aka Missions "not in union" with Convention

"Each Mission recognized by the Bishop and not in union with Convention shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate chosen by its members."

As of 2026, the Missions recognized by the Bishop that are not in union with Convention are: Holy Spirit; Thad's; St. Luke's, Fontana; St. Michael's, Riverside; and St. Francis', San Bernardino.

**Diocesan Institutions**

Diocesan Institutions (for example, Neighborhood Youth Association, Episcopal Communities & Services, and HFS Adoption & Foster Care) are each entitled to one lay delegate. Same procedure applies for alternates.

**Deanery Youth Delegates**

Each Deanery in the Diocese is entitled to one lay youth delegate. The current language in the C&C is out of date and so a proposed amendment clarifying the procedure for selecting deanery youth delegates will be brought to Convention 2026 for a second reading. In the meantime, a qualified elector up to 22 years old can be selected from their Deanery to serve as a lay delegate to Convention.

**Other lay active in the diocese**

Lay members of Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and Corporation of the Diocese are entitled to seat and voice (but not vote) at Convention.

Deanery Presidents are also entitled to seat and voice (but not vote) at Convention.

Lay Chairs of Committees of Convention (for example, the Committee on Resolutions) are members *ex-officio*; that is, they are entitled to seat and voice to the extent that they require to perform their office.

**CLERGY DELEGATES**

All **canonically resident clergy**, or clergy **licensed to officiate**, in **regular standing** are entitled to a **seat** at Convention (as are seminarians, members of monastic orders, and visiting Bishops).

The general criteria to be eligible for **voice and vote**, is that a clergyperson must be **canonically resident**, **actually resident**, **parochial, and stipendiary**, which means EDLA clergy living within the geographic bounds of the diocese, employed as the rector/vicar/priest-in-charge/assistant minister at a parish or mission in the diocese, and be paid for their work such that they "qualify for enrollment in the Church Pension Fund."

***There are a bunch of exceptions to this however!***

**What if I'm…**

**…not canonically resident?**

If you are LTO in charge of an EDLA congregation, you get seat, voice, and vote.

If you are LTO but *not* in charge of a congregation, you get a seat.

If you are neither and just visiting, you are welcome to watch the livestream on Facebook and YouTube or join us in the visitors' section next to the floor of Convention.

**…not actually resident?**

If you are a priest-in-charge of an EDLA congregation, a seminary instructor, or chaplain in the Armed Forces of the United States, or if you are an employee of the diocese, a diocesan institution, or The Episcopal Church, you are still entitled to seat, voice, and vote.

If you don't fall under these exceptions, you are entitled to seat only at Convention.

**…not parochial?**

If you are active in ordained ministry but are not assigned to a specific congregation (for example, because you are employed at an institution or serving as a supply at multiple congregations), you are still entitled to seat, voice, and vote at Convention.

**Please file your Annual Ministry Report form** to keep the diocese informed of your work in the last year. If you file it at least one week before Convention, your credentials will be ready and waiting for you!

**…not stipendiary?**

If you are active in ordained ministry but are not receiving compensation for your work such that you "qualify for enrollment in the Church Pension Fund," you are still entitled to seat, voice, and vote at Convention **as long as you file your Annual Ministry Report form** to keep the diocese informed of your work in the last year.

**…not active in ministry?**

If you are not active in ordained ministry because you are primarily engaged in secular work, you are not eligible to vote at Convention.

However, if you are not active due to age or health, or if you are only temporarily without charge, this does not affect your eligibility to vote. **Please file your Annual Ministry Report** to keep the diocese up to date with your status.

**What about retired clergy?**

Canonically resident and actually resident retired clergy are entitled to vote at Convention.

(Article VI, Section 15 specifies that clergy "shall not be deprived of these privileges because disabled from the functions of the office to which ordained, by age or infirmity," so if you were previously eligible to vote, being retired because of age or health won't take that away from you. Canonically resident and actually resident still applies though unless you fall under one of the exceptions listed above.)

If you are retired and still associated with a congregation, please make sure the person registering your congregation's delegates to Convention lists you on their form. (Lay and Clergy are registered on the same form now.) That'll ensure you're seated with your congregation's delegation.

If you are *not* associated with a congregation, you need to **file an Annual Ministry Report here**, regardless of employment status or activity.

**Annual Ministry Reports are due December 31, but if you file by November 6 (at least one week before Convention) that'll ensure that your credentials are ready and waiting for you at Registration.**

**Why is this so complicated?**

Answering the call of ordained ministry is complicated and being an active part of the diocese doesn't look the same for everyone.

**Are these rules new?**

Not at all. The rules governing clergy eligibility to vote have not been revised in over 20 years.

**ARTICLE VI**

THE MEMBERS OF CONVENTION

13. The Convention shall be composed of members of the clergy and members of the laity as specified in Sections 14, 15 and 16.

BISHOPS HAVE SEAT AND VOTE

14. The Bishop (and the Bishop Coadjutor and the Bishops Suffragan, if there be such), shall have a seat, voice and vote in the Meeting of Convention.

(AMENDED February 6, 1976 and December 5, 2003)

CLERICAL DELEGATES

15. Every member of the clergy in regular standing, who is canonically resident or licensed to officiate in the Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat in every Annual or Special Meeting of Convention. The right to speak and vote shall belong only to each member of the clergy in regular standing actually and canonically a resident of this Diocese; provided, that at the day of every Annual or Special Meeting of Convention, the member involved shall be:

(AMENDED December 5, 2003)

(a) Rector, Vicar, Priest-in-Charge, or Interim Pastor of a Parish or Mission of the Diocese, or

(AMENDED December 5, 2003)

(b) employed as an assistant minister in a Parish or Mission of the Diocese, to the extent that such employment qualifies for enrollment in the Church Pension Fund, or

(AMENDED December 5, 2003 and December 1, 2006)

(c) recognized as a Missionary by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, or shall be

(d) engaged in one of the following:

(1) as an instructor in some seminary or college, or

(2) as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces of the United States, or

(3) as a full time officer, agent, or employee of General Convention, the Executive Council (or a Department thereof) canonically resident in this Diocese, but prevented by these religious duties from being actually resident in this Diocese, or

(4) as a full time officer or employee of the Diocese or of an institution of the Diocese (Canon XXIV), or

(AMENDED December 5, 2003)

(e) if not presently engaged in ecclesiastical employment, a member of the clergy who the Ecclesiastical Authority is satisfied continues to use reasonable opportunities for the exercise of the office to which ordained, and also provided that the member of the clergy shall report such exercises of office in writing to the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the manner prescribed by the Ecclesiastical Authority. When the decision is made by a Bishop, it shall be with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, or

(AMENDED December 5, 2003)

(f) if not canonically resident, or not actually resident within this Diocese, a Rector of a Parish of this Diocese or a Vicar of a Mission of this Diocese, or recognized by the Ecclesiastical Authority to be in charge of a congregation of this Diocese and actively serving as such.

(AMENDED December 3, 2005)

The canonical residence of a member of the clergy shall date from ordination within the Diocese, or from the date of acceptance of Letters Dimissory by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. A competent member of the clergy, once entitled to a seat and vote, shall not be deprived of these privileges because disabled from the functions of the office to which ordained, by age or infirmity, or being temporarily without charge; provided that the latter reason shall not apply to a member of the clergy exclusively engaged in secular work and provided further that if such member of the clergy is not registered as present at a Meeting of Convention, such member shall not be counted for a quorum or other purposes.

(AMENDED February 6, 1976, February 4, 1977, November 30, 1990, December 6, 1991 and December 6, 1997)

LAY DELEGATES

16. The lay members shall consist of Delegates chosen in proportion to the number of communicants reported to the Annual Meeting of Convention of the previous year. Each Parish or Mission in union with Convention shall be entitled to at least one Lay Delegate. Those Parishes and Missions reporting from 101 to 200 communicants shall be entitled to two Lay Delegates; from 201 to 400 communicants, three Lay Delegates; from 401 to 700 communicants, four Lay Delegates; from 8 Constitution and Canons of the Diocese 701 to 1000 communicants, five Lay Delegates; and all over 1,000, six Lay Delegates. The Lay Delegates from each Parish and Mission shall be chosen by the members thereof; unless its Bylaws (or other governing instrument) provide for choice by its Vestry or Bishop’s Committee. Such Delegates shall be elected annually or at such time as provided in the Bylaws or other governing instrument of the respective Parish or Mission. No person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless that person has been a qualified Elector of the Parish or Mission represented during the six calendar months next before the election. Each Parish and Mission may, at its discretion, elect Alternate Delegates. Each Parochial Mission established in accordance with Canon II and

reporting its membership to the Diocese separately from, and not included in the reported membership of the sponsoring Parish, shall be entitled to Lay Delegates to the same extent and elected in the same manner as a Mission in union with Convention. Each Mission recognized by the Bishop and not in union with Convention shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate chosen by its members. The Diocesan Cathedral, if not otherwise a Parish or Mission, shall be entitled to Lay Delegates to the Convention if and as provided by the Canons of the Diocese respecting the Diocesan Cathedral; provided, however, that such Canon shall not provide for election of a number of Lay Delegates of the Diocesan Cathedral in excess of the number to which it would be entitled if it were a Parish in union with Convention.

(AMENDED January 6, 1973, February 15, 1974, February 6, 1976, December 6, 1991, and December 5, 2003)

Each institution of the Diocese qualified and in good standing as such, under Canon XXIV, shall be entitled to one Lay Delegate. This Delegate and an Alternate Delegate (if elected) shall be elected by the institution's governing board from among its members, directors or employees, provided that the person so elected shall be a qualified Elector of a Parish or Mission in union with Convention. The names of the Delegate and Alternate so elected shall be reported to the Secretary of Convention in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of Convention.

(AMENDED December 2, 1994 and December 5, 2003)

In addition to the lay members described above, one youth or young adult person, aged 14 to 22, from each Deanery chosen by the Program Group on Youth and Young Adult Ministries, with the consent of the Pastoral/Liturgical Authority of their ecclesial community, shall be entitled to seat, voice, and vote at each meeting of Convention.

(AMENDED December 1, 2000, and December 5, 2014)

The following persons shall be extended seat and voice at a Meeting of Convention unless otherwise entitled thereto: The Judge of Elections as to the exercise of the duties and only the duties pertaining to the office; The lay members of the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, the Corporation of the Diocese, Deanery Presidents and the chief executive officers of the institutions of the Diocese; and The Chairs of the following committees: the Committee on Dispatch of Business, the Committee on Constitution and Canons, the Committee on Resolutions and the Committee on Rules of Order as to the exercise of the duties and only the duties pertaining to the offices. The following persons shall be extended a seat, but not voice, at a Meeting of Convention which they attend: visiting and assisting Bishops, Seminarians of the Diocese, members of the monastic communities within the Diocese, recognized by the Bishop, and any chaplains of the Armed Forces serving in that capacity within the Diocese, but canonically resident in other jurisdictions of the Episcopal Church.

(AMENDED February 6, 1976 and November 30, 2018)