Call to Convention: “Walking Humbly with Our God”
November 20-21, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina will be held on November 20-21, 2020. Our theme will be “Walking Humbly With Our God.” Given the challenges surrounding the ongoing pandemic, this year’s Convention will be conducted virtually.

We are delighted that the Most Reverend Michael Curry, the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will be joining us this year. Bishop Curry served as preacher at our Diocesan Convention in February 2014 when he was serving as the Bishop of North Carolina.

While Diocesan Convention will look different this year, we have a marvelous opportunity to gather together in a creative fashion to do the work of our diocese.

Three Deanery Meetings are being held prior to Convention, and include all clergy, delegates, and alternates for the Convention. These meetings are opportunities to discuss proposed resolutions and the 2021 budget, as well as introductions of nominees for diocesan offices.

This year, all pre-convention deanery meetings will also be held online. You are welcome to attend the one that is most convenient for you.

- Saturday, September 26 at 10 am
- Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm
- Sunday, October 11 at 2 pm
Elections at Convention

The Convention will hold elections for the following positions:

- **Standing Committee:**
  - 2 lay members and 2 clergy members, 3-year terms;
- **Diocesan Council:**
  - 2 lay members and 2 clergy members, 3-year terms;
  - 1 clergy member, 2-year term
- **Diocesan Trustee:**
  - 1 lay member and 1 clergy member, 6-year terms
- **University of the South Board of Trustees:**
  - 1 lay member, 3-year term

All nominations must have the approval of the person being nominated, and be received by the Secretary of Convention by Monday, September 14, 2020, in order to be included in pre-convention materials. Nominators must be members of the Convention (lay delegates or members of the clergy). A Notice of Elections and Nomination Form are located with other Call to Convention materials at the top of this page.

Resolutions

Members of the Diocese are invited to submit resolutions for consideration at the Convention. Please follow the format and guidelines described in the Notice of Submittal of Resolutions. All resolutions are to be received by the Secretary of Convention no later than Monday, September 14, 2020, in order to be included in pre-convention materials.

Registration Procedures

Each Parish and Mission is asked to register online, and register all their lay and clergy delegates and alternates at the same time. Clergy who are not directly affiliated with a delegation and visitors may register individually. Registration will be available on the Diocesan website starting September 1.

Registration cost is $15 per lay/clergy delegate and $5 per visitor. Payment may be made online or sent to the Diocesan Office by mail. Convention components that include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry including worship will be open to all and streamed on YouTube and do not require registration.

Registration will be open for delegates from September 1 - October 15 and for all visitors from September 1 - November 15.

We look forward to seeing you online for Convention in November.
Dear Clergy and Senior Wardens of West Charleston Deanery:

The Call to Convention for 2020 has gone out and that means it’s time for us prayerfully to submit candidates from the West Charleston congregations for diocesan office. A major selling point to your potential nominees this year is that no travel is involved, since all meetings and conventions will be held online. Lay delegates and Clergy members of the Diocese are invited to submit nominations. All nominations must have the approval of the person being nominated, and be received by the Secretary of Convention by **SEPTEMBER 14, 2020. Forms for nominations are on the Diocese Website.**

A Notice of Elections and Nomination forms are located on the Diocese of South Carolina Webpage. The description of the different positions is available on the website. We would love to hear from you regarding questions or suggestions from your parish/mission.

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Since we are ramping back up the search for a bishop diocesan, this will be an important year for good, solid candidates. Please be praying, thinking and acting on these things.

The deans are once again the de facto clergy members of the Nominating Committee. Sharon Crossley of St. Francis, West Ashley, is the lay representative for our deanery. Please send me or Sharon your names so that we can start putting your nominees in play.

Blessings,
Chris Huff, Dean, West Charleston
843 873-0772 (o) 843 345-2570 (c) Email: chris.huff@att.net

Sharon Crossley, Diocesan Nominations Committee Layperson Representative, West Charleston
843-442-5572 (c) Email: sharoncrossley56@gmail.com

**Search Resumes for the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina**

The search for the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina has resumed, after pausing the process on April 22, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Standing Committee unanimously agreed during a meeting on July 28 to restart the search. While exact dates will be difficult to firmly establish because of the uncertainty of the pandemic, the search will proceed with the expectation of holding an election in the first half of 2021, followed by an Ordination of the new bishop by year’s end.

In moving forward, the Search Committee has announced that the period of receiving nominations will begin on Monday, August 31, and close on Thursday, October 15. The Diocesan Profile has been completed and will be shared on the website for the bishop search (**www.scbishopsearch.org**) on August 31, along with forms for application and nomination.
Father Fred’s Reflections

Turning the Corner

This season of Pentecost seems longer than normal, maybe because of the pandemic. But this past week, the thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we heard that Jesus and the disciples have “hit the midpoint”. They have “turned the corner” and are now headed toward Jerusalem and the cross. It’s all downhill from here… literally, for Jesus and his band of disciples. Rough roads lie ahead for them. But we know how the story ends.

It’s the same in the hospital. We’ve seemed to have turned the corner. Four weeks ago, there were one hundred and fifty patients admitted to the hospital with CoVID-19. As this is being written, the inpatient census is 15, a ninety percent drop as a result of people wearing masks, washing their hands and staying physically distant. But we, too, are heading toward what seems to be an ominous place, the Labor Day weekend. The hospitals are expecting an increase as the “last hurrah of summer” takes place while schools and colleges try to open.

The Diocese is even turning a corner of its own. The court case, which was given to Judge Dixon to oversee for the last two years, was placed into the Fourth Circuit of the Appellate Court who, in turn, handed it back to the State Supreme Court of South Carolina. So, like the disciples and the hospitals, things should pick up a little and then run their intended course.

This Sunday’s Gospel lesson, the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, introduces us to “conflict in the church.” And, conflict is nothing new to the Diocese of South Carolina. But, with everything swirling around us: pandemic, hurricanes, lawsuits alike, the Gospel message comes with a promise from the Lord that we read each morning for Morning Prayer: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”.

Turning corners should not be a fearful thing, especially when our Lord promises us that he will be with us every step of the way.

Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord,

Fred+
From the Senior Warden

September! Typically a time of shifting gears, bidding summer and our visitors farewell, beginning school and returning to business as usual. This year has changed some of that.

Yet, despite our altered normal, we carry on with the mission of our church. I am delighted to report that our outreach efforts are continuing to touch lives in our community through the pop up food pantries on the island, and our support of the Back to School Blast that provided supplies to 150 area families. With virtual and hybrid learning as the new norm, we were able to fund headsets and white boards for participants in the program sponsored by the Jane Edwards PTA. As you hear of other needs in the community, please let us know.

Our virtual stewardship campaign is gearing up. You will be hearing more about opportunities to enrich our ministries even if some of them cannot be conducted in person yet. And you will be hearing more about our online giving platform through Realm. It’s an easy, touch less way to pledge and contribute to the ECOE. -- Betsy

How to Worship with The Episcopal Church on Edisto

Each Sunday you can find our virtual service uploaded to our Facebook webpage: www.facebook.com/EpiscopalChurchOnEdistoIsland/. If you click “Like” and “Follow” on our page, you will receive an alert when the “Watch Party” for our weekly service is starting (normally around 9:50AM). At the watch party, you can join with other members of the congregation to watch and comment on the service.

You can also access all the services on YouTube. Search YouTube for “Episcopal Church on Edisto.” You can also “subscribe” to our YouTube channel to see all videos.

Fred frequently posts a service of Morning Prayer “live” on Facebook - www.facebook.com/fred.thompson.52012. If you “friend” or “follow” his page, you will get alerts when he goes live. We share these services on the ECOE Facebook page.

Ongoing Virtual Activities – For more information:

Valiant Seekers: Pat Neumann patneumann1@gmail.com or 843.869.9250; 843.469.7395

Prayer Circle: Pat Neumann patneumann1@gmail.com or 843.869.9250; 843.469.7395

Dancing for Joy: Elizabeth Galaida egalaida@yahoo.com 843-631-1115

Caregivers Group: Susanne Nash susannesmithnash@gmail.com 843.869.4063

Address for Pledges and Offerings:

The Episcopal Church on Edisto, PO Box 239, Edisto Island, SC 29438

We now have the capacity to receive gifts of stock. If you are interested in making a gift of stock, please contact Bob King, Treasurer, at 843-709-8714
From the Music Director

As we have progressed through our social distancing, we are gradually refining the way we present our virtual services. I have watched a number of services from other churches, and I am pleased at what our small church has accomplished in presenting a pleasing, worshipful and meaningful virtual service. Going forward, I am adding new musical elements to our service, such as new versions of the Gloria and Sanctus, sung versions of the Lord’s Prayer and creeds, and psalms in a chant or hymn setting. Each week will include a unique combination of these elements for variety in our worship experience.

Hopefully, you will enjoy these new elements — pay attention and learn them now, because we will be using them when we are reunited for in-person worship once again. If you have versions of service music that you have enjoyed at another church but that we haven’t used yet, feel free to share them with me. If you’d like to provide your voice for service music, let me know. I’d be delighted to “edit you in.”

Who We Are

The Episcopal Church on Edisto is a vibrant Christian community that honors our Episcopal heritage. We rejoice in welcoming all people. Together we exist to love and serve both God and our neighbor, inviting all to share in the joy of God’s unconditional love.

What We Hope to Become

The Episcopal Church on Edisto gathers in worship and fellowship to learn, teach, nurture, and give thanks for God’s blessings. Mindful of Christ’s command to “love one another as I have loved you,” we go into the world in service, taking our unique gifts and talents to minister to the needs of those within our community and the world.”

eGiving is coming soon to
The Episcopal Church on Edisto

“All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God.”

DEUTERONOMY 16:17

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ONLINE
Soon you will be able to make a donation from our website.

TEXT
Text giving allows quick, easy, one-time donations.

MOBILE
Giving will soon be available from the Realm mobile app.
Please remember those on our prayer lists:

Continuing Prayer List

Public Prayer List
Betty Bartholomew, Dan Cutler, George Dossett, John Fisher, Jim Gettys, Carla Harrison, Bob Hild, Bonnie King, Harriet “Ding” Kizer, Dave Martin, Pat Martin, Charlene Morse, John Nash, Harry Pardee, Amanda Payne, Nona Rowcliffe, Peter Sanders, Sr., Morgan Tennyson Stone, Faye Thomas, and Lindsay and Clayton Willis.
Additionally, we pray for Kenzie King and all Health Care Workers, First Responders and those on the front line in essential businesses and services. We pray for teachers and all employees of public and private schools, colleges and universities and students participating in all levels of education.

Faithfully Departed in July 2020 We pray for those who are in mourning for the recently deceased, including Zillah Cribb, Roy Fields, Sr., Lewis Pate, Etta Willis.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- September 6th: All Priests and Deacons, retired clergy, spouses and surviving spouses of our diocese; The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.
- September 13th: Campus Ministries of The Diocese of South Carolina; The Anglican Church of South America
- September 20th: The Episcopal Church on Edisto; The Episcopal Church of South Sudan; All Saints’, Florence, SC.
- September 27th: Commission on Ministry of The Diocese of South Carolina; The Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In the spirit of reconciliation, mediation and the Way of Love, we pray for congregations, including Trinity Edisto, that we long to be together with in Mission and Purpose.

To request prayer for yourself or someone in need please contact a member of our Prayer Circle. Additionally, Fred would like to know if you have an impending hospitalization or need. Gene Gentry genegentry06@gmail.com or 843.869.9116; Jo Ann Liles joannliles@gmail.com or 843.869.0907; Susanne Nash susannesmithnash@gmail.com 843.869.4063; Pat Neumann patneumann1@gmail.com or 843.869.9250; 843.469.7395

Help Us Celebrate Our Friends’ Birthdays
Jerry Cromer – September 7
Susanne Nash – September 11
Jo Ann Liles – September 14
Bubba Unger – September 14
Mickey Van Metre – September 26
Are we missing your birthday? Contact egalaida@yahoo.com to let us know.
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