

Call to Diocesan Convention

To all Delegates and Canonically Resident Clergy in the Diocese of California:

Hear ye! Hear ye! This gives formal notice of the 172nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California on October 22nd and 23rd, 2021.

The Convention will again be meeting virtually by Zoom this year due to the pandemic. The Committee on Dispatch, the Communications Working Group, and the Secretariat are all working hard to help this virtual Convention run much more smoothly than last year's.

Here's what you need to know now:

1. **Starting this year, Convention has a dedicated website - diocalconvention.org** - a one-stop-shop for everything Convention, including links and schedules for all Deanery and pre-Convention meetings, resources, and materials. [Check it out now](#), and bookmark the site for future reference!
2. **[Proposed Resolutions are posted on the new Convention website](#)** along with all comments received so far. Feel free to start reviewing the proposed legislation and leave your questions and comments.
3. **V-Poll will be handling all of our votes and elections this year.** This web-based polling system will make it easy for delegates and clergy to cast their votes on just about any device with a web browser. Watch for more information during pre-registration and opportunities to try out the interface during our orientation sessions.
4. **Starting in the second half of September, we will offer online orientations for delegates and clergy** to help everyone get comfortable with both the Zoom interface and the V-Poll voting platform to conduct the business of the Convention. These orientations will be posted as videos for later viewing.
5. **Plan to meet initially for an hour and a half late in the day on Friday, October 22nd** for a final orientation, to practice voting, and to discuss resolutions on the agenda. Dispatch will be preparing an agenda for the primary business of Convention to commence the next morning, on Saturday, October 23rd.

What to do now:

- **If you haven't yet reported your delegates to the 172nd Convention, [report them now HERE](#).** The deadline for reporting delegates is rapidly approaching. Any questions about reporting your delegates? Contact Denise Obando at deniseo@diocal.org
- **[Take a look at the Convention website, share it with your congregation's delegation, and watch for updates.](#)**
- **[Get ready for your upcoming deanery meeting](#)**, where authors of resolutions for this Convention will make presentations, and members of Dispatch will be available to answer your questions about the Convention.

- **Watch for opportunities to share your congregation's recorded music again for this Convention!**
- **Watch soon for Convention pre-registration** for delegates and clergy planning to attend.

Finally, we are delighted to report that the theme of this Convention is *Racial Reconciliation, Creation Care, and Evangelism*, the three aspirational goals set for the Church by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. **Our guest speaker this year will be civil rights activist and public theologian [Ruby Nell Sales](#). We are scheduling opportunities for focus groups around the Diocese to be in conversation with her prior to Convention.**

Questions? Be in touch!

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