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233RD DIOCESAN CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 2-4, 2023

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THINGS TO KNOW

ABOUT THE 233RD CONVENTION OF THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Everyone is invited to our worship and business sessions. Please check in and get a nametag (If you did not pre-register, food is on your own). While we do not plan to offer a livestream this year, we will record the bishop's address, keynote speaker presentations, and more important moments and share after the event.

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WELCOME, SOPHFRONIA SCOTT AND THE VERY REV. MICHAEL BATTLE

We are delighted to welcome Sophronia Scott as our keynote speaker and the Very Rev. Michael Battle as the Convention Preacher. Both will participate in sessions throughout Convention as well. Additionally, both of these remarkable individuals are also accomplished authors and their books will be available for purchase at the Gifts of Grace exhibitor table.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEALS TOGETHER AND ON YOUR OWN

After our Thursday Eucharist, you are encouraged to make dinner plans (check out a helpful list of local options on the Convention webpage). On Friday, we will have box lunches for a "working lunch" (a chance for you to be in conversation with others facing similar opportunities & challenges). On Friday night, we will have a food truck social (with live music!) for dinner.

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FIND THE DOCUMENTS ONLINE

Convention attendees are encouraged to print any needed documents before arrival but try to use electronic devices as much as possible to conserve paper. Wi-fi will be available at Convention, but it is wise to download all .pdf documents onto your device(s) ahead of your arrival. Convention webpage: www.episcopalchurchsc.org/233rdDiocesanConvention.

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JOIN US AT THURSDAY CONVENTION EUCHARIST AT 5 PM

We are thankful that being at St. James this year allows us to be in a church and a convention space. After the first business session, we will step over to the sanctuary for Holy Eucharist at 5 pm. All are welcome! After the service, we will have a brief time of fellowship with light hors d'oeuvres in the St. James Center.

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CLERGY, PLEASE VEST BEFORE, AND STAY FOR A PHOTO AFTER, THE EUCHARIST

All clergy are invited to wear their vestments (cassock, surplice, and white stole) and join the procession at the Thursday evening Eucharist. Vesting will be in the Parish Hall to the right of the sanctuary, beginning at 4:45 pm. After the service, clergy are asked to remain in the sanctuary for a group photo.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Any changes to a church's delegation are due by Thursday at 3:30 pm and Friday/Saturday at 8:30 am, and all delegates must sign in at the registration table to confirm their attendance by those times. All balloting will be conducted electronically. Please bring a device (phone, tablet, laptop) if you have one—there will be devices available if needed.

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DIOCESAN YOUTH TO LEND A HAND

Youth members of the diocese will serve as pages during Convention, as their school schedules allow. They will be available to help with technology and microphones, as well as to assist staff and those on the dais as needed. They'll also lead us in a morning devotions and in the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist.

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PARKING OPTIONS

There is plenty of parking at St. James. There is a lot in front of the sanctuary and St. James Center, and another lot with a separate entrance at the Parish Hall and administration building to the right of the sanctuary. Additionally, there is more parking behind St. James Center. The food trucks will need the paved spaces directly behind St. James Center on Friday.

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BE A DIGITAL EVANGELIST

Share a photo of yourself attending this year's Convention on social media as we gather together to hear and tell the stories of our diocese. Use the hashtag #DioSC233 and tag us on Facebook, Twitter/X, & Instagram @dioceseofsc.



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