

Special Guests

234th Annual Diocesan Convention



The Most Reverend Sean Rowe was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church at the 81st General Convention in summer 2024. He officially began his nine-year term on All Saints' Day. Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Bishop Rowe earned a Ph.D. in organizational learning and leadership and is known for his research and work on organizational learning and adaptive performance in the church. Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.



The Reverend Canon Mpho Tutu van Furth is an Episcopal priest, an artist, an author, an accomplished public speaker and retreat facilitator. She has had many roles in nonprofit leadership. She was the founding executive director of the Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation. She continues to work for environmental justice, human rights and equal access to opportunity for all people without regard to race, class or gender. With her wife, Marceline, she has established and is Executive Director of the Tutu Teach Foundation to enhance access

to opportunity for women and girls. Canon Tutu van Furth and her wife live in the Netherlands. They have four children and two grandchildren.



The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards was elected to serve as the ninth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina on September 25, 2021, . He was elected while rector of Christ Church of the Ascension, parish and day school, in Paradise Valley, Arizona, and chaplain of the Phoenix Fire Department. He is an experienced minister of the gospel and leader in the church. Daniel is married to Amy Rose Richards of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and they have three children, Rachel, Jolie, and Henri. Daniel was born in Cleveland, Mississippi, and grew up in Mississippi and Tennessee before moving with his family to Phoenix, Arizona, in high school. His spiritual life is marked by a commitment to Benedictine discipline and time in the wilderness.