

**The Episcopal Diocese of Albany**  
**Disciples Making Disciples**

**THE CALL TO CONVENTION**



**Take Up Your Cross...Follow Me**

The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth  
Secretary of the Diocese

1 February 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Diocese of Albany:

Peace be with you.

In accordance with Article I of the Constitution of the Diocese of Albany, the Bishop of Albany has issued a Call to the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany to be held on June 11-13, 2010, at the Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York, the Right Reverend William H. Love, presiding.

A proposed schedule for the convention business meetings is:

|                    |  |                         |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Friday, June 11:   |  |                         |
| 2:00 - 7:15 PM     | Deputy registration                              | (Purdy Center Basement) |
| 7:30 PM            | Opening business meeting, Bishop's Address, etc. | (Auditorium)            |
| Saturday, June 12: |  |                         |
| 7:00 - 8:15 AM     | Deputy registration                              | (Purdy Center Basement) |
| 8:45 AM            | Second business meeting                          | (Auditorium)            |
| 1:00 PM            | Third business meeting, as needed                | (Auditorium)            |
| Sunday, June 13:   | Fourth business meeting, as needed               | (Auditorium)            |

The enclosed materials contain business session information and respective forms. If you have questions, you may contact me at [hhuth@verizon.net](mailto:hhuth@verizon.net), (518) 765-4625, or 12 Bloomer Road, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186.

The business meeting registration tables will be in the lower level of the Purdy Center this year, at the far end of the Purdy Center. Information about accommodations and/or other convention matters will be sent from the Diocesan Office.

May God bless you!

In Christ,

*The Ven. Harvey Huth*

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### General information for clerical members, lay members, and alternate members:

A) From Article III of the Diocesan Constitution. About Deputies:

**“The Convention shall consist of...the Clergy canonically resident** in the Diocese,...**and of Lay Deputies**, consisting not more than three Deputies from each Church in union with the Convention, who shall be **communicants**, and shall have been duly chosen, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Convention. **Alternate Deputies** may be elected by said Churches. Any vacancy in Lay Deputations shall be supplied from its alternates who shall have all power and authority, while so serving, of the Deputy whose place he shall take. The Convention shall be the final judge of the qualifications of its members.”

Comment: **“licensed clergy” are not the same as “canonically resident” clergy** (licensed clergy in the Diocese of Albany means that such clergy are canonically resident in another diocese and would vote there). Canonically resident clergy include the canonically resident bishops, priests, and deacons in the Diocese, and they are members of the Convention. The Secretary of the Diocese keeps the official list of the canonically resident and licensed clergy; but the official notification about the canonical status of clergy is conveyed to the Secretary by the Diocesan Office in Albany.

Deputies are to be **communicants** who are members of The Episcopal Church and who have received Holy Communion in The Episcopal Church at least three times during the preceding year, according to the 2003 Canons of The Episcopal Church - Title I, Canon 17, section 2.

B) From Diocesan Canon 1.1. About elections for lay Deputies/Alternates:

**“Deputies and Alternate Deputies** from the...Churches shall be **elected annually** by their Vestry or governing body, at a meeting duly held, or by a duly summoned meeting of the Congregation. Persons of less than full age but of the age of eighteen years or more shall be eligible to serve and vote as lay Deputies or Alternate Deputies and shall be eligible for election or appointment to any lay office of the Diocese.”

Comment: send the names of the elected Lay Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the Secretary (**The Ven. Harvey Huth, Secretary of the Diocese, 12 Bloomer Road, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186**) on the accompanying “Certification of Election” form (and see “C,” immediately below)

C) From Diocesan Canon 1.3. **The Certification of Election:**

“A certificate of election of Deputies and of Alternate Deputies shall be transmitted by each Church to the Secretary at least 10 days before the opening session of the Convention and shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretary.”

Comment: while the canonical deadline to send back the “certificate of election” is 10 days before Convention, it would be helpful to hold the election and **mail the certificate** to the Secretary of the Diocese at the Voorheesville address, **by Friday, April 9, 2010.**

**PLEASE NOTE: EACH DEPUTY MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION THROUGH THE DIOCESAN OFFICES. BEING CERTIFIED AS A DEPUTY IS NOT THE SAME AS BEING REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION.**

D) What do Deputies do? (This is a common question, especially of new Deputies)

Regardless of the size of the Church in union with the Convention, up to three “Lay Deputies” and “Alternate Lay Deputies” (“Alternates”) who are communicants may be elected by the congregation to which they belong. (Canonically resident clergy of the respective congregations are automatically members and can therefore vote. Licensed clergy, however, are not members in the Diocese of Albany, and may not vote). Deputies are independent agents. They are empowered to act without further instruction from those who chose them.

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*(what do deputies do?, continued)*

Deputies attend and vote at the business meetings of the Convention. The Call to Convention, Pre-Convention Booklet, and Convention Booklet inform the Deputies and Members about proposed business at the Convention. (New Deputies may wish to review the minutes of the previous convention found in The Diocesan Journal to get an overview of the business typically conducted at the convention business meeting.)

Each deputy may vote in a Plurality vote, but only 1 vote may be cast by each lay deputation in a "Vote by Orders" vote (the 1 vote representing a combined vote on behalf of all the lay deputies in a particular congregation).

Deputies elect nominees to specific offices as part of Convention business, including:

**The Chapter of the Cathedral of All Saints.** The Chapter is the corporate body that governs the Cathedral of the Diocese of Albany. The members who are elected at each Convention become members of the Great Chapter. Members should expect to contribute their time and talent for the support of the Cathedral and its mission. The election of Chapter members is not a canonical requirement, but the election is held at Convention at the request of the Cathedral, which is a church in union with the Convention, in accordance with the Cathedral Charter. (Plurality vote)

**The Diocesan Council.** Diocesan Council is the "program agent with the Bishop and the Convention of the Diocese between meetings of the Convention." Between conventions, the Council consults with the Bishop, who is the President of the Council, on budget and program matters to be presented to the Convention for the work of the Church in this Diocese. Representatives to Council should expect to be involved with the mission and goals of the Diocese. (Plurality vote)

**The Ecclesiastical Trial Court of the Diocese.** The Court only meets if charges are brought against a Priest or Deacon of the Diocese. Members should be aware that they might be called upon to hear testimony and issue a decision in cases of alleged clergy misconduct. Both fairness and compassion are needed. The candidates of each order receiving the highest aggregate votes (after the elected members) become the Alternate Members. Members of the Court should plan to meet with the Secretary of the Diocese at the Convention, after the election, to set a meeting date for the yearly election of the Trial Court President. ("Vote by Orders" vote)

**General Convention and Provincial Synod.** General Convention of the Episcopal Church is a gathering of deputies from all the dioceses of The Episcopal Church. The General Convention meets for about 9 days, once every three years. The next elections for Deputies are planned for our 2010 convention, regarding General Convention 2012, and the next elections for Provisional Deputies for the same General Convention are planned for 2011. The elected Deputies serve in the House of Deputies. Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention also serve respectively as delegates and alternates at the Provincial Synod for Province II. The Provincial Synod is a regional gathering of deputies from Province II, held in the same year as General Convention. Province II includes the Episcopal dioceses of Albany, Central New York, the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, Haiti, Long Island, New Jersey, New York, Newark, Rochester, Virgin Islands, and Western New York. ("Vote by Orders" vote)

**The Standing Committee of the Diocese.** The Standing Committee is primarily the Bishop's Council of Advice. The duties of the Standing Committee may range from (but are not limited to) certain aspects of ordinations and consecrations to certain aspects of the sale or mortgage of church property. Members should have a broad knowledge of the Diocese of Albany and acquire at least a basic understanding of the role of the Standing Committee in the Canons of the General Convention, the Canons of the Diocese of Albany, and in the New York State Religious Corporations Law. ("Vote by Orders" vote)

**The Trustees of the Diocese.** The Trustees invest, manage, and control all the real and personal property of the Diocese, subject to the control and discretion of the Convention. They may also hold title to and act in a fiduciary capacity in other ways as well. Members should have some background in finance, investments, real estate, or building management and maintenance. (Plurality vote)

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**Convention 2010 Certificate of Election**

To the Secretary of the Diocese:

I certify that at a meeting of the Vestry, governing body, or congregation of

\_\_\_\_\_ Church,

in \_\_\_\_\_, NY, the following people were elected as Deputies and/or Alternate Deputies to the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany, meeting on June 11-13, 2010, at the Camp of the Woods, Speculator, New York. ***(Please print the Deputies' and Alternate Deputies' names, clearly, as they might appear in the Convention Journal)***

**Deputies (3 maximum):**

**E-mail:**

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**Alternate Deputies:**

**E-mail:**

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Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Clergy, Lay Vicar, Warden, Clerk, or Vestry Member of the parish) ***(Please give a copy of this form to each deputy and alternate deputy to bring to the Convention with him/her in case there is a question; and make a copy to put with the minutes of your meeting)***

Date of this annual election: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Deputies must be **communicants** (as defined by the General Convention 2003 canons).

Please return this Certificate of Election to:

**The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth  
Secretary of the Diocese  
12 Bloomer Road  
Voorheesville, NY 12186**

Requested deadline for sending this certificate: **April 9, 2010.**

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**The Diocesan Convention 2010**

**Nomination Form for Elective Office**

**In accordance with Canon 2.3,**

**I (please sign your name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(and please print your name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**consent to serve if elected to the following office (please check one):**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Chapter Member          | <input type="checkbox"/> General Convention Deputy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Council Representative   | <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastical Trial Court Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee of the Diocese    |

**Nominated by** (please sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Please print nominator's name and parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by** (please sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Please print seconder's name and parish: \_\_\_\_\_

According to diocesan Canon 2.2, each lay person wishing to nominate or second a nomination must be a Certified Lay Deputy in the Diocese of Albany whose Certificate of Election for the annual Convention in June 2010 is already on file with the Secretary of the Diocese by the time this nomination form has been received by the Secretary. Each Lay Deputy nominating or seconding a nomination must indicate his/her parish and the parish's town next to his/her name.

Please include the following two items along with the nomination form:

- A brief biographical sketch of the nominee of 100 words or less. As required by Canon 2.3, biographical sketches in excess of 100 words cannot be accepted by the Secretary.
- The following information for Diocesan Office use and which may appear in the Diocesan Journal: the nominee's full name, home address, telephone number, and email address.

The Secretary of the Diocese would appreciate receiving the completed nomination form and the information noted above by Friday, April 9, 2010 in order to include the nomination in the Pre-Convention Booklet. Please make a copy of the completed form for your own records in case questions arise at a later date. Please send the nomination form along with required biographical sketch and address information to:

**The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth**  
**Secretary of the Diocese**  
**12 Bloomer Road**  
**Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186**

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**Offices to be Filled by Election**  
**“Plurality” election:**

**The Cathedral Chapter**

1 priest and 1 lay office to be filled, each for three-year terms.

The following members’ terms expire (“E” indicates eligibility for re-election):

The Rev. Canon Charles King (E)

Sally Blakelock

**Convention Representative to Diocesan Council**

1 clerical office to be filled, for a two-year term.

The following member’s term expires (“E” indicates eligibility for re-election):

The Rev. Joel Grigg (E)

**Trustees of the Diocese**

2 offices (priest, deacon, and/or lay) to be filled, each for four-year full terms.

The following members’ terms expire (“E” indicates eligibility for election):

The Rev. James Shevlin (E)

The Rev. Sandra Tatem (E)

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**Convention 2010 Nomination Eligibility Information (page 2)**  
**Offices to be Filled by Election**  
**“Vote by Orders” election:**

**Deputies to General Convention**

4 priest and 4 lay offices to be filled for three year terms

The following members’ terms expire

(“E” indicates eligibility for re-election;):

The Rev. Cn. Robert F. Haskell (E)

The Rev. Dr. Shaw Mudge (E)

The Very Rev. John L. Scott (E)

vacant

David A. Beaulac (E)

Cn. Richard J. Carroll, Jr. (E)

Sue Ellen Ruetsch (E)

Elizabeth M. Strickland (E)

**The Ecclesiastical Trial Court**

1 Priest office and 2 Lay offices to be filled as Members, each for three-year terms.

1 Priest office to be filled as Alternate Member, for a two-year term, as determined by the election outcome for Members.

The following members’ terms expire

(“E” indicates eligibility for re-election;):

The Rev. Michael J. Neufeld

The Rev. James H.B. Kenyon (E)

Sally A. Blakelock (E)

John C. Iseman

**The Standing Committee**

2 Clerical (priest or deacon) and 2 Lay offices to be filled, each for three-year terms.

The following members’ terms expire

(“E” indicates eligibility for re-election;):

The Rev. Lynne P. Curtis (E)

The Rev. John L. Hopkins (E)

Andrew A. Ewart

Raymond E. Rockwell (E)

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**Convention 2010 Resolution Form**

Resolutions may be moved and seconded only by the deputies and members of the Diocesan Convention 2010 who are on file with the Secretary of the Diocese at the time the resolution is submitted; such deputies and members must be on the floor of Convention at the time the resolution is submitted to Convention. Each lay person wishing to move or to second a resolution must be a certified (elected) Lay Deputy in the Diocese of Albany whose Certificate of Election for Convention 2010 is already on file with the Secretary of the Diocese by the date of the resolution. **Each Lay Deputy must indicate his (her) parish and the parish's town, next to his (her) name. Clergy do not need to indicate a parish or town.** Use the other side and/or other sheets, as necessary. (Please make a copy for your own records).

The canonical deadline for submitting proposed canonical amendments to the Secretary of the Convention is the 90<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of Convention. The requested deadline for submitting other resolutions to the Secretary of the Convention for inclusion in the Pre-Convention Book is for him to receive them by Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The requested deadline for submitting other resolutions to the Secretary of the Convention for inclusion in the Convention Book is for the Secretary to receive them by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. It may not be possible to reproduce copies of a resolution as part of the Convention materials (for general distribution to members and deputies at Convention) if he receives the resolution after May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution moved by** (please print):

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Parish (if Lay Deputy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution seconded by** (please print):

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Parish (if Lay Deputy): \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved, that

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**Please forward this form to: The Ven. Dr. Harvey Huth, Secretary of the Diocese, 12  
Bloomer Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186**