



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DALLAS

The Right Reverend James M. Stanton, D. Min., D.D., Bishop
The Right Reverend Paul E. Lambert, M. Div., Bishop Suffragan

TO: The Clergy and Lay Delegates/Alternates to Diocesan Convention
FROM: Mr. Richard D'Antoni, Secretary of Convention
DATE: May 28, 2009
SUBJECT: 2009 Convention Deadlines

Please copy and distribute to Lay delegates/alternates. Also, please make this available to Vestry and Bishop's Committee and other interested parishioners.

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The 113TH Annual Convention will be held at SouthFork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Road, Parker, Texas on **Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th, 2009**, as defined by Article 3 of the Constitution & Canons. The Constitution requires that proposed alterations or amendments to the Constitution & Canons be submitted in writing to the Secretary of Convention no later than sixty (60) days before the meeting of the Convention.

Resolutions and nominations are requested no later than the listed deadlines so that they may be included in the pre-convention material that is distributed to all parishes and missions. **Resolutions and nominations received after the deadline will be the responsibility of the presenter to provide copies for all delegates of the Convention.** These forms are attached and **can be downloaded from the website**, completed and emailed to vwilder@episcopal-dallas.org

DEADLINES:

Changes to Constitution	Thursday	August 13th	4:00 p.m.
Changes to Canons	Thursday	August 13th	4:00 p.m.
Nominations (form attached)	Wednesday	July 15th	4:00 p.m.
Resolutions	Thursday	August 13th	4:00 p.m.

Submission of proposals for new Canons and for proposals to alter, amend, or repeal existing Canons of the Diocese of Dallas must be delivered either by email (vwilder@episcopal-dallas.org), mail or by hand no later than the above deadline. No other amendments or alterations to the Canons may be considered at the Diocesan Convention except by unanimous consent of the Convention.

Your proposals must be filed in writing and submitted to:

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION
Diocese of Dallas
1630 North Garrett Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75206

1630 N. Garrett Avenue ♦ Dallas, Texas 75206-7702

Telephone 214/826-8310 ♦ Facsimile 214/826-5968

A copy of this form can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website, completed and emailed to vwilder@episcopal-dallas.org

Format for Submitting Resolutions to Diocesan Convention

In order to simplify debate on resolutions during Annual Convention, please use the following guidelines:

- 1) **Descriptive Title**
- 2) **"Resolve" paragraph**
- 3) **Heading "Rationale"**
- 4) **Explanatory information**
- 5) **Submitted by**

Please do not use "Whereas" clauses

**Resolution to the 114th Annual Convention
Of The Episcopal Diocese of Dallas**

Descriptive Title

"Resolved...

Rationale

Explanation information or supporting materials...

Submitted by:

FORM FOR NOMINATION
114TH Annual Convention - Diocese of Dallas
Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th, 2009

The 114th Annual Convention will elect:

Secretary of Convention (1 Clergy or Lay)
Executive Council Members (2 Clergy & 4 Lay)

Trustee, University of the South: (1 Clergy)
Standing Committee Members (1 Clergy & 1 Lay)

Name of Nominee _____ Age _____
Address _____
Daytime Phone _____ How long an Episcopalian? _____
Parish/Mission _____ Since _____

To be completed by Nominator – *Please notice the word limits. Answers may be truncated for publication.*

For what position are you nominating this person? _____ Clergy or Lay? _____

1. In your opinion as nominator, what qualities and experience does this person have for the position to which he or she is being nominated? And, in what capacity do you know (have you worked) with this person? **(60 words or less)**

2. Identify several particular gifts or skills you believe this nominee has which would equip him/her for the office for which you are nominating. **(40 words or less)**

Have you obtained from this person his/her willingness and availability to serve, if elected? _____

The form must be as detailed as possible in order that the Nominating Committee may give your nominee proper consideration. *A PHOTOGRAPH MUST BE ENCLOSED or emailed to vwilder@episcopal-dallas.org.*

Name of Nominator **PLEASE PRINT**

To be completed by Nominee – *Please notice the word limits. Answers may be truncated for publication.*

Educational background _____

1. History and present positions of Christian service through the Diocese of Dallas. (Give approx. dates)

A. Parish/Mission _____

B. Diocese _____

C. Province or National _____

D. Community _____

E. Please give us a brief description of occupational responsibilities (in or outside the home).
(30 words or less)

2. Please give us a brief explanation as to why you would like to serve in this office. **(50 words or less)**

3. Our Diocesan Belief Statement is, "We believe in the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives. We are resurrection people." What does this mean in your life? **(30 words or less)**

4. What area of the strategic plan of the diocese excites you, and what would you do to help the diocese accomplish its goals?

Signature of Nominee

Printed Name of Nominee

**** If elected, please indicate the address and phone number you would like to be published in the Diocesan Directory:**

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

**DEADLINE FOR CONSIDERATION: Return to: SECRETARY OF CONVENTION
Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

Please email to ywilder@episcopal-dallas.org

**The Nominating Committee
1630 N. Garrett Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75206**

Positions Elected at Diocesan Convention

The Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Dallas consists of three priests and three lay communicants within the diocese, elected by Convention for three-year terms. It functions as a committee of advice to the bishop and is called at the bishop's discretion, or it may meet of its own accord. The Standing Committee gives consent for persons to become candidates for Holy Orders, consent for ordinations and consent to elections of bishops in other dioceses. When there is no bishop, bishop coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan the Standing Committee becomes the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese.

The Executive Council

The Executive Council of the Diocese of Dallas has as its purpose the administration of the missionary, educational and social service work of the diocese. The Bishop is the executive head of this work. The Executive Board carries on the work of the Diocesan Convention between meetings. The Executive Council submits the Proposed Budget to the Annual Convention.

The Trustee for the University of the South

Trustees to the University of the South are elected for a three-year term and may serve for two consecutive terms. Trustees meet for a mandatory meeting each year in October and an optional meeting each may at Sewanee, TN. The Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the policies of the University and for the concurrence to the election of the Vice-Chancellor.

Secretary of the Diocesan Convention

The Secretary for the Convention serves a one-year term and is responsible for the official record of the proceedings of the Diocesan Convention.