

Coming Together in Faith

Special Convention Information

Pre-Convention Information Session: There will be a pre-convention information session on Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in East Liberty, 315 Shady Avenue at Walnut Street, Pittsburgh. All deputies and clergy are encouraged to attend.

Convention Location: All events on Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13 will be held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, 1066 Washington Rd., Mt. Lebanon. (412-531-7153)

Banners: Congregations are encouraged and invited to bring their parish banners (and its stand) to the convention. If you don't have a parish banner, consider having your youth make one for you. The banners will be on display in the convention meeting room. Then you are invited to have a member of your parish carry the banner in the procession for the concluding Eucharist. To take part, check the box for banner participation on the participation form.

Choir: Choir members from all parishes are invited to participate in the choir for the Eucharist. Contact Choirmaster and Organist Doug Starr at St. Paul's for more information at email: dstarr@stpaulspgh.org or phone: 412-531-7153, ex. 16

Food: Deputies, clergy, and general participants are all welcome to register for the convention. There is a reception on Friday night following Evening Prayer. This is an opportunity for everyone to meet those providing leadership to the diocese in this time of transition and to meet the special invited guests. On Saturday, there will be coffee and continental breakfast items at registration, a mid morning break with food, and a reception following the Eucharist and ordination. We ask registrants to contribute \$10 towards food costs.

Hotel: The Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South at 164 Fort Couch Rd has a block of rooms held for those attending convention at a special church rate of \$99 for a king or double queen room. The hotel is 2 miles from St. Paul's. We will have some form of shuttle for those staying at the hotel who do not have cars. The number for the hotel is (412) 833-5300 . Be sure to state that you are a part of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and using the St. Paul's special rate and that the reservation must be done by the local hotel not the central reservations center. To get this special rate, reserve your room by December 1.

Displays: There will be a modest amount of space in the registration area for displays. Groups listed in the back of the diocesan directory issued in September, 2008, appear on The Episcopal Church web pages as a church-related group or organization, or who participated in Across the Aisle are welcome to request space. Contact Mary Lou Procacina of St. Paul's at 412-860-0870 or by email at leaping.frog@verizon.net for further details and to make your request.

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Special Guests: The diocese has invited a number of special guests. Among those expected to attend are leaders of Province III, Bishop David Jones, several of the Bishops of surrounding dioceses, and leaders from ecumenical organizations and churches, and from seminaries in the Pittsburgh area.

Ordination: The closing Eucharist will include an ordination. Clergy are invited to vest and participate in the service. The color for stoles is red.

Childcare: St. Paul's is making available child care for infants and children up to age 7 at no cost on Saturday, December 13. It is available for both the convention and the concluding Eucharist. There is a place on the participation form to indicate your interest.

Accessibility: St. Paul's has an elevator system that serves all spaces used for the convention and worship.

Driving Directions to Calvary Episcopal, corner of Walnut and Shady in East Liberty:
From Route 8: West on Fifth (towards downtown) and then turning North (right) on Shady Ave.

From 376 (parkway East) Take the Swissvale exit and head towards Regent Square on Braddock. Turn left on Forbes and then turn right at the third light (Shady).

From Route 28, take the Highland Park Bridge exit towards Washington. Merge on to Butler. At first light, turn right and follow Route 8 (Blue Belt) south to Fifth Street. Turn Right (west) on Fifth. Turn right on Shady (2nd light).

Driving Directions to St. Paul's Mt. Lebanon, 1066 Washington Rd.:
St. Paul's is located two blocks south of the intersection of Cochran Rd (Rte. 19) and Washington Rd (Truck Rte. 19).

Those coming from the North can access Rte. 19 from 279. Truck 19 is accessed from the Liberty Bridge and Tunnels. For those coming from the East or South, Rte. 51 intersects with Rte. 88 (west/south). Take 88 to the V intersection where Castle Shannon goes west and Rte. 88 goes south. This is a very sharp intersection for those coming from the south on 88. Take the Castle Shannon fork (west/north). Turn left on Mount Lebanon Rd which intersects with Washington (19). Turn right (north) on Washington.

Parking: Parking will be available at St. Paul's and at the Christian Science Church 1/2 block away.