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November 1, 2022

The 157th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh News for Deputies

Voting Practice Sessions

The Convention Planning Committee invites you to attend a Zoom voting practice session, available for all lay and canonically-resident clergy who are entitled to vote in the upcoming diocesan convention.

To try to accommodate everyone's schedule, two sessions are being offered from which you may choose:

- **Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, November 10 at 12 noon.**

Each session should last approximately 30 minutes.

Topics covered will include interacting with Convention officials via Zoom, and casting your votes using Zoom Polls and the VPOLL voting platform.

There will be opportunities for you to practice the voting process, and to ask questions of the Convention Planning Committee.

These sessions are also open to alternate lay deputies so they can become familiar with the process of voting in case they need to fill in for a deputy.

Registration is required for these sessions so we can send you your unique VPOLL voting login credentials prior to the demonstrations and practice.

[Click here](#) to register for one of the practice sessions.

After registering, you will receive an email with the Zoom link and your unique VPOLL credentials that will only be valid for the practice session. You will be sent another set unique voting credentials prior to convention for the actual balloting on November 18.

A very helpful video tutorial that was produced for the 2021 Bishop Election Convention covers the basics of our voting procedures and is available on [YouTube here](#).

Lay Deputies: If you are unable to attend convention and need an alternate to replace you, please contact Andy Muhl at 412-721-0853 x251 or amuhl@episcopalpgh.org to facilitate the change.

If you have not yet registered for convention, please do so now! (Early bird registration ends this Friday; register now for a lower registration cost.)



*Seeking Abundance, Seeing Abundance
and being...*
Thankful for Our Abundance

We live in tumultuous times. Even as the people of God, it is easy to surrender to anxiety and fear, uncertainty and scarcity. And yet... God reminds us that we are given and called to more. Not just sufficiency – but **ABUNDANCE**.

This year, **ALL Episcopalians** in the diocese are invited to a glorious celebration of abundance at Diocesan Convention!



Saturday, November 19
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.

All are invited to share in a day of blessed abundance.

- **Gather** – connect and re-connect with members every church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- **Learn** – about new tools and materials developed by the Episcopal church to deepen spirituality and discipleship, and about the many ministries flourishing here in our diocese.
- **Engage** – in participatory prayer installations demonstrating creative ways to share in prayer, contemplation and public witness.
- **Sing** – raise voices together in an exultant hymn sing.
- **Celebrate** – a glorious Eucharist featuring Bishop Solak as preacher.
- **Eat** – gather around a joyful table!

An agenda for Saturday is [available here](#).
A link for registration is below.

Online Business Meeting for All Convention Deputies

Friday, November 18
5:30 p.m. Registration, 6:30 p.m. Call to Order

Deputies to Convention will conduct the essential business of the diocese by Zoom.
A full convention agenda is [available here](#).

The **2022 Convention Journal** is [available here](#).

Registration for all deputies and guests is now open.

Register Now!

There is an Early Bird fee of \$50 to attend convention until Friday, November 4.

The regular fee of \$60 starts on Sunday, October 5, until the

registration deadline of Sunday, October 13.

The fee includes all materials and food including the Saturday dinner.

If you cannot afford the fee, please send an email to convention@episcopalpgh.org
to request an adjustment.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus --1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

