



November 18, 2022

The 157th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

*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!

The full convention agenda is [available here](#).

The Bishop's Address and the Convention Eucharist
will be streamed live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalPittsburgh>

Online Business Meeting for All Convention Deputies

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

Deputies to Convention will conduct the essential business of the diocese during an online session.

The business session will be streamed live on Facebook starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday Program Details for Convention

On Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Convention attendees are invited to connect with one another, and to celebrate and be inspired by the ways we do ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Prayer Stations

Open throughout the day

When we think of prayer, we are indeed a people of the book, and we love the beauty of our Book of Common Prayer. But prayer doesn't always have to be written. It doesn't even have to be words!

Come to the Prayer Station display, where you can witness how interactive, experiential prayer stations can help to facilitate contemplative prayer, communal worship, children's prayer, as well as social justice and advocacy. You can engage with a prayer station created especially for Diocesan Convention.

Make sure to allow time to walk our **portable labyrinth**, made available by St. Mark's, Johnstown.

Discipleship, Evangelism, and Spiritual Formation in The Episcopal Church

Conversations (approx. 20 minutes) at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Join Lisa Brown to learn more about some of the initiatives and free program materials created by The Episcopal Church. *Embracing Evangelism*, a video-based small group series, encourages us to explore our call to seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people. *Centered* is a discipleship series guiding small, gathered communities to get deeply rooted in love with God and one another, so that we all may grow to look, act, and love more like Jesus. *Christian Life of Faith: Signs and Thresholds Along the Way* is a spiritual growth tool for all baptized Christians who wonder what their journey of faith is in relationship with God, themselves, their neighbors, and all of creation. Living your faith within the faith community asks, "How am I growing in faith within an expanding circle of believers?"

We'll talk about all of these resources and how you might introduce them in your parish, small group, or other adult formation cohort.

The Memorial to the Lost and a Discussion of Gun Violence

Conversations (approx. 20 minutes) at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Witness and learn about *The Memorial to the Lost* is a unique visible educational tool to honor the victims of gun violence and their families. T-shirts with names and ages of those murdered by gun

violence are displayed where community members can experience in a tangible way the loss of life and disruption of life that gun violence creates. The Memorial was created by Heeding God's Call to Prevent Gun Violence, a nonprofit. It has been displayed in Philadelphia, D.C., Harrisburg and southern NJ. Here in Allegheny County it has been installed at 10 churches. This educational tool will be installed and visible during convention, and we invite everyone to participate in a conversation on gun violence. The conversation and the display of The Memorial to the Lost is being coordinated by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Ministry Fair

Open throughout the day

Be inspired and celebrate the many and diverse ministries offered by parishes and worshipping communities across the diocese! Connect with others who can help you bring some of these ministries to your community.

The Bookstore at Calvary

Volunteers from the Bookstore at Calvary Episcopal Church will be present at the Convention on Saturday, November 19, with a variety of Episcopal themed items for purchase, including clothing and Advent calendars, candles, and wreaths. A variety of 2023 calendars and planners will also be available including:

2023 Churchman's Ordo Kalendar: Offers a traditional use of the Revised Common Lectionary and The Anglican Service Book. Includes a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion.

2023 Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendar: Conforms to the Revised Common Lectionary with dates in the proper color for each day. On the back of each month's calendar sheet are printed the lessons and psalms for each Sunday and major feast day, along with other suggestions and notes.

Episcopal Church Revised Common Lectionary Lesson 2023 Calendar: A comprehensive calendar of the readings for the Episcopal Lectionary Year A, daily eucharistic readings, and readings for the Daily Office Year One, including sanctoral observances.

The Episcopal Liturgical Appointment Calendar: Two facing pages for each week with ample space for noting appointments. Daily Office readings from the Book of Common Prayer, Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, proper liturgical colors, holy days, commemorations, and secular observances are all noted for easy reference.

2023 Pocket Diary: This weekly planner features prayers for special occasions, daily devotions, space for addresses and phone numbers, and reminder pages for birthdays.

Attendees can also contact the Bookstore at 412-661-0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org prior to Diocesan Convention to review what items are available and to request items they would like for pick-up at the Diocesan Convention on Saturday, November 19. Visit www.calvarypgh.org/the-bookstore-at-calvary to view a sampling of our offerings. The Bookstore at Calvary is located inside Calvary Episcopal Church at 315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition, we can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted.



The Diocesan Offices will be closed Monday, Thursday, and Friday Next Week

The staff will take some time to recover from Convention and celebrate Thanksgiving with their families.



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

