

April 10, 2025

To All Villages in the Interior Deanery

From: Chair of the Executive Committee of the Interior Deanery

Dear Faithful Servants of Christ:

I'm reminded continuously of the Love of Christ and how powerful that Love is. It compels us to do what we can to carry on that love in the world we live in.

The Interior Executive Committee has been meeting since our last Interior Deanery Meeting in 2024 and working hard on your behalf. We are delighted to announce our 2025 Annual Deanery Meeting will be held at Tanana Village Spirit Camp on the Yukon River and we give thanks to Tanana Village Council and St. James, Tanana for their hospitality. Our Vision for this gathering is "Journey to healing – healing, sobriety & cultural celebration" and we are honored to have The Rev Budde Van Dyke, an episcopal priest with strong connection to his Cherokee ancestors, who has worked in recovery and sobriety for over 30 years lead us in a retreat style gathering.

The Annual Deanery Meeting will be **June 6 – June 9, 2025**, at Tanana Spirit Camp. Each church is entitled to 2 voting delegates and 1 voting clergy delegate if the church has a clergy person. The deanery will pay for the airfare for delegates. We will start gathering on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p, and we will end on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Please complete a registration form for each delegate AND submit it by **May 1, 2025**. Travel will be arranged once we have received the registration forms. Lodging and meals will be provided. Wall tents will be available. Please bring your own sleeping bag and warm gear (it can get cold at night); sleep mats and your own tent are optional.

The delegate fee is \$150 per person, which helps with travel and meals. Please fill out the registration form and return to the bishop's office **as soon as possible but no later than May 1, 2025. Registration will not be accepted after May 1.** Information, including an online registration form, is available on the diocesan website: : <https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/8ff6f99a-bbd4-427a-ab60-d17f413936bc>. Updates, reports, schedules and other information will be posted on the Diocesan website, as they become available here is a direct link: [Interior Deanery – Episcopal Diocese of Alaska](https://www.episcoaplak.org) or you go to the website ([www.episcoaplak.org](https://www.episcoaplak.org)), click on the "News & Events" button and select "Upcoming Events" and scroll down to Interior Deanery Meeting.

The following elections will take place at this Annual Meeting.

Interior Deanery Executive Committee

- Yukon Koyukuk: Judy Gau (Tanana) term ends this year
- Tanana Valley: Bessie Titus (Minto) term ends this year
- Yukon Flats: Debbie Tritt-Kendi (Arctic Village) term ends this year

We encourage anyone who thinks they might want to fill one of the positions or if you know of anyone who might want to fill a position, please bring their name, after you get their ok, to the deanery meeting.

2025 Interior Diocesan Positions open for election at Diocesan Convention

- Standing Committee Lay Seat
- General Convention Deputies: 2 Lay AND 2 Clergy

The Interior Deanery will have an **Interior Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna** for our interior deanery churches. Responsibilities: -To pray daily for the Diocese and its people, -Advice the bishop on matters concerning the church, -Provide a living example of the Christian life.

Membership: Is limited to Episcopalians in the Interior Deanery Churches who are 60 years of age or older, and/or who have been active in the Episcopal Church in Alaska for at least 15 years.

Enclosed are Nomination Forms. Please complete and have your delegates bring the completed form to the Annual Meeting.

I look forward to seeing & working with you throughout the year.

*Lorraine Pavlick*

Lorraine Pavlick  
Interior Deanery Executive Committee Chairperson

Enclosed:

Registration form

Agenda

The Rev. Budde Van Dyke Bio

Interior Executive Committee seats up for election

Diocese position open for election & Nominee Profile Form

Interior Deanery Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna Nomination Form