

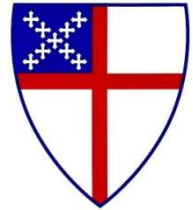


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*Theme: Living in the Spirit: the Art of Life.*

*"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians: 5:25 NIV*

July 10, 2019

Dear People of God,

The 44th Convention of the Diocese of Alaska is scheduled for October- 3-6 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Anchorage. The theme for Convention this year is "Living in the Spirit; the Art of Life." We hope to leave our time together strengthened in our faith and in our walk with Jesus, by exploring "Living in the Spirit" through scripture, art, music and reflection. We are delighted to have as our keynote speakers, Pastor Paul Oman, [web:paulomanfineart.com](http://web:paulomanfineart.com) and our very own Rev. Nancy James.

We continue to celebrate the gifts of music that are so abundant throughout this Diocese. This year we will again call upon these gifts as we celebrate and honor our elders in the Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna. Rather than a typical celebration of Holy Communion, the St. Simeon and St. Anna celebration, Friday evening will be structured around songs and music you bring and share. So please ask your delegates to be prepared to offer a musical gift in honor and celebration of our St. Simeon and St. Anna elders.

Our annual Clergy Conference will be held October 2-3.

### REGISTRATION

Enclosed are forms for **Convention Registration, Clergy Conference Registration and Instructions to Committees.**

Only clergy complete the Clergy Conference form. You may also register online beginning July 15, 2019 at [www.episcopalak.org/convention.htm](http://www.episcopalak.org/convention.htm). **Send or fax everything back to our office before the August 3, 2019 deadline.**

A list of local hotels is enclosed for those who wish to stay at their own expense. If you choose to stay at a hotel you will also be responsible for your transportation to and from St. Mary's.

Also enclosed is a display table application. Display table applications must be preapproved by the Bishop. Depending on the materials, and purpose of the display, a small charge may be applied.

### DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Completed registration forms for each of your delegates are due by August 3rd. However, please submit as soon as possible so that travel arrangements can be made early; which save on costs. The convention registration fee is \$500 per delegate registered and paid on or before 8/16/2019. Late fee is \$575 for registrations postmarked after 8/16/2019.

Reminder: Each congregation is entitled to at least (2) delegates; its Rector/Vicar or Clergy in Charge and one other delegate (clergy or lay) for each one hundred, or fraction thereof, communicants in good standing. If there is no Rector/Vicar or Clergy in Charge or the clergy is unable to attend, the congregation shall be entitled to send a delegate, clergy or lay, in the clergy delegate place. For example, if the congregation currently does not have a Clergy in Charge or Rector/Vicar and they have reported on their Parochial Report 106 Communicants in Good Standing (members in good standing); They are entitled to 3 delegates (clergy or lay). One delegate as their clergy (since they don't have a Rector/Vicar or Clergy in Charge they may send a substitute, clergy or lay), and two additional delegates, one for the first hundred communicants and one for the fraction (06) of the next hundred communicants. Communicants are reported on the annual Parochial Reports.

Visitor and youth charge is \$50.00, which covers food only: travel and housing arrangements are the responsibility of the individuals. Please note a registration form for every person attending Convention is required.

**THE DEADLINE FOR PREFILED RESOLUTIONS IS August 3, 2019.**

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## **CLERGY CONFERENCE**

Clergy Conference fee is \$75 per person. If you are coming to Diocesan Convention as a delegate, your housing will be arranged and your travel cost to Fairbanks will be paid. If you are not a delegate, you are responsible for your own travel and housing arrangements.

## **YOUTH PRESENCE**

We are not able to hold a separate youth event during Convention and the diocese will **not** be chaperoning young people; but we encourage interested youth to attend and participate in the Convention. Please fill out a registration form for each youth participant. Depending on the number of young people and the degree of interest, we may provide activities for those in 7th grade and up.

We are looking forward to our time together at St. Mary's in Anchorage, Alaska. Please keep the convention in your prayers as we plan and prepare.

Enclosures (9)