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Memorandum

To: Convention Delegates or
Parish/Mission

Date: September 18, 2019

From: Suzanne Krull
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cc: Bishop & Staff
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Subject: 44th Diocesan Convention, " **Living in the Spirit: Art of Life**" Galatians: 5:25

Greetings: We are only a few weeks away from gathering at St. Mary's in Anchorage. Preparations are well on their way and we are looking forward to our time together and especially excited to welcome pastor and artist Paul Oman and priest and author Nancy James as our guest speakers. Here is some preliminary information for your review. Listed below are the items enclosed. Also, check out the diocesan web-site for an advance copy of the proposed 2020 Budget and other documents. The full delegate packets will be available at registration.

Delegate's Frequently Asked Questions
Convention Schedule
Guest Speaker Biographies
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Currently Held Seats & Brief Description of Committees
Nomination Profile form
Names of 2019 St. Simeon/St. Anna Inductees
No Pre-file Resolution – no pre-filed resolutions were received

For those delegates who have already booked your travel, Thank you! St. Mary's is handling housing and transportation to/from the airport. Someone will meet you at the airport and provide rides to the church. St. Mary's contact number is 907-563-3341.

If you have not yet booked your travel please call Janelle at CMT (800-622-6449) or direct line (907-786-0125) and make those arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Bishop's Office, 800-478-3043 or 452-3040 (locally).

Look forward to seeing, worshipping and sharing with everyone at St. Mary's.

Note to Congregations: If you have sent in the registration forms and we have the addresses of your delegate(s) we will mail the information directly to your delegate(s), otherwise please distribute the enclosed information to your delegate(s). **If you have already sent in your delegate registration forms and fee, THANK YOU, if not, please do so as soon as possible.**



Living in the Spirit: the Art of Life

Gal 5:25 - "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (NIV)

The 44th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
St. Mary's, Anchorage AK
October 3- October 6, 2019

Delegate's Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How do I book my travel?**

Once your registration form has been received by the Bishop's staff and delegate fees have been paid, travel authorization will be sent to our travel agent, Janelle Raker at CTM. Delegates contact the travel agent directly to book their travel.

Janelle's contact: direct line: 907.786.0125; toll free: 1 800-622-6449; email:

janelle.raker@travelctm.com

- **Where will I be staying? How do I make my lodging arrangements?**

The host congregation, St. Mary's, provides for delegate lodging. Members of St. Mary's open their homes as host families. When you arrive, St. Mary's will have a lodging list and introduce you to your host family. You may make your own arrangements at a local hotel at your own cost; you will also be responsible for transportation to/from hotel & St. Mary's.

- **How will I get to St. Mary's from the airport?**

St. Mary's will provide transportation to/from the airport. The Bishop's staff will provide arrival/departure date/times of flights to St. Mary's based on the travel agents bookings. If you have travel changes, in route, please contact St. Mary's at 907-563-3341.

- **Will I have to pay for my meals?**

Meals will be provided by the host congregation per the schedule. The registration fee covers cost of meals, host provided housing, airfare & ground transportation to/from the airport. Meals while in route are your responsibility.

- **What committee will I be on?**

Committee assignments are made by the Bishop and his staff. Every attempt is made to follow the choices indicated on your registration form. The Committee assignments will be part of the delegate packets that are distributed at Convention Registration.



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

The 44th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

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October 3- October 6, 2019

Schedule for Convention 2019

October 3, Thursday

2:30 pm	Registration opens
3:00 pm	Optional: Hands on Workshop with Pastor Paul Oman: Engaging the Arts OR Fellowship/Gathering Time
4:00 pm	Deanery Caucus/Gathering Time
5:00 pm	Dinner & welcome from St. Mary's
6:15 pm	Committees meet
7:00 pm	Opening Convention Eucharist Short 1 st Session of Convention

October 4, Friday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Business Session – Announcements
9:45 am	Drawn to the Word: Brining the Word to Life Before Your Eyes <i>Key Note Speaker: Pastor Paul Oman</i>
11:15 am	Break
11:30 am	Reflection/Discussion
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Bishop's Address
2:15 pm	Sharing
2:30 pm	Committees Meet
3:45 pm	Break
4:00 pm	Business Session
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	St. Simeon and St. Anna Celebration and Memorial for Clergy who have died since the last convention
8:30 pm	Reception, Fellowship

Note: All Clergy are expected to vest for Thursday Eucharist: white or festive stoles

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October 5, Saturday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Morning Prayer
9:30 am	Business Session
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	The Fire of the Spirit: Blessing and Glory and Honor and Power <i>Key Note Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Nancy James</i>
12:00 pm	Noonday prayers
12:15 pm	Lunch (Committees Meet)
1:45 pm	Business Session
3:00 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Business Session
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Compline: Lead by Licensed Worship Leaders Following Compline: Convention Adjournment & Fellowship

October 6, Sunday

9:00 am Continental Breakfast

Worship Opportunities @ St. Mary's

Holy Eucharist: 8:00 am
 9:00 am
 Or 11:30 am

Departures following Eucharist

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Paul Oman

Drawn to the Word Artist
www.paulomanfineart.com



Paul Oman, artist and pastor, shares his *Drawn to the Word* artistic ministry with audiences ecumenically across the country. He served as a science teacher, then Lutheran pastor when, in 2011, he took up work as an artistic pastor full-time.

Paul seeks to give new vision to God's Word by using the process of painting to captivate audiences in our visually oriented culture. Painting and drawing have been a part of Paul's life since childhood. Receiving national & international recognition for his work in watercolor, Paul uses this gift to proclaim the Gospel unique and powerful ways that impact lives and inspire mission.

Paul works in many settings, including congregations, schools, universities, seminaries, camps, prisons, non-profits, and more. The larger-than-life sized murals are painted with acrylics on stretched canvas.

Paul lives near Amery, Wisconsin with his wife, Jana, and their children.





Rev Dr. Nancy James grew up at Eielson Air Force Base where her father was a pilot. As an adult, James graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and later received her PhD from the University of Virginia. She worked as an Episcopal priest in Washington DC at St. John’s Lafayette Square, the Church of the Presidents. In 2017, she returned to her home in Alaska and works as the chaplain at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

James has published about 15 books on spirituality. In 2019 she was declared world-wide expert on mystic Jeanne Guyon, who says we can all enjoy the power to love God purely. Jeanne Guyon was a French Christian from the 17th century. Guyon lived her faith and kept her Christian testimony alive while going through difficult situations, including an unfair incarceration.

James’ talk is called “The Fire of the Spirit: Blessing and Glory and Honor and Power;” and brings to life Guyon’s inspiring Christian testimony and open conversations about how we can live our own Christian lives.

**44th Diocesan Convention
October 3- 6, 2019
St. Mary's, Anchorage**

Positions open for election/nominations:

Commission on Ministry:

Interior Clergy position, APPOINTED
Term: 3 year

South Central Lay position, APPOINTED
Term: 3 year

Southeast Lay position, Elected
Term: 3 year

Standing Committee:

Seat # 1: Arctic Coast Lay position
Term: Liturgical Year A, 2020 (vacant term, due to resignation)

Seat # 7: Arctic Coast Clergy position
Term: Liturgical Year C, 2022

Seat #8: South Central Clergy position
Term: Liturgical Year C, 2022

Seat #9: Interior Lay position
Term: Liturgical Year C, 2022

Disciplinary Board:

Seat C: Clergy position, not deanery specific
Term: 5 year

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat D: Clergy position, not deanery specific
Term: 4 year

General Convention Deputies:

Each Deanery shall Nominate (2) Clergy & (2) Lay
Full Delegation - 4 Clergy & 4 Lay -elected at Convention
Baltimore, Maryland; June 30 - July 9, 2021

St. Simeon and St. Anna

Nominated by local
Congregation/Church
affirmed by deanery in prayer
Crosses paid by local
Church/congregation (\$25)

44th Diocesan Convention
October 3-6, 2019

Positions open for election/nominations:

Deanery Nominations, as of August 13, 2019

<u>Arctic Coast Deanery</u>	<u>Interior Deanery</u>	<u>South Central Deanery</u>	<u>Southeast Deanery</u>
Meeting: June 27-29	Meeting: April 11-13	Meeting: April 27	Meeting: May 2- 5
<u>Commission on Ministry:</u> none	<u>Commission on Ministry:</u> Clergy: Appointed	<u>Commission on Ministry:</u> Lay: Appointed	<u>Commission on Ministry:</u> Lay: Michael Rowcroft
<u>Standing Committee:</u> Clergy: Mary Norton	<u>Standing Committee:</u> Lay: Mabel Vent	<u>Standing Committee:</u> Clergy: Lauren Pifke	<u>Standing Committee:</u> none
<u>Disciplinary Board:</u> Clergy:	<u>Disciplinary Board:</u> Clergy:	<u>Disciplinary Board:</u> Clergy:	<u>Disciplinary Board:</u> Clergy:
<u>FIT:</u> Clergy:	<u>FIT:</u> Clergy:	<u>FIT:</u> Clergy:	<u>FIT:</u> Clergy: Julie Platson
<u>General Convention Deputies:</u> Lay: (2) Robert Dirks Janet Mitchell Clergy: (2) Enoch Adams, Jr Mary Norton	<u>General Convention Deputies:</u> Lay: (2) Florence Folger Tom Marsh Clergy: (2) Teresa Thomas Bessie Titus	<u>General Convention Deputies:</u> Lay: (2) Al Alvarez Adam Lees Clergy: (2) Michael Burke Elsa DeHart	<u>General Convention Deputies:</u> Lay: (2) Dan Hall Loyd Platson Clergy: (2) Julie Platson Caroline Malseed

** These are the nominations from the deaneries. Nominations are also accepted at convention.*

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 Diocesan Positions Currently Held, as of September 2019

		<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<u>Commission on Ministry:</u>			
Arctic Coast	Clergy	The Rev. Carrie Oktollik	45th, 2020
	Lay	Ella Lisbourne	46th, 2021
Interior	Clergy	The Rev. Marilyn Duggar	44th, 2019
	Lay	Lorraine Pavlick	45th, 2020
South Central	Clergy	The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron	46th, 2021
	Lay	Sarah Stanley	44th, 2019
Southeast	Clergy	The Rev. Gordon Blue	46th, 2021
	Lay	vacant	44th, 2019
Vocational Deacon	Clergy	The Rev. Elsa Dehart	45th, 2020

Standing Committee:

Seat #1: Arctic Coast	Lay	vacant, due to resignation	45th, Year A, 2020
Seat #2: Interior	Clergy	The Rev. Bessie Titus	45th, Year A, 2020
Seat #3: Southeast	Clergy	The Rev. Caroline Malseed	45th, Year A, 2020
Seat #4: South Central	Lay	Peg Fisher	46th, Year B, 2021
Seat #5: At Large	Appointee	Dan Hall	46th, Year B, 2021
Seat #6: Southeast	Lay	Bob Coghill, Jr	46th, Year B, 2021
Seat #7: Arctic Coast	Clergy	The Rev. Mary Norton	44th, Year C, 2019
Seat #8: South Central	Clergy	The Rev. Ann Whitney	44th, Year C, 2019
Seat #9: Interior	Lay	Mabel Vent	44th, Year C, 2019

Disciplinary Board:

Seat A:	Clergy	The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron	47th, 2022
Seat B:	Lay	Mary Alice McKeen	48th, 2023
Seat C:	Clergy	The Rev. Gordon Blue	44th, 2019
Seat D:	Lay	Milton Bryner, Jr.	45th, 2020
Seat E:	Clergy	The Rev. Gayle Nauska	46th, 2021
Seat F:	Lay	William "Sky" Stemmons	47th, 2022
Seat G:	Clergy	The Rev. Wallace "Chip" Mills	45th, 2020

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Seat A: Elected	Lay	Bella Schjenken	45th, 2020
Seat #1: Appointed		Ron Moore	45th, 2020
Seat B: Elected	Clergy	The Rev. Wilson Valentine	46th, 2021
Seat #2: Appointed		Alice Holinger	46th, 2021
Seat C: Elected	Lay	Maggie McKay	47th, 2022
Seat #3: Appointed		Mary Norton	47th, 2022
Seat D: Elected	Clergy	The Rev. Julie Platson	44th, 2019

The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
44th Diocesan Convention
Brief Committees Overview of those open for Election/Appointment

Commission on Ministry:

Summary of Responsibilities: Assist the bishop in matters pertaining to the needs for the Ordained Ministry including enlistment and selection of persons for the Ministry, and in the guidance and pastoral care of all Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, Deacons and Priests, administering examinations required by Canon for Ordination and continuing education. Assist the bishop in challenging, training, and providing continuing education of the Laity for its ministry.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconference (10-12 annually), receive and disburse documents (preferably electronically), meet face to face for a 2-3 day meeting at least once a year.

Standing Committee:

Summary of Responsibilities: Serve as a Council of Advice to the Bishop. Exercise Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence or disability of the Bishop. Act as the reviewing body in the selection, examination, and ordination of persons for Holy Orders. Advise and consent to the purchase, construction, encumbrance, and disposition of real property of the Diocese. Implement actions assigned by the Convention of the Diocese, including the regular review and oversight of the budget.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconference (6-8 annually), receive and disburse documents (preferably electronically), meet face to face for a 2-3 day meeting two/three times a year.

Disciplinary Board:

Summary of Responsibilities: The Disciplinary Board handles complaints and cases of clergy misconduct and other matters set forth in Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church including the Trial of any Priest or Deacon of the Diocese.

Commitment needed: Be available to meet via teleconference and/or in person should a case/need present itself. Unless there is an active case this committee typically does not meet.

FIT (Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment) Committee:

Summary of Responsibilities: Oversee the on-going grants and operating budget funding provided by the FIT Endowment. Manage the granting process including distributing, advertising, and evaluating annual grant applications for the multiple grant cases. Review the spending allocation annually and make recommendations for approval to the Standing Committee.

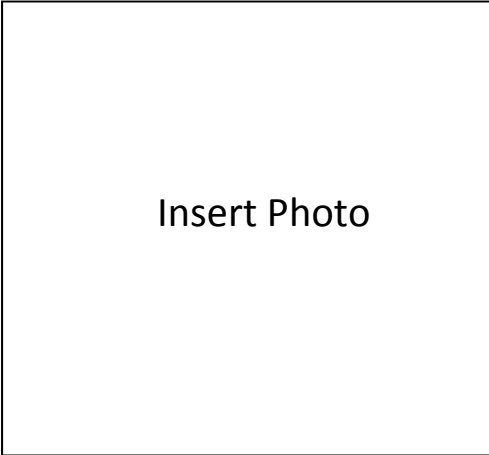
Commitment needed: attend regular teleconference (4-6 annually) , receive and disburse documents (preferably electronically), meet face to face for a 2-3 day meeting at least once a year.

General Convention Deputies:

Summary of Responsibilities: Provide representation for the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. General Convention is held once every 3 years, with a gathering of deputies and bishops throughout the Episcopal Church. Each diocese is entitled to a deputation of 4 Clergy and 4 Lay. Deputies are voting members of the House of Deputies. They discuss, debate, pray and vote on matters, including resolutions, motions, canonical changes and other such issues brought before the House of Deputies.

Commitment needed: attend regular teleconferences prior to General Convention, review all pre-convention material, join the Deputy email list serve (optional), travel to and attend General Convention which is held at a site in the lower 48 in the summer for **12-14 days** once every 3 years. In 2021 it will be in Baltimore, Maryland, June 30th- July 9th, 2021.

**Episcopal Diocese of Alaska
Nominee Profile Form**



Committee/Commission of Nomination:

Seat Nominated for: _____

Term Nominated for: _____

Nominee's Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: cell: _____ home: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____

___ Clergy or ___ Lay

Congregation/Church Nominee is a member at:

Briefly tell us about the Nominee: (for example: reasons for wanting to serve, gifts they bring, ministry passions, anything like to share to help us get to know the nominee)

St. Simeon and St. Anna Nominations,
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Arctic Coast Deanery:

Willard P. Neakok, St. Alban's of the Arctic – Point Lay

Interior Deanery:

Mary Johnston, St. Matthew's – Fairbanks
Allen M. Todd, St. Matthew's – Fairbanks
William Derendoff, Good Shepherd - Huslia
Ruth Folger, St. Barnabas – Minto
Jeanette (Hall) Dementi, - St. Mark's, Nenana
Darlene M. Jensen, - St. Mark's, Nenana
Carol Thomas, - St. Mark's, Nenana
Charlotte White, - St. Mark's, Nenana
Raymond C. Thomas, - St. Timothy's, Tanacross
Florence D Folger, - St. James', Tanana
Eugenia "Genie" Grammer, Good Shepherd, Venetie

South Central Deanery:

Wendy Baker, Christ Church – Anchorage
Sharon Korwan, Christ Church – Anchorage
Barbara Chase, St. James the Fisherman – Kodiak
Edwine Horn, St. James the Fisherman – Kodiak
James Horn, St. James the Fisherman – Kodiak
Patrick Riley, St. David's – Wasilla

Southeast Deanery:

John Michael McDonough, Holy Trinity – Juneau
Doug Trucano, Holy Trinity – Juneau
Jane Boline, St. John's, Ketchikan
Caroline Crenna, St. Peter's by the Sea – Sitka
Edward N. Phillips, St. Peter's by the Sea – Sitka
Theresa Anne Phillips, St. Peter's by the Sea – Sitka
Elizabeth Marie McConachie, St. Philip's, - Wrangell