

February 16, 2022

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, mostly by teleconference, over the last 18 months. After much thought and prayer, we all agreed, to go forward with an in-person Annual Interior Deanery Meeting. It has been a long two years without a gathering and we are looking forward to being together. This will be a time to acknowledge the hardships of the last couple of years and to celebrate where we are now. We understand that COVID-19 concerns are still very real. We encourage everyone to be mindful of safe protocols; social distancing as much as possible, frequent washing hands, use of hand sanitizer and for those who desire, wearing of masks.

The Annual Deanery Meeting will be **March 31, April 1 & April 2**. Due to COVID-19 concerns, for 2022 only, the Annual Deanery Meeting will be held **at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks**. Lodging at the hotel will be provided for out-of-town delegates who register by **March 9, 2022**; with check-in on Thursday March 31 and check-out on Sunday April 3. We will begin on Thursday evening March 31st at 6:30p and end by 5:00p on Saturday, April 2nd.

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 and lodging for out-of-town delegates. The opening event will be a worship service in the Minto Room of the Westmark with the interior clergy. Please complete a registration form for each delegate and visitor AND submit by **MARCH 9, 2022**. After submitting the registration form, travel authorizations will be sent to the air carrier, and you may make your travel reservations. Delegates whose registration forms are received after the March 9th deadline will be responsible for their own lodging.

As usual we will pool our funds together to assist with airfare and lodging for delegates; the delegate fee is \$150 per person. Please fill out the registration form and return to the bishop's office **as soon as possible but no later than March 9, 2022**. Information, including an online registration form, is available on the diocesan website (www.episcoaplak.org) in the "event calendar" under the "News & Events" button.

The following elections will occur at this Annual Meeting. 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 put forth your/their name by filling out a Nominee Profile form. You can either bring the Nominee Profile form with you to the deanery meeting or submit to the bishop's office by March 9, 2022. Forms submitted by March 9th will be included in the delegate packets.

Interior Deanery Executive Committee

Yukon Koyukuk: Lorraine Pavlick (Huslia) term ends this year

Yukon Flats: Myra Thumma (Venetie) term ends this year

Tanana Valley: Jeanette Dementi Edwards (Shageluk) term ends this year

Other elections:

Commission on Ministry: Clergy seat

Standing Committee – Lay Seat

General Convention – (2) Lay & (2) Clergy

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

Bessie Titus+

The Rev. Bessie Titus

Interior Deanery Executive Committee Chairperson

Enclosed:

Letters from Executive Committee members: Lorraine Pavlick & Jeanette Dementi Edwards.

Registration form

Agenda

Diocese position open for election

Nominee Profile Form

Summary of Bylaw changes