

March 28, 2023

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 2022 and working hard on your behalf. We are delighted to announce our 2023 Annual Deanery Meeting, and give thanks to St. Matthew's, Fairbanks for hosting us. This year we gladly welcome several guests, including The Rev. Dr. Brad Hauff, Episcopal Church Missioner for Indigenous Ministries (Zoom), The Rev. Judith Lethin sharing an introduction to Roots & Wings, a healing workshop, The Rev. Dr. Mary Crist, Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator for the Episcopal Church and Dr. Julie Lytle, Dir. of Distributive Learning Initiatives, Bexley Seabury Seminary.

The Annual Deanery Meeting will be **May 4 – May 6, 2023** at St. Matthew's in Fairbanks. 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; visitors and alternates will need to cover their own travel costs. We will start gathering on Thursday May 4th at 4:00p, dinner at 5:00p and Worship at 7:00pm at St. Matthew's in Fairbanks (1030 Second Ave) and we will end on Saturday May 6 by 5:00pm. Please complete a registration form for each delegate and visitor AND submit by **April 20, 2023**. After submitting the registration form, travel authorizations will be sent to the Janelle Raker @ Corporate Travel Management, and you may book your travel with Janelle. Housing/Lodging are not provided, and you will be responsible for your own lodging.

As usual we will pool our funds together to assist with airfare 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 April 20, 2023**. Information, including an online registration form, is available on the diocesan website (www.episcoaplak.org) in the "Upcoming Events" under the "News & Events" button, <https://give.egive-usa.com/App/Form/1bd64c5f-e405-45e5-bc40-1aff42210bfd> .

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 April 20, 2023. Forms submitted by April 20th will be included in the delegate packets.

Interior Deanery Executive Committee

Yukon Koyukuk: Florence Folger (Tanana) term ends this year

Yukon Flats: Debbie Tritt-Kendi (Arctic Village) term ends this year

Tanana Valley: The Rev. Bessie Titus (Minto) term ends this year

Other elections:

Standing Committee – Seat #2 - Clergy

St. Simeon/St. Anna nominees - please bring the names of your nominees.

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

Bessie Titus+

The Rev. Bessie Titus

Interior Deanery Executive Committee Chairperson

Enclosed:

Registration form

Agenda

Diocese position open for election

Nominee Profile Form