

April 5, 2024

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 2023 and working hard on your behalf. We are delighted to announce our 2024 Annual Deanery Meeting, and give thanks to St. Matthew's, Fairbanks for hosting us. At the 2023 Diocesan Convention there was a discussion and survey about future conventions; do we want to meet in-person or virtually. The Standing Committee has released the results of the survey and asked for discussions at each deanery meeting.

The Annual Deanery Meeting will be **May 2 – May 4, 2024** 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 2th at 4:00p, dinner at 5:30p 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 25, 2024**. 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 25, 2024**. Information, including an online registration form, is available on the diocesan website: <https://give.egive-usa.com/App/Form/7d47a146-854e-45be-b3cd-b2af55ff237a>. Updates, reports, schedules and other information will be posted on the Diocesan website [Interior Deanery Meeting – Episcopal Diocese of Alaska \(episcopalak.org\)](https://www.episcopalalaska.org), as they become available here is a direct link: [Interior Deanery Meeting – Episcopal Diocese of Alaska \(episcopalak.org\)](https://www.episcopalalaska.org) or you go to the website (www.episcopealaska.org), click on “News & Events” button and select “Upcoming Events” and scroll down to Interior Deanery Meeting.

The following elections will occur at this Annual Meeting.

Interior Deanery Executive Committee

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

Tanana Valley: Bernice Aragon (Fairbanks) term ends this year

Yukon Flats: Myra Thumma (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.

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
Interior Executive Committee seats up for election
Diocese position open for election
Nominee Profile Form