



diocese of eastern michigan

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"WILL YOU SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS....."

Dear Clergy and Lay Delegates:

This letter is the Official Notice of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan. The Convention will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Forward Conference Center, West Branch, and Saturday, October 16, 2010, at St. Christopher's Church, Grand Blanc. The format this year has been changed to accommodate the Presiding Bishop's visit with us. Convention will commence with the business session **October 9 at 10:30 a.m. (West Branch)**. All business and voting will take place on that day. Convention will conclude with a Closing Eucharist with the Presiding Bishop **October 16 at 10:30 a.m. (Grand Blanc)**. By starting both sessions at 10:30 a.m. we hope some of you will not need to incur hotel costs.

The registration form is being sent to your church treasurer so we will have one form submitted per church, but it will also be available on the diocesan website. Please let your treasurer know if you will be attending October 9 and/or October 16. The fee for both Clergy and Lay Delegates is **\$30.00** for the October 9th business session. Visitors are welcome to attend, but they should also complete a registration form and submit **\$10.00**. There is no additional charge for the October 16th Closing Eucharist. Visitors and retired clergy can complete the registration form found on the website and send it to Diocesan Center directly.

As a way of being environmentally responsible, we have decided to make information available on the diocesan website at www.eastmich.org. Maps/hotel information are enclosed, but check the website for the booth and necrology form. More details about the business session agenda and the Presiding Bishop's visit will be available at a later date. Please note the due dates that need your attention:

- | <u>DATE DUE:</u> | <u>ITEM:</u> |
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| • August 10 | Resolutions from Convocations and/or Standing Committee due to Resolutions Committee |
| • September 1 | Written Reports Due to Barb at the Diocesan Center |
| • September 1 | For American Sign Language and Child Care needs call Barb at Diocesan Center at 1-877-752-6020 |

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- September 15 Convention Registration Form with payment due to Diocesan Center
- October 1 Booth Space Reservation Form due to Diocesan Center
- October 1 Names of Deceased Diocesan Leaders due to Diocesan Center

If you are no longer able to attend Convention, please pass this information to your alternate and **inform the Diocesan Center (Katharine Rose) that you have done so.** It is very helpful if you let her know of the name and address of that person well before the September 9th mailing of the next Convention Packet. If you need to select new Convention Delegates, please refer to Title I, Canon I of the Diocesan Canons for the procedure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Diocesan Center 1-877-752-6020. I look forward to seeing you at Convention!

Sincerely,



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