



Call to Convention Letter

143rd Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan

“Getting Ahead of the Game”

November 3-4, 2017 in Kalamazoo, MI

To Elected Delegates and Clergy of the Diocese

From: The Rev. Canon William J. Spaid, Secretary of Convention

In accordance with the Canons of the Diocese of Western Michigan (Title I, Canon 3, Section 3) you are hereby notified of the 143rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan which will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan Friday, November 3, 2017 to Saturday November 4, 2017, the Right Reverend Wayne M. Hougland, Jr. presiding.

Location: The Convention will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites, Kalamazoo, Michigan ([click here for map](#)).

Time: The 143rd convention will open on Friday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. with morning prayer, and will conclude on Saturday, November 4th at 3:00 p.m. with closing prayer and announcements. The convention Eucharist will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 4th at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church ([click here for map](#)), with confirmation, reception and reaffirmation.

Communication: To conserve resources, all communications about convention will be shared via email distribution and/or will be placed on the diocesan website convention page. Information about confirmation, reception and reaffirmation is found on the confirmation page.

Accommodations: It will be the responsibility of each parish/delegate/clergy to make accommodation arrangements. A block of rooms is available at a discounted rate at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. To reserve a room, call (269) 343-3333 and indicate you are part of the EDWM Convention Nov. 3-4, 2017.

Registration and Payment:

The cost of attending convention for delegates, alternates, clergy is \$100 per person. Payment can be made by credit card or check. No registrations are complete until payment has been received.

Parishes are expected to register their entire delegations, which includes delegates, alternates, their priests and deacons on [the delegation form](#). The names on the registration form must match the names parishes submitted in their election report following the annual meeting. If your parish has had changes to its delegation, [click here for the change of delegate form](#). Change of delegate forms may be mailed or faxed to (269) 381-7067.

Voting clergy not affiliated with a church (\$100), guests (\$50), seminarians and postulants (free) can register on [the individual form](#).

Anyone who is a volunteer worker at convention, or part of the convention staff, must contact the diocesan office at (269) 381-2710 or convention@edwm.org about registration and accommodations.

Childcare: Childcare will be provided for children of all ages at St. Luke's (a 3-4 minute walk from the Radisson). The registration form will ask about childcare needs.

Pre-Convention Meetings: These are the meetings at which delegates to convention, and others who are interested, review the proposed diocesan budget, any proposed resolutions, proposed canon changes and nominations for election at convention.

- Traverse Deanery Pre-Convention, Saturday, September 16, 2017, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Grace Episcopal Church, Traverse City
- Grand Valley & Lakeshore Pre-Convention Meeting, Saturday, September 30, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, St. John's Episcopal Church, Grand Haven ([click here for map](#))
- Eastern & St. Joseph Pre-Convention, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo ([click here for map](#)). *This is an updated location since the first Call to Convention.*

Youth Delegates: Youth delegates include a delegation of deanery-nominated delegates and at-large delegates. There are ten youth delegates and ten alternates. Deaneries, please be sure to elect youth delegates. [Click here](#) for more information on youth delegates. Contact Gennie Callard, Bishop's Assistant for Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries at (269) 381-2710, ext. 13 or gcallard@edwm.org.

Convention Business

- [2018 Proposed Budget](#)
- Nominations: The 143rd EDWM Convention will vote on the membership of the Standing Committee, as well as Province V Synod representatives. Standing Committee has two lay and one clergy opening. Province V Synod board needs two lay and one clergy representative. Submit nominations by October 12, 2017 in order for the nominee's information to be included in the Convention Booklet and for ballots to be printed with his/her name. [Click here to review the online nomination form](#). It includes an area to upload a photo of the nominee for the convention booklet.
- Resolutions: The deadline for the resolutions to be distributed and discussed at deanery pre-convention meetings is September 1st. The deadline for any resolution to be submitted to the 143rd convention is September 18th. [Click here to submit a resolution](#). It includes a file-uploader for providing supporting documentation.
- [Vendor and Exhibitor Application Form](#) (space is limited, apply early)
- [Change of Delegate Form](#): mailed or faxed form, requires signatures.

Keynote Speaker:

The keynote speaker for the 143rd Convention is the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, a Sturgis native, and the twelfth bishop of the Diocese of Chicago. He is a charismatic preacher, liturgist and spiritual leader who authored "[Opening the Prayer Book](#)," an introduction to the history and liturgies of The Book of Common Prayer, helping a reader to ascertain why the prayer book is such an important aspect of Anglican self-understanding.

Convention Eucharist and Confirmation at Luke's, Kalamazoo: The Eucharist of the 143rd EDWM convention will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, a 10-minute walk from the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Candidates for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation may be registered [here](#).

Reports for the Convention Booklet: If you would like to write something about your committee or diocesan ministry for the 143rd Convention Booklet, e-mail Karmel Puzzuoli at kpuzzuoli@edwm.org.