

To: Delegates, Alternates and Attendees to the 178<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Vermont

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Re: First Call to Convention – Theme: *Praying Your Life – Living Your Prayer*  
Memo #1 – General Information

Date: July 12, 2010

***First Call to Convention – Place and Date:*** This is the “first call” to all delegates, alternates and other members of the Diocesan family to the 178<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Vermont to be held at the *Cathedral Church of St. Paul*. The dates are November 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). This first call memo contains general information to assist you in making your plans to attend convention.

***E-mail Communications*** – Distribution of convention information, for the most part, will be by e-mail. .

***Pre-Convention Programs – Ministry Fairs*** – A series of three pre-convention *Ministry Fairs* are scheduled for 2010. All are on Saturday from 9am until 4pm at convenient locations throughout the diocese.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Paul’s/White River Junction**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> at St. James/Essex Junction**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> at Zion Church/Manchester Center**

***In the morning*** – The Convention Program Planning Committee has prepared a superb series of four workshops with an emphasis on thanksgiving and prayer and keeping with our convention theme, *Praying Your Life – Living Your Prayer*. The Ministry Fairs in October will address this theme in terms of individual spirituality and the Convention workshops and worship in November will address the communal aspect of the theme. In early September a complete descriptive brochure will be distributed to your parish with a registration form. In the meantime, the Program Planning Committee has provided the titles of ***Ministry Fair Workshops:***

- (1) **“Identifying One’s Spiritual Call”**
- (2) **“Understanding Prayer Through Service”**
- (3) **“Developing a Regular Prayer Practice”**
- (4) **“Exploring Spiritual Direction/Monitoring”**

*At Noon – Eucharist* – Bishop Ely will officiate. – ***Bring-your-own lunch follows.***

***In the afternoon – The Business of Convention*** – Bishop Ely will convene the afternoon session which will include presentations and discussions concerning resolutions, canonical changes, diocesan budget and other convention business. **Adjourn 4pm**

***Convention – Friday Proposed Schedule Overview:*** In addition to the legislative tasks of Convention, there is also the opportunity for discussion, reflection, education, worship, and meals together.

***Proposed schedule for Friday:***

***9:30am – Registration Opens – Cathedral – no lunch provided on Friday***

***10:00am – 12noon – Cathedral Nave – Contextual Liturgies*** workshop led by Emily Scott of St. Lydia’s/Manhattan who will share with us some of the experiences of St. Lydia’s. This hands-on workshop is for those who are interested in developing “contextual liturgies” – worship that emerges from the place and the people of a parish and that expresses the common life of a community.

***10:00am – 12noon – Rock Point – Pilgrimage*** – The Rock Point Board of Governors will offer a pilgrimage of the Point. One of the two groups will be offered for the less mobile.

***12noon – 1:00pm – Cathedral – Convention 101*** – There will be an opportunity for delegates to attend Convention 101, a short course in the “whys and wherefores” of the convention business session. The workshop leaders explain what delegates can expect to happen on and off the Convention floor. Legislative procedures, how to amend a resolution, and what we will be voting on and how we will vote are just a few of the topics covered. New and seasoned delegates have found this session very helpful

***1:00pm – 2:30pm – Cathedral Nave –Choir Workshop – led by Mark Howe***

***1:00pm – 2:30pm – Cathedral Common Room - The Hearings*** – on proposed resolutions, canon changes, and the diocesan budget provide a condensed forum for delegates to discuss briefly the issues that will come to the floor of Convention. Members of the Resolutions Committee, Canons Committee, and Council (for budget hearings), as well as those individuals who submitted the resolutions or canon changes will be on hand to answer your questions. Delegates are expected to have attended one of the Pre-Convention Hearings during the afternoon session of the Ministry Fairs when these issues are discussed in great detail.

***2:45pm – 3:15pm – Cathedral Nave – Meet the candidates standing for election for General Convention Deputies***

***3:30pm – 5:30pm – Hilton Hotel – Adirondack Ballroom – Forum led by Emily Scott*** – based on St. Lydia’s Church/Manhattan experience in developing their common worship around a sacred meal. The “sacred meal” will be carried into the Convention Meal Friday evening.

*5:30pm – 6:15pm – Cathedral Nursery - Friends of Bill Meeting*

*5:30pm – 6:30pm – Hilton Hotel – Montpelier Ballroom – Social Time – Cash bar*

*6:30pm – 6:45pm – Hilton Hotel – In hallway outside Montpelier Ballroom – All gather for procession*

*6:45pm – Hilton Hotel –Process into Adirondack Ballroom for sacred meal with Eucharist*

### ***Saturday – Convention Proposed Schedule Overview:***

*8:00 Registration re-opens for those not already registered*

*8:30am – Cathedral Nave – Eucharist*

*10:00am – Cathedral Nave - Bishop Ely’s Address followed by Convention Call to Order*

*3:30pm – Convention Adjourns – Time Approximate*

**Times shown above are approximate. An updated scheduled will be distributed in a future memo.**

***On the Road to Convention*** – Additional information will be sent to you in the next few weeks. Look for further information on:

**First Draft of the Diocesan Budget - Soon**

**Call for Nominations – Soon**

**Call for Resolutions – early August**

**Registration Form: Convention & Friday Evening Sacred Meal – mid August**

**Narrative Budget – end of September**

**Pre-Convention Journal – end of September**

**List of Candidates for Diocesan offices – end of September**

**Resolutions and Canonical Changes – end of September**

**Last Minute Items and Rules of Order – end of October**

## Meals, Parking, and Lodging

**Meals:** Friday Dinner registration forms follow in future e-mail. Saturday lunch is provided at The Cathedral. There is a charge for dinner. There is no charge for lunch.

**Parking** is available at conveniently located city parking garages. There is metered parking on the streets.

**Lodging:** We have made arrangements for a special rate at three locations for those wishing to overnight on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bishop Booth Conference Center**

20 Rock Point Circle

Burlington, VT 05408

**802-658-6233** – Steven Antell, Director

\$35 per person sharing twin plus \$7 for breakfast

### **University Inn**

5 Dorset Street – Inter-State 89 Exit 14E

South Burlington, VT 05403

**802-863-5541**

\$49 per night single, double, or triple plus tax

Continental Breakfast included in rate

*University Inn and Comfort Inn share the same check-in desk facilities*

### **Comfort Inn**

5 Dorset Street – Inter-State 89 Exit 14E

South Burlington, VT 05403

**800-808-4656** or **802-264-4114**

Rate \$79 per night single or double plus tax

Continental Breakfast included in rate

*Comfort Inn and University Inn share the same check-in desk facilities*

### **Hilton Hotel**

60 Battery Street

Burlington, VT 05401

**800-HILTONS** or **802-658-6500**

Rate \$119 per night single or double plus tax

Breakfast is not included in rate

*Hilton Hotel is closest hotel to Cathedral. It is a full service hotel.*

These rates are locally negotiated and if you call the hotel's national reservations number they may not have information on our group or rate. Always identify yourself as attending Episcopal Diocesan Convention to access these rates.

***Run into a problem booking the negotiated rate? Contact me: Jim Larkin 802-878-8047 or [Diocesanconvention@dioceseofvermont.org](mailto:Diocesanconvention@dioceseofvermont.org)***