

## (ALTERNATE) DELEGATE TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Each year, the parish elects two delegates to serve in this three-year ministry. The first year, Alternate Delegates attend the diocesan training session (and only attend the actual Convention if one of our four “regular” delegates is unable to attend). The second and third years, the two who had been alternates serve as regular voting delegates at Convention. The Convention is held on a Saturday or Friday/Saturday in early November each year.

The actions of Diocesan Convention include electing lay and clergy representatives to positions of leadership in the diocese, voting on the diocesan budget, and voting on resolutions presented. Delegates should spend some time prior to the Convention reviewing the resolutions and candidates to be voted on. Information can be found in diocesan publications, from Redeemer clergy and by using the links below to the Convention website.

Delegates are expected to attend a regional pre-convention meeting. The bishop presides at these meetings, and this is the opportunity for casual conversation and questions about resolutions or the budget.

After convention, delegates are expected to report back to the local congregation on the actions and decisions.

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Confirmed or received member of The Episcopal Church.
- Member in good standing of the Church of the Redeemer.
- Have an interest in, and be willing to learn about, the Episcopal Church, its actions and policies, at both a diocesan and national church level.
- Be able to travel to wherever the Convention is held and stay overnight on the Friday night of Convention if necessary.
- Be able to commit to a three-year ministry (barring unforeseen circumstances).

**Diocesan Convention website:** <https://dsoConvention.org/>

**What to Expect at Convention:** <https://dsoConvention.org/what-to-expect/>

**Serving as a Delegate:** <https://dsoconvention.org/delegates/>

**A Resolution passed at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Convention in 2017 made significant changes** to the format of Convention beginning in 2018.

**2017-05: A resolution to change annual Convention**

**Resolved**, that the Diocese of Southern Ohio will meet in a one-day Convention every other year beginning in 2018. In odd numbered years the Convention may meet for two days, but in no case, shall it begin before 12 p.m. on the first day; *and be it further*

**Resolved**, that all Diocesan Conventions be held in parish churches or other venues which do not require meal or rental fees; *and be it further*

**Resolved**, that Diocesan Convention encourage delegates to bring their own meals or arrange the venues where meals are readily available at a reasonable price.

An explanation for these changes can be found at:

<https://dsoConvention.org/2017-05-a-resolution-to-change-annual-Convention/>