

PRE-CONVENTION MEETING (*Live Stream*)

The Diocese of Florida

January 16, 2018

7:00 pm

Overview of the 175th Annual Diocesan Convention Agenda

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| I. Welcome & Thank You for Your Service | Canon DeFoor |
| II. Opening Prayer | Bishop Howard |
| III. Brief Overview of Convention | Canon DeFoor |

This year's format will return to familiarity of conventions past. Registration & check-in will begin Friday, January 26th, from 9am - 3pm, at the Omni Hotel, located in Downtown Jacksonville.

Ministry Fair: We will have a Ministry Fair, as we have had in the past, which will open at 11am at the Omni Jacksonville, on Friday, January 26, 2018 at noon, and remain open throughout the convention. The vendors will be conveniently located throughout the 2nd Floor "Pre-function Area," just outside of the main ballroom where the convention events will be held. We have over 20 vendors this year.

Clergy & Clergy-Spouse Luncheons: The Clergy and Clergy-Spouse Luncheons will be held at the Omni, with clergy in the Omni Ballroom, and spouse's/widows' luncheon in the Pensacola Room, located within close proximity.

Opening Eucharist: We will have our opening Evensong Service at St. John's Cathedral Friday afternoon, January 26, 2018 at 4pm. Clergy dress will be Anglican 'choir habit', i.e. cassock, surplice and tippet (black clergy Office scarf). An academic hood is optional, as detailed in a previous email from the Rev. Canon Douglas Dupree. Buses will be at the hotel site for transportation. Clergy buses will leave at 2:45pm sharp to allow for vesting at the Cathedral. Remaining service attendees' buses will depart for the Cathedral at 3pm. Following the service, buses will provide transport back to Omni Jacksonville for a Social/Reception at 5:30pm, followed by dinner and the Bishop's Cross Awards, in the Florida Ballroom. Our distinguished guest, the Rev. Dr. John McCardell, Jr., Vice-Chancellor, President and Professor of History at The University of the South/Sewanee, will address the opening, after which dinner will be served and awards given. The banquet and awards ceremony will conclude the day's Convention events.

Business Meeting: Saturday, January 27, 2018 will begin with breakfast at the Omni Jacksonville, followed by our Business Meeting. We will convene at 9am and adjourn around lunch time. Lunch will be served at the hotel whenever business is finished. This concludes the 175th Diocesan Convention.

IV. Resolutions: There are no general Diocesan Resolutions this year requiring action of the Convention.

V. Nominations Presented by: The Rev. Sandy Tull, Chair of the Nominations Committee. **Q&A**

VI. Canonical Changes: There are no Canonical changes this year requiring action of the Convention. **Q&A**

VII. Budget Presented by: The Rev. George Hinchliffe, Chair of the Common Ministry Budget Committee, will speak on the 2018 Budget (passed), followed by Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. Ben Hill's, presentation of the 2017 Budget Report. **Q&A**

VIII. Final: Q&A **Canon DeFoor**

IX. Other Business: **Canon DeFoor**

X. Closing: **Bishop Howard**