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To: Elected Lay Delegates & Alternates
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and Visitors

From: Diane Adams, Assistant Secretary of Convention

Date: August 9, 2012

Re: **2012 Diocesan Convention Registration & Housing**

Our 42nd Annual Diocesan Convention is fast approaching. Enclosed are your **registration form(s)** and **housing information**, which have been prepared for us by our host congregation for 2012, Trinity, Bend. Please review this information carefully. Registration forms will also be available from your parish office and online at www.episdioeo.org

The theme for this Convention is "Hand in Hand into the Future." The program for Convention is a result of Diocesan Council's review of results of the Convocation meetings held this summer. The program will include the "Here" portion of the 2011 "Haiti and Here" campaign; lay ministry workshops; General Convention reports; and conversations about partnerships.

Convention program will begin on Friday evening at Trinity Episcopal Church, 469 NW Wall St, Bend: budget hearing in the Nave followed by the opening of Convention and the "Here" project in Brooks Hall. All of the Trinity facility will be used for portions of Friday events. Be sure to check the Pre-Convention Journal for locations of meetings and registration. Saturday sessions will also take place at the Boys and Girls Club, which is adjacent to Trinity on Wall Street. Sunday's sessions and closing Eucharist will be in the St. Helen's Hall portion of Trinity. We welcome the participation of visitors in the conversations of Convention.

To register for the Convention, please remember to:

1. **Send your registration form(s) directly to the Bend address listed on the form.** Send a separate registration form for each person attending. *Be sure to include full payment* with your registration.
2. **Make your own housing arrangements.** Information on the motels where rooms have been blocked is enclosed. Home hospitality is also listed. The resource for other motel information is also included.

Note: Clergy, Lay delegates and Diocesan Council members -

In an effort to save resources on both paper and postage, we are inviting

delegates to download the Pre-Convention Journal from the diocesan website, www.episdioeo.org. The Pre-Convention Journal will be posted to the website by Sept. 13. If you will download the materials, please send me an email stating so (dadams@episdioeo.org) If I do not receive an email, the Pre-Convention Journal will be mailed to you.

(If you download, please only print what is necessary. If you would like the entire Journal in print, please let us mail it to you.

"Here" project: Convention attendees will be constructing "gift bags" for homeless folks in your own community. This activity will be suitable for participation by all attendees regardless of age or ability. Items for the gift bags will be provided, however congregations are invited to contribute white tube socks, adult size, for the project. The goal is 1000 gift bags prepared at Convention for distribution - so 1000 pairs of socks are needed. Conversation about responding to homelessness in your community will be part of the program.

Dates to Note:

September 12, 2012 -- last day to register without late fee; registration must include payment;
- be sure to register in a timely manner!

October 12-14, 2012 -- Convention dates - ***Convention concludes with the closing Eucharist. Please plan to stay to the end.***

If you need help, please feel free to call me at 541-298-4477 or email me at dadams@episdioeo.org. See you in Bend!