



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EASTERN OREGON

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To: Elected Lay Delegates & Alternates
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and Visitors

From: Lisa Boquist, Assistant Secretary of Convention

Date: August 17, 2015

Re: **2015 Diocesan Convention Registration & Housing**

Our 45th 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 2015, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles. 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 "The Kingdom of God is at Hand." In keeping with our theme we would love to share photos you have of the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God. We know it's happening in your community. It would be great to have photos in two formats: on a display board that your congregation creates and in a video we will create for Convention. Please send those photos to communications@episdioeo.org. Keep your eyes and ears open, for ***The Kingdom of God Is at Hand!***

Saturday we will take time to honor and remember Bishop Rusty Kimsey. We will show a video he produced several years ago and a video collage we are creating for this convention. We are collecting photos to use for this collage so if you have photos of him at your confirmation, ordination, baptism, wedding, picnic or other event, please send them to us by email communications@episdioeo.org. or snail mail to Box 236, Cove, OR 97824.

Workshops will be offered and detailed information will be sent to you along with the Pre-Convention Journal in September.

Convention programs will begin on Friday evening at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in The Dalles with a special presentation of the Gospel of Mark by actor Tom Bair. Be sure to check the Pre-Convention Journal for locations of meetings and registration. Saturday's morning and

afternoon sessions will be at the Calvary Baptist Church in The Dalles, and we will be gathering at The Discovery Center for the Saturday evening banquet. For Sunday's closing meeting and Eucharist we will again be meeting at St. Paul's. 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 address listed on the registration 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.

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. 18th. If you will download the materials, please send me an email stating so (lboquist@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.)

Dates to Note:

September 10, 2015 -- last day to register without late fee; registration must include payment;
- be sure to register in a timely manner!

September 15, 2015 - - deadline for discounted rate at Cousins Country Inn.

September 16, 2015—deadline for discounted rate at Fairfield Inn & Suites, Marriot.

September 30, 2015—deadline for discounted rate at The Dalles Inn.

October 16-18, 2015 -- 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 541-568-4514 Extension 1 or email me at lboquist@episdioeo.org. See you in The Dalles!