

Invitation for clergy:

**Reimagining Convention: A Narrative for Clergy Ahead of Registration Sunday
(Sunday, August 10, 2025)**

The Episcopal Diocese of Utah is in the midst of a quiet transformation—one that reflects a deepening commitment to discipleship, vitality, and shared identity across our congregations. This year’s Diocesan Convention is not simply about doing the business of the church; it’s about doing that business in the context of who we are becoming as followers of Jesus.

Convention is evolving. No longer just an annual obligation for a few delegates, it is becoming a place where the spiritual formation of our whole diocesan community can be nourished. It is a time for gathering, listening, growing, and learning together. Through workshops, worship, conversation, and connection, we are building the kind of Church that empowers every voice and invites every person to be seen, heard, and valued.

Registration Sunday—August 10—is our collective first step into that new vision.

On that day, each congregation is invited to register its full convention delegation together, alongside any additional attendees—curious newcomers, lay leaders, spiritual seekers, and anyone else who wants to be part of this movement. This is not simply a logistical exercise. It is a spiritual moment, an intentional act of showing up, standing together, and saying: “We are here. We belong. We are part of this.”

Smaller congregations—who have often felt disconnected or disempowered—are being specifically invited to step forward and claim their place. Their presence matters deeply. Large churches and our Cathedral community are being called to live into their roles as spiritual leaders, not just for their own parishes but for the diocesan body as a whole. Everyone has something to offer—and something to receive.

This year’s convention theme, “Journey with the Spirit,” centers us in that reality. We are a people in motion. We’re moving toward each other. We’re moving toward deeper discipleship. We’re moving toward a Church that reflects the living, liberating love of Christ.

As clergy, your role is vital. On August 10, we ask you to:

Speak to your congregation—whether from the pulpit, in the bulletin, or during announcements—about this new vision for convention.

Share your excitement. Share your hope. Share the expectation that this is no longer just about voting; it's about showing up for one another.

Appoint a registration lead—a layperson who can collect names, assist with sign-ups, and make sure all delegates and attendees are registered that day (ideally using a shared QR code or registration station).

Encourage your delegation to review the workshop options and choose not just based on individual preference, but in service to what your church needs to grow. What knowledge will you bring home? How will you disciple others through what you learn?

Key Dates

Registration Sunday: August 10, 2025 (in every parish)

Resolutions Due - Monday, August 18, 2025

Delegate Registration Deadline: September 5, 2025

Final Registration Deadline (General): September 12, 2025

Pre-Convention & Regional Meeting - Saturday, September 27, 2025

Convention Dates: October 17–18, 2025

Registration Sunday is not the end of a process—it's the beginning of a movement. It is our way of practicing what we preach: that we are one Body, one Spirit in Christ, each of us essential, each of us called.

Let us step boldly into this new way of being Church together.

Newsletter article:

Join Us for Registration Sunday – August 10 Diocesan Convention Is for You—Come See What the Spirit Is Doing

Something new is happening in the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

Our annual Diocesan Convention is no longer just a gathering for delegates to conduct church business behind closed doors. It's becoming a space where our entire diocesan community—clergy, lay leaders, curious newcomers, and long-faithful members—comes together to grow, worship, learn, and be formed as disciples of Jesus.

This year's convention theme, "Journey with the Spirit," invites us into transformation, courage, and connection. It's a chance to explore powerful workshops, encounter meaningful worship, and engage with others who care deeply about the future of our Church. It's not just for insiders or experts—it's for anyone who wants to be part of what God is doing in and through us.

That's why we're hosting Registration Sunday on August 10 in every congregation across the diocese.

On that day, we'll be registering:

- Official delegates and alternates,
- Clergy attending convention,
- And everyone else—visitors, guests, lay leaders, and friends—who feel called to participate.

Each church will have someone available to help with sign-ups, and you can register on your phone or at a church computer/laptop.

Whether you're a first-time attendee or a seasoned convention-goer, we want you to join us.

Because this isn't just an event—it's a movement.

Come and be part of it.

Let's show up. Let's grow together. Let's journey with the Spirit.