

The Convention-Goer's Guide IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - 207-650-6070

REGISTRATION CLOSES on **OCTOBER 7** and EVERYONE must self-register. Thank you for your help!
Register at <https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/diome2016>

Parking - Park at USM's Abromson Center (88 Bedford Street, Portland) in the Portland Parking Garage. Entrance and exit gates are open for free parking and no tickets are dispensed. Entrance into the garage is on Surrenden Street. To exit the garage, approach the exit gates slowly. They will automatically open for you. Enter the Abromson Center directly from the garage. If you have trouble with stairs, elevators are available. Convention registration desk will be located on the first floor.

Check-In - Check-in will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, at the Abromson Center at USM. Registration is alphabetical by last name. All clergy, delegates, alternates, and guests must check-in. Only delegates authorized to vote will be given a voting card and ballot. Registration will cease at 8:45 a.m. Any delegate who wishes to be seated for the 197th Convention after that time must present him/herself to "Late Registration" in the lobby.

Seating - Seating in the Abromson Center Auditorium is reserved for delegates and clergy by Area. Seating for alternates and visitors will be on an as-space-allows basis on the mezzanine level. Lunch seating will be informal at tables scattered on the first and second floors and within classrooms at the Abromson Center. If someone in your delegation has physical limitations or an auditory or visual need that requires attention, please contact Barbara Martin at 800-244-6062 x125 or bmartin@episcopalmaine.org by October 7.

Refreshments and Meals - Coffee service will be available throughout the convention. A full hot breakfast and a buffet lunch are included in your registration. Breakfast will be offered beginning at 7:45 a.m. Registration is \$25 through September 30 and \$30 through the registration deadline, October 7. Register here: <https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/diome2016>

A Word About Meals - Convention draws up to 350 people. With a group so large, it is difficult to accommodate special needs. A wide variety of food options will be available, however.

Voting - All voting members of the Convention will receive a voting card. All "voice votes" and "show of hands" votes will be made by holding up a colored card that will be given to delegates when they register. Only whole cards will be counted. One ballot will be used for all elections to expedite the election process.

Name tags - Please bring your own name tag from your congregation or use the template available on the website. A station to create your own will be available if you forget.

Youth Representatives - Do you know someone who is either in high school or a young adult (up to age 20) who would like to be part of your delegation to Diocesan Convention? Eight young people will be selected to assist their congregations as Diocesan Youth Reps, with voice but not vote. The diocese will pay for their registration. The simple on-line reservation form may be found at <https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/dioyouthrep2016>

Bishop's Address - The address will be available electronically (www.tinyurl.com/diome2016) immediately after it is delivered. Each Priest in Charge and Sr. Warden will also receive an email on Saturday evening with the Bishop's Address attached. No paper copies will be distributed at Convention.