

On the occasion of
197th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine
October 22, 2016
Portland, Maine

“Going Local, Finding God”

“In God's promise and call we find a new identity--an identity that frees us to be able to risk our very lives, because we have a secure future. God's promises of grace, unconditional love, the ultimate restoration of community, and eternal life free us to embrace a posture of trial, failure and experimentation precisely because it isn't all up to us.”

Dwight Zscheile in *The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age*

All things Convention at www.episcopalmaine.org

Pre-Convention Hearing Schedule

This year there will be two Pre-Conventions hearings. Delegates, alternates, clergy, and all those interested in diocesan life are encouraged to attend one. Members of the Finance and Resolutions Committees will be on hand to answer questions about resolutions to be considered and the proposed 2017 budget. Both hearings will be taped and posted on the Diocese of Maine youtube channel: www.youtube.com/episcopalmaine as well as the home page of the Diocese of Maine website.

Thursday, September 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary's, 43 Foreside Road, Falmouth

Thursday, September 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Patrick's, 21 Holyoke Street, Brewer

197th Annual Convention Schedule

All Convention business and meals are held in the Abromson Center ([88 Bedford Street](#)) on the USM Campus in Portland.

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Registration (coffee served all day) - Abromson Center
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Full hot breakfast (included in registration fee) - Lower Atrium
8:45 a.m.	Convention seated by Area
9:00 a.m.	Opening worship and Bishop's Address
9:45 a.m.	Business session opens
12 noon	Noonday Prayers
12:15 p.m.	Area caucuses with election of lay representatives to Diocesan Council
12:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch (included with registration fee) - Upper and Lower Atrium
1:30 p.m.	Business resumes
3:45 p.m.	Closing prayers
4 p.m.	Convention adjourns