The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama
Annual Convention
January 29-30, 2027
The Sheraton, Birmingham, AL

Many Members, One Body (1 Corinthians 12:12)

DELEGATE PROFILE (voting)

- Meets the same eligibility requirements of those eligible for election to a Parish Vestry [1,2,3]
- Desires to participate in the ministry of governance
- Total minimum time commitment: 12 hours, more if attending optional events
    - Capacity to show up prayerfully, spiritually, and **physically** at The Sheraton, Birmingham for 8 hours on Friday, January 29th and 4 hours on Saturday, January 30th, 2027
    - Healthy engagement in pre-convention activities by Zoom or recordings in preparation for making decisions and voting at the main business session
- Facility with technology, willingness to learn, and grace-filled patience when technology doesn't respond as planned
- Openness and curiosity regarding the voice of the Holy Spirit and moments for joyful worship
- Passion for connecting Christ-centered communities with our current sense of God's mission
- Not currently in formation for ordained ministry
- Representation from diverse demographics from our region and communities is encouraged

All voting Delegates are required to have access to their own device <u>for voting</u>:

- Smart phone, tablet, laptop, or personal computer
- Ability to scan a QR code with your device
- Delegates are responsible for securing a reliable internet connection via Wi-Fi or cellular data plan for digital meetings held in preparation for convention, with understanding that the diocese cannot reimburse any costs incurred by cell phone data usage

PARTICIPANT PROFILE (non-voting)

- Includes, but is not limited to, those who support convention – staff and volunteers, and those who watch the live stream
- Wants to learn more about the diocese and its community
- Potentially considering the role of a delegate in the future
- Willing to grow in faith through seeking understanding
- Values gathering and connecting with other faithful Episcopalians across the diocese
- Desires to connect with the stated theme of convention
- Listens to the Holy Spirit, then acts faithfully in the world

[1] Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, ***Canon 3 Section 2***
[2] The Episcopal Church Constitution & Canons, ***Title I Canon 17 Section 3***
[3] Other conditions may be present in the by-laws of the parish, worshiping community, or chaplaincy