

## **Report on General Convention 2018**

**Sunday, September 9 at 11:45 am in the Bloom Room**

Every three years, the Episcopal Church gathers in the largest democratic assembly in the world to discuss, debate, and deliberate on issues affecting the church and the world. This year, the two houses of our legislature met in Austin, Texas from July 4 to 13. Some 450 pieces of legislation were considered. Our Rector was a deputy to this year's Convention. He will share with us the high and low lights of the frenetic ten days in Austin. We will discuss Prayer Book revision, same-sex marriage revisions, the new emphasis in the Church on the Care of Creation, Evangelism, and Racial Reconciliation, and dozens of other topics that will affect all of us directly at GSP. There will also be meaningful discussion around the pigeons that stayed with us all ten days and whether they were actually physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Some may want to talk about how Steve+ will concentrate on legislation at the next General Convention, which will be held in Baltimore, two blocks from Camden Yards. There will also be plenty of opportunity for questions to find out more about your favorite issue, as well as a discussion about how we will implement changes at GSP.

*Presented by the **Rev Steve Keplinger** who was a deputy to the 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.*