The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

6 November 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: Clergy and Senior Wardens in Charge of Congregations without Clergy

FROM: Bishop Kendrick

REFERENCE: 55th Annual Diocesan Convention – **"Let There Be Light"**
February 27-28, 2026
Hilton Pensacola Beach
Hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, Gulf Breeze, Florida

Enclosed are several essential items with specific and/or canonical deadlines. It would be very helpful to my staff if they could receive the requested information before the deadline dates listed.

Links for Online Registration/Certification of Election, Nomination forms, and Resolution form will be available at www.diocgc.org/2026-diocesan-convention.

DATE DUE	ITEM
November 29, 2025	1. **RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND CANONS** (Canon 28 requires all proposals altering or amending canons should be presented in writing 90 days prior to the opening of the Convention, to be distributed to congregations 60 days prior to the opening of the Convention). Please submit your resolution to the Diocesan office by the due date noted.
December 2, 2025	2. **ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS** Fees vary. All Convention attendees must register.
December 29, 2025	3. **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF LAY DELEGATES** (certify using online REGISTRATION form) **Election of delegates must be held on or before December 29, 2025.**
January 13, 2026	4. **GENERAL RESOLUTIONS TO CONVENTION** - Our Rules of Order require that all resolutions be presented in writing 45 days prior to the opening of Convention, to be distributed to congregations 30 days prior to the opening of the Convention. Please submit your resolution to the Diocesan office by the due date noted.
January 13, 2026	5. **2026 CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE REQUEST** (will be sent shortly via separate communication).
January 28, 2026	6. **NOMINATIONS for STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS and GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES** due
January28, 2026	7. **ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES** for delegates (additional fee assessed after this date).

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