

TO: Clerical Delegates, Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates

FROM: The Secretary of Convention

DATE: June 24, 2011

RE: The 110th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

For one hundred and ten years now, Episcopalians throughout the five western counties of the Commonwealth have gathered to discern God's call to mission as the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. This year, we will gather in Convention as one - still leaner and greener as last year but with substantial work to accomplish. While all the details are not yet settled, we are planning:

- a one day mission-focused Convention in Springfield.
- to have all pre-Convention materials available on the Diocesan website. Paper copies will be mailed only to those who request paper copies.
- to make sure the registration fee for delegates and the amount spent from the Diocesan budget for Convention is appropriate to economic realities.

Agenda items include:

congregational stories,
deep thanks to a long term servant who has completed his work,
elections (two Lay General Convention alternates and more),
a cameo visit by a great missionary,
a Missional narrative and budget for 2012
and pre-Convention corridor meetings will be part of the normal round of the 2011 Convention experience.

Therefore, you are hereby notified that the 110th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts will be held at the **Springfield Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, Massachusetts on Saturday, October 29, 2011.**

The Venerable William H. Coyne
Secretary of Convention