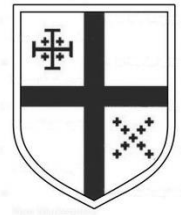


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## 2020 GENERAL CONVENTION



After a delay of two months due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the General Convention will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Waynesboro, VA. The initial call to Convention has been sent to the clergy by email. An information packet will be mailed shortly to the parishes containing further details of the arrangements for Convention.

This year's General Convention will be slightly different to previous years due to the restrictions imposed by the ongoing public health scare. Clergy and delegates will have priority over observers in booking, as the number that can be accommodated at Good Shepherd under the present restrictions is approximately sixty. This should not create any difficulties as recent General Conventions have generally had an attendance of between 45 and 55. It should also be noted that

it is intended to try and confine the business component of the meeting for most delegates to one day.

The documents to be discussed at Convention will be sent out by email by September 1st, so that delegates shall have the opportunity to examine them thoroughly before the Convention meets. It is hoped that this will assist in the efficient dispatch of business at the meeting. Among the matters to be discussed and voted upon are the election of a new Convention President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chancellor. The second reading shall be given to the Preface to the Constitution of the UECNA which was given its first reading and approved at the 2017 General Convention. The text of this is to be found on the UECNA website – [unitedepiscopal.org](http://unitedepiscopal.org).

Also slated to be discussed is a thorough revision of the Canons. The present Canons of the UECNA currently occupy approximately 120 foolscap pages, single-spaced being a variation and slight simplification of the 1958 Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, USA. This set of Canons was produced at the time when PECUSA had over ninety dioceses and three million baptized members. Needless to say, they contain a great deal of material which is irrelevant to the life of the United Episcopal Church, and procedures which it is all but impossible to undertake within our church due to lack of manpower and the widely scattered nature of our dioceses and missionary districts. It is hoped, therefore, that a simpler code of Canons, which ultimately derive from the 1860 PECUSA Canons, will be adopted. The aim is to simplify procedures, eliminate unnecessary regulation, and make the Canons easier to understand and follow. It is thought that the new code will be about half the length of the present document. If the new Canons are approved Titles 1 through 3, and 5 covering the Ministry, Parish Life, Discipline and Miscellaneous Matters will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, whilst Title 4 'Of General Synod' will go into effect once a Constitutional amendment allowing joint sessions of the House of Bishops and the House of Delegates receives a second reading, hopefully in August 2023.



The General Convention will be followed by the Convocation of the Missionary Diocese of the East which will occur on the afternoon of Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Clergy and Delegates from the Eastern Diocese should make travel arrangements on the basis that business will not be concluded until approximate 4:30pm on Friday. (*Continued on Page 2.*)

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## QUICK FACTS

WHEN? Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

WHERE? Good Shepherd Anglican Church, 712 W. Main Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

HOTEL? Quality Inn, 640 W Broad Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Please note that this hotel is directly across the road from the Church. The room rate is \$89 to \$109 per night for the Wednesday and Thursday nights depending on the type of room. Please quote 'United Episcopal Church' to get the correct room rate. The hotel phone number is 540-942-1171.

HOW TO GET HERE? Waynesboro lies in the middle section of the Shenandoah Valley close to the junction of I-81 and the eastern section of I-64 which runs from Staunton to Norfolk, VA. The city is served by the following exits from I-64 - 94, 96, and 99.

The closest airports are Shenandoah Valley (SHD) - 20 miles, and Charlottesville-Albemarle (CHO) - 34 miles). SHD is served by United from Dulles and Chicago O'Hare; CHO from Chicago O'Hare, Dulles, Charlotte, Atlanta, Philadelphia and New York La Guardia.

Amtrak serves Staunton (10 miles) and Charlottesville (26 miles). The General Convention is timed to coincide with the thrice weekly Cardinal to/from Staunton. Charlottesville is served daily by the Crescent and Northeast Regional trains.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION? Piper Robinson will be coordinating transport for those who would like to be met at an airport (SHD or CHO) or Amtrak station or those who will be renting a vehicle and are willing to carpool. Email [piperlady77@msn.com](mailto:piperlady77@msn.com).

WEATHER? October in Waynesboro has an average temperature of a high of 67F and a low of 43F with 6 days of rain. We will pray for dry, sunny days so you can enjoy the amazing autumn colors. Waynesboro is at the northern end of the Blue Ridge Parkway, just 10 minutes away with no entry fee.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Please email the Presiding Bishop's Office at [revpdr@msn.com](mailto:revpdr@msn.com), or phone 540-942-1928.

### *United Episcopal Churchwomen*

New officers must be elected during General Convention. We need volunteers for President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer. All women in the UECNA are members of the UECW and may serve as officers. The time invested is minimal, as there are no meetings, just email communications. The Secretary sends out thank you notes for donations and the Treasurer maintains the checkbook and deposits donations. All four offices have 3-year terms. Please consider helping the UECW by stepping up and taking a turn.

Present officers are: President, Piper Robinson; Vice-President, Nancy McDonald; Secretary, Susan Hustwick; and, Treasurer, Beth Lepak. For more information or to volunteer, please contact one of them or email [piperlady77@msn.com](mailto:piperlady77@msn.com).

### CLERGY NOTICES

The Rev. Daniel Sparks was received into the United Episcopal Church by Letters of Transfer from the Convocation of Anglicans in North America on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. The Rev. Mr. Sparks serves as a Veterans' Administration Hospital Chaplain in Columbia, MO.

MDE:

The Rev. J. T. Brantley to be Registrar of the Latimer Theological Institute

The Rev. B. T. Davis, and the Rev. Dr. J. C. King conditionally ordained to the diaconate June 26th 2020, and conditionally ordained priest on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, both service were at St John's Reformed Church, Kannapolis, NC.

MDW:

The Rev. George Parrish, licensed as priest in charge of St Paul's Anglican Church, Prescott, AZ, commencing June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.