

St. Michael's Resource Guide

Delegates and Alternates

Overview

Congratulations on your election as Delegate or Alternate! You have agreed to be a representative (or alternate representative) of the local church at Diocesan events and Southern Deanery Meetings for the upcoming year.

In this position, you will:

- Attend Southern Deanery Meetings (3), see "Time and Travel Commitment"
- Attend Annual Diocesan Convention (2-day event), see "Time and Travel Commitment"

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you have been elected as a Delegate*, you will be called upon to discuss and vote on matters facing the whole Diocese, at Southern Deanery Meetings and Annual Diocesan Convention.
- *If you have been elected as an Alternate*, you will only need to plan on attending Annual Diocesan Convention, and only if an elected Delegate is not able to attend. If you are contacted to serve in this capacity, you will be asked to discuss and vote on matters facing the whole Diocese at the Annual Diocesan Convention.

Time and Travel Commitment

- You will be asked to attend three (3) quarterly Southern Deanery Meetings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bakersfield, CA.
 - Meetings are held at 10:30 AM, and generally last 2 hours.
 - Come at 9:30 AM if you wish to attend a Eucharist service.
 - Meeting dates will be solidified in the next year; expect to attend one meeting every 3 months. Contact the Clerk for meeting dates.
 - You will need to be able to arrange travel to and from Bakersfield. Assistance is available; please contact the Bishop's Committee (BC).
 - Report meeting topics to the BC or congregation following a Southern Deanery Meeting. You may choose to do so as a church announcement, in person at a BC Meeting, or via email to a BC member.
- You will be asked to attend the Annual Diocesan Convention. In 2020, this event will occur in November. Annual Diocesan Convention is a **Two-Day** event. Contact the Clerk for meeting dates.
 - Plan for Annual Diocesan Convention to take place at the Episcopal Conference Center, Oakhurst (ECCO). ECCO is north of Fresno, CA, near the intersection of State Highways 41 and 49.
 - You will need to be able to arrange travel to and from ECCO.
 - You will need to arrange for lodging at ECCO or in the neighboring areas.
 - Lodging at ECCO ranges from \$50 to \$100/night and includes meals.
 - You will also be required to pay an additional \$25 registration fee.

Travel, Lodging, and Registration assistance is available; please contact the BC

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We thank God for you, and we look forward to serving with you in the coming year!