



# The Diocese of Eau Claire

The Episcopal Church in Northwestern Wisconsin

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Dear Friends and Family of the Diocese of Eau Claire,

We will hold our Diocesan Convention this year on November 9. Except for a one day special Convention in 2014 to deal with our Constitution and Canons, this is the first one day Convention of the Diocese since I have been your bishop. We will convene at 9 am. We will have the Eucharist and lunch in the middle of the day. Unlike previous years, we will definitely reconvene in the afternoon. Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire is hosting this year's Convention. All events will be at the Church. We will be setting aside a group of rooms at the Lismore Hotel for those who wish to come Friday night. The Lismore is three blocks from the Cathedral.

There will not be a Convention Leader or Speaker this year. We will have elections and presentation of the budget. The main work will be the future of our Diocese. Our most immediate work concerns the Episcopate. After I leave in October 2020 because I turn 72 years old, are you to elect a new bishop or work with another diocese to share a bishop and possibly juncture with that Diocese? I want us to discuss this matter, pray about it at the Eucharist, share again over lunch, and then vote.

At the Eucharist I will be installing two honorary canons. Kathy Charles will become Canon for Elderly Transitions. She will help parishes as a resource for members who lack family support and need to relocate from where they are to a new facility that will meet changing health needs. Tanya Scheff will become Canon for Multi-Cultural Ministries. She will lead the Diocese in Anti-Racism training and represent the Diocese in working with minorities, especially Native Americans.

You will find in correspondence from me and others details regarding Convention that involve registration, agenda, budget, and other matters. I hope that you will attend one of the pre-Convention hearings prior to Convention. You will get that schedule in early October. This is the place to ask questions and learn about the budget, any resolutions, and about those running for elected positions. In short, attending the pre-Convention hearings is how you go to Convention informed.

I wish you all God's blessings as you prepare for Convention, and I look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral. With my love and best wishes, I am,

Your brother in Christ,

William Jay Lambert  
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