

# Grace Episcopal Church

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Dear Fellow Members of the Diocese of Kentucky,

The Wardens, Vestry, and People of Grace Hopkinsville join with me in welcoming you to our church and our community for the 185<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention on November 9-10, 2012. Except for the banquet on Friday evening, which will be held at the beautiful James E. Bruce Convention Center, all of the Convention activities will take place at Grace. We are located at the corner of Liberty St. and E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., in downtown Hopkinsville. We have plenty of parking and are planning to have numerous volunteers to greet you outside and help with any needs you might have.

Registration will begin on Friday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m. (CST). The theme of the Convention is Five Marks of Mission, and, during the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to participate in five break-out groups to generate ideas about how parishes are living out each of the Five Marks and how we can all live them out more fully. Our Convention Eucharist is at 5:00 p.m., and, after that, we will travel a few miles to the Bruce Center where a reception will be held at 7:00 and banquet at 8:00. The hotels that we are suggesting are located near the Convention Center, so you may have time to check into your room before going to the event.

Information about hotel reservations is included in this mailing. We have blocked rooms at Holiday Inn, Comfort Suites, and Hampton Inn. Holiday Inn is the only hotel with a full-service restaurant and bar, but all three have continental breakfast available. We will also have continental breakfast Saturday morning at the church and at Aaron McNeil House--our crisis relief agency that is supported by the Diocese and designated as a Jubilee Center. Several people have indicated an interest in visiting Aaron McNeil during the Convention, and they are looking forward to receiving guests and showing you around on Saturday morning. We are suggesting that you bring personal care items with you to donate to Aaron McNeil. They give out hygiene packs that include razors, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, 4-packs of toilet paper, single or family packs of toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.—so any of those items are much in demand.

We will have snacks available at Grace throughout the Convention and will serve box lunches on Saturday that are guaranteed to be the best box lunches you have ever tasted! Grace cooks are the best (!), and ECW will have cookbooks and aprons for sale.

Registration forms to attend the Convention are to be returned to the Diocesan Office no later than October 10. Please indicate any child care or special food requirements on that form.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Faithfully,

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