



# 176th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee

Saturday, October 21, 2023  
Middleton, WI

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## Welcome letter from the Rev. Canon Scott Leannah

Dear friends,

It is a blessing and a gift to welcome you to this year's convention. We come together this year in a time of transition, hope, and commitment.

This is a time of **transition**. We have recently concluded a time of renewal and change with +Jeff Lee as our Bishop Provisional. Now that he has retired, our Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority. We are truly blessed by their leadership. As your Canon, I assure you that your diocesan staff remains deeply committed to being of service and support in any way that we can. Today, we will come together for prayer, to hear about what's happening in our common life in this diocese, and to engage in decision-making. We will be asked to vote on a resolution to enter into a time of more focused discernment, preparation, planning and discussion as we consider reunion of the three Episcopal dioceses of Wisconsin. This vote will, in turn, lead us to further transition. As people of faith we are rooted in the dynamic of transition. We believe in a God who refuses to be contained!

This is a time of **hope**. Today we are living in the midst of a great deal of fear, uncertainty and division. It is everywhere. Now more than ever we need to be reminded of the good news of God in Jesus Christ. That good news reminds us that love wins. It is stronger than fear, sin, pain, brokenness and even death itself. We are a people of hope. Our Episcopal way of being church is grounded in our hope in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ. Across this diocese, there is story after story of how hope is being experienced, lived and shared in our parishes. Once we start to recognize hope in its many manifestations, we see it everywhere. It is like putting on a new set of lenses! Hope is here, in our midst, as we gather for this convention.

This is a time of **commitment**. We are together today because of a shared sense of commitment. We believe that our way of following Jesus in the Episcopal Church is worth living, celebrating, and sharing. This commitment undergirds our efforts at mission and ministry. It is the reason our common life is organized as it is. This commitment is the reason we are in serious conversation with the dioceses of Fond du Lac and Eau Claire about the possibility of reunion. We are so committed to following Christ in this unique, life-giving way that we are exploring reunion.

We are a people in the midst of transition, rooted in hope, who have a shared commitment to following Jesus Christ. At this convention, may we have open eyes, minds and hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,



Fr. Scott Leannah  
Canon to the Ordinary

**Timeline for the 176th Annual Convention  
of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee**

Saturday, October 21, 2023: Madison Marriott West

8 - 9:00 AM	Check-in Vendor & ministry booths available for browsing
9 - 10:45 AM	<b>Business session 1</b> Event logistics & safety info, land acknowledgement Call to order, introductory business, appointments Greeting from Assisting Bishop Matt Gunter Pastoral Address from Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller Approval of 2022 Minutes Voting system orientation Elections Reports: -Safe Church policy report from Deacon Terry Garner -Report from Canon Scott Leannah Necrology
10:45 - 11 AM	Break Vendor & ministry booths available for browsing
11 - 12 PM	Eucharist
12 - 1 PM	Lunch Vendor & ministry booths available for browsing
1 - 2:30 PM	<b>Business session 2</b> Resolutions -Province V Migration Resolution -Clergy Minimum Compensation 2024 Budget Introduce Trialogue Resolution with special rules of order
2:30 - 2:45 PM	Break Vendor & ministry booths available for browsing
2:45 PM - end of business	<b>Business session 2 continued</b> Triologue Resolution continued Resolutions of Privilege & Courtesy Conclude business & adjourn

\*The timeline is best interpreted as a sequence for the day rather than a firm schedule– times are approximate.

## Wifi information

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**Network:** MarriottBonvoy\_ConferenceMarriot

No password is necessary to join the wifi network.

You may also use mobile data to access the internet for electronic voting.

## Appointments

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The Rules of Order require that the convention confirm the appointment of the Chancellor, the Historiographer, the Parliamentarian, and the Commission on Ministry.

**Chancellor** (*Reappointment*): Mark Ehrmann, Esq.

**Historiographer** (*Reappointment*): Randy Miller, PhD

**Parliamentarian** (*Reappointment*): John Washbush

**Parliamentarian Pro Tempore** (*New appointment*): The Rev. Dave Mowers

**Commission on Ministry**

*New appointments*

Randy Kunkel

*Reappointments*

The Rev. Seth Dietrich

The Rev. Nancy Hills

Ashley Humphrey

Vince Katter

The Rev. Pippa Lindwright (President)

The Rev. Seth Raymond

Mary Thickens