



August 2024

Hello from St. Andrews in Liberal Kansas!!!!

We are thrilled to host this year's Diocese of Western Kansas convention on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for all of you to arrive and experience the Southwest Kansas culture AND climate. A place where Dorothy lives, and home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest private Air Museum in the United States. We folks here have a saying, "If we didn't live here...we'd be packing up to move here!" The people here at St. Andrews have been working hard to give all of you a wonderful and spiritual experience.

Our theme this year for the convention is "THE GOSPEL BEGINS WITH GO!". A theme that hits home with the true mission of our Diocese! GO is in GOD.....GO is in GOSPEL.....AND GO is in GOOD FELLOWSHIP...GOOD FRIENDS...and GOOD TIMES!!! As we all work hard in continuing our lives as Episcopalians, we all face different challenges. It will be nice to take a moment and lean on each other, face to face, and support one another in all that we do. The future looks scary and exciting all at the same time. And what better way to face the future, than with a room full of Gods faithful?

Please join us in celebrating that faith where love, joy, and peace exist right here in Liberal Kansas.

Can't wait to see you all!!!

Blessings,

Fr. Jeff Mitchell  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church



# The Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas

FIFTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 18-19, 2024

The Gospel Begins With



August 5, 2024

TO: CLERGY, WARDENS, DELEGATES, DIOCESAN COUNCIL & STANDING  
COMMITTEE FROM: TONI COTTRELL, DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DIOCESAN CONVENTION

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WESTERN KANSAS will be held on October 18-19, 2024, Our Hosts will be St. Andrew's in Liberal.

### FORMS: (enclosed) TO BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED:

**NOTE:** Please take a moment to look at the enclosed forms. They need your attention and must be returned by certain dates to help avoid delay and uncertainty in conducting the business of the Convention. ***In order to save postage, we are sending only one copy of each form. Please make duplicates of any or all forms, as you may need these.***

**IMPORTANT:** Please place notice in your parish/mission newsletter or otherwise give your parishioner's opportunity to make nominations, submit resolutions, canonical changes, etc.

**PLEASE OBSERVE DEADLINES** – In the case of Proposed Resolutions or Canonical Changes, the deadlines must be observed according to the Canons.

### 1. SUGGESTIONS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.**

Please get permission of person to place his/her name into the nominating process.

### 2. TO PROPOSE CANONICAL AMENDMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS

**PREFERRED DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.**

The Canons permit you to send these up to 21 days prior to the Convention.

### 3. NECROLOGY LIST

To be returned no later than **SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.**...for clergy to report all deaths, in the churches they served since last Convention.

**NOTICE:** *Schedules and information about Convention will be sent to clergy and lay delegates. The sheaf of reports and other information will be available prior to the Convention. Please forward any address changes for your Convention Delegates to the Diocesan Office.*

**DUE IN DIOCESAN OFFICE – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION ELECTIONS NOMINATIONS FORM**

This form is to be filled out for those persons being nominated for elected positions at the 2023 Diocesan Convention, held in Salina, KS. (***NOTE: if the second reading of the canonical change to the size and scope of the combination of the Standing Committee/Diocesan council passes, there will need to be adjustments to the amount of members able to serve.***) Those positions are:

**STANDING COMMITTEE** – One clergy and one lay member, each for a three-year term.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL** – Two clergy and two lay members, each for a three-year term.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** – One clergy and one lay member, each for a two-year term. Bishop will appoint one lay member, one clergy members and a chairperson (from the clergy order). **DISCIPLINARY BOARD** – 3 Members to be appointed by the bishop.

You can submit a nomination online at: <https://www.diowks.org/convention-forms-and-resources> or Send all nominations to the **Diocesan Office, 1 North Main, Suite 411, Hutchinson, KS 67501** or by email: [tec.wks2011@gmail.com](mailto:tec.wks2011@gmail.com). Completed nomination forms will be duplicated and available during Convention. **PLEASE LIMIT THE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH TO THIS SIDE OF THE FORM.** Use one form per office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated for which office:

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**Biographical Sketch:**

**PROVINCIAL SYNOD/GENERAL CONVENTION – Eight clergy and eight lay members. (Four deputies and four alternates in each order.) Those elected will represent the Diocese at Provincial Synod and General Convention. (Provincial Synod: Online Meeting Spring 2027)  
(General Convention: July 2027, Phoenix, AZ.)**

**CLERGY NOMINATED**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

**LAY-PERSONS NOMINATEED**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

## **2024 COMMITTEE ROSTERS AND YEAR OF TERM EXPIRATION**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Dn. Shane Schneider- 2024  
Mrs. Pam Smith – 2024  
The Rev. Don Martin – 2025  
Mrs. Jennifer Higgins – 2025  
The Rev. Canon Shay Craig – 2026 (President)  
Mr. Butch Pyle - 2026

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL:**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Cowell - President  
The Rev. Teresa Lahar – 2024  
The Rev. Todd Ray – 2024  
Mrs. Nikki Houchen – 2024  
Mrs. Jill Stromberg – 2024  
The Rev. Jeff Mitchell – 2025  
Mrs. Harvetta Von Fange – 2025  
The Rev Charles Kerschen – 2025  
Mr. Rick Wulf – 2025  
The Rev. Jerry Jones – 2026  
The Rev. Cameron Randle – 2026 (Vice President)  
Mrs. Carolyn Peterson 2026 (Secretary)  
Mrs. Nan Pyle - 2026

### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY:**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Milliken – Chair  
The Rev. Scott Mentzer – 2024  
Mrs. Debra Mentzer – 2024  
Mrs. Margie Prewitt – 2024  
The Rev. Teresa Lahar – 2025  
Mrs. Sara Kirkhart – 2025  
The Rev. Dn. Sandra Herder – 2025  
Mrs. Carolyn Peterson - 2025

**DUE IN DIOCESAN OFFICE – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

- 1. The following Resolution(s) is submitted for recommendation and for consideration by Convention.
  
- 2. The following Constitutional Amendments are submitted for recommendation and first reading at Convention.
  
- 3. The following Canonical Amendments are submitted for recommendation and second reading for consideration by Convention.

**NOTE:** According to the canons, resolutions and constitutional and canonical changes may be submitted up to **21 days prior** to the Convention.

Submitted by:

NAME:\_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY\_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH\_\_\_\_\_

**DUE IN DIOCESAN OFFICE – SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

**NAMES OF PERSONS FOR THE NECROLOGY LIST**

*(Please list for all the churches you serve and identify the departed as to residence and date of death – since last Convention.)*

Submitted by:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_



**Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas**  
**54th Annual Diocesan Convention | October 18-19, 2024 | Liberal, KS.**

## Registration Information for all Delegates, Visitors, and Vendors

Attendee's name as it appears on badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Registration (circle one)

Clergy delegate

Lay delegate

Lay alternate

Visitor

Staff

### Registration Costs

Registration Costs			
Convention & banquet		\$75.00/per person	\$
Convention Only (Delegates and Clergy)		\$35.00 per person	\$
Convention Only (Non-Delegates Only)		\$0/per person	\$
Banquet only		\$40.00/per person	\$
Thursday evening gathering		St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 521 N Sherman Ave Liberal 6:00 p.m.	Free Will Offering
Display table		\$5/per table Exhibitor Form in Packet	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$
Please list any Food Allergies			

Please return a completed copy of this form for each person attending the Convention, to the Diocese of Western Kansas, 1 N. Main, Suite 411, Hutchinson, KS 67501. *We prefer that you register on our website at <http://www.diowks.org/convention-registration>.* Please send only ONE CHECK payable to the Diocese of Western Kansas for all attendees from your congregation.

Return this form as soon as possible. Registration closes October 1, 2024. Payment must be included. If you have questions or special needs, food allergies, etc. you may call 620-669-0006 or e-mail [tec.wks2011@gmail.com](mailto:tec.wks2011@gmail.com).





## **2024 Proposed Fifty-Fourth Diocesan Convention Schedule**

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### **Thursday, October 17**

**1:00 PM:** *Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament at Liberal Country Club 339 W E 18th Street.*

**6:00 PM:** *Pre - Convention Event at St. Andrew's Church. 521 N. Sherman Liberal (Free-will donation)*

### **Friday, October 18**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM:** *Early Registration for Convention at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal.*

**8:00 – 9:30 AM:** *Exhibitors set up at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal.*

**10:30 AM:** *Opening Eucharist at St. Andrew's Church. 521 N. Sherman Liberal.*

**11:45 AM:** *Lunch on your own.*

**12:30 PM** *Registration at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal.*

**2:00 PM:** *Convention Opening Session at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal.*

**3:30 PM:** *Break*

**3:45 PM:** *Workshop – TBA*

**5:00 PM:** *Convention Recess and Committee Meetings. (TBA)*

**6:00 PM:** *Social Time, banquet, awards, and raffle at Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal.*

### **Saturday, October 19**

**Morning:** *Breakfast on your own at your hotel.*

**9:00 AM:** *Clergy Spouse Breakfast at the Fairfield Inn, 501 Hotel Dr. Liberal.*

**10:00 AM:** *Morning Prayer and UTO Ingathering at the Liberal Conference Center, 503 Hotel Dr, Liberal*

**10:45 AM:** *Conclusion of Convention Business*

# CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

**The Convention and Banquet will be held at the Hotel**

## **Fairfield Inn and Suites**

501 Hotel Dr, Liberal, KS 67901

When reserving a room by phone use *Episcopal Convention for the discounted rate.*

(620) 624-1200



## **When booking online:**

The Hotel is having trouble creating an online registration. Once it is available we will send the information out. You can call and make a reservation.

**Reservation Cut-off date:** 30 days until date of arrival or until the hotel has sold out.

There are other hotels in Liberal which do not have any special rates for our group.

## **Hampton Inn & Suites** (Near Convention Center)

508 Hotel Drive, Liberal, KS. 67901

620-604-0699

# *RESTAURANT INFORMATION*

**Brickhouse BBQ & Brew**  
24 E. 2nd

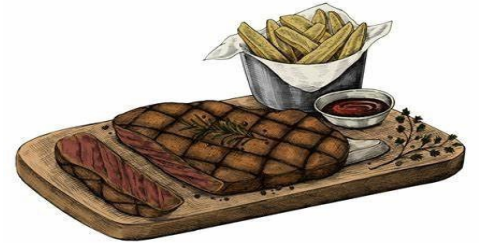
**Cattleman's II Cafe**  
744 E Pancake Blvd

**Mariscos Sinaloa (Mexican food)**  
1115 N Kansas Ave

**Mixteca Grill (Mexican food)**  
2324 N Kansas

**Napoli's Italian Restaurant**  
2 Rock Island Rd.

**One Way Deli 12 W 3rd (cash only - no  
cards accepted)**





# EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



## 'BUILD A BASKET'

Donations can be delivered during Diocesan Convention Registration.

You can purchase tickets at \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 Friday Morning.

Raffle drawing will be during the Diocesan Convention Banquet on Friday, October 18th.

Basket Ideas: Spa, K-State, K.U. Fort Hays, Wichita State, Themed Dinner, Kids Basket, Gift Certificates, Coffee Baskets, or Wine Baskets.

Questions? Contact Toni Cottrell at [tec.wks.2011@gmail.com](mailto:tec.wks.2011@gmail.com)

## Follow or Post on Social Media

Facebook—Diocese of Western Kansas

Instagram: diowks

When you posting to social media (Facebook or Instagram) be sure to use the hashtag: **#diowks24**



# slido

Slido is away for everyone to interact during convention. We will have polls, and you can also submit a question that you want answered. You will need to download the **Slido** app available on the Android Play Store or Apple Store for Apple Devices. Once downloaded enter Code # 1425833, or you can access it from the QR code below.



# WE ARE MOVING!

Effective August 15, 2024

We have outgrown our current space and are moving across the hall in the same location. Please update your records. All the information is the same except for the Suite number, which is now 411.

Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas

1 North Main St., Suite 411

Hutchinson, KS 67501

