



## Summary of Clergy Webinar for October 27, 2020

Bishop Goff began the webinar with a prayer drawn from the Forward Movement [Season of Prayer for an Election](#).

She also reminded the attendees that open hearings on resolutions and the diocesan budget will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Delegates and canonically resident clergy will receive a link to those hearings. The Narrative Budget, accompanying the traditional budget document, will come out on Thursday.

A poll was taken to see if the clergy would like to add another webinar addressing the work of the Eucharistic Task Force vis-à-vis pastoral visits by clergy and licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors as well as the work of the Regathering Task Force on the subject of church staff returning to their offices.

The response was strongly in favor (94%) of an additional webinar. Given the option of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>, 55% asked for November 17<sup>th</sup>, so there will be a clergy webinar on those topics on that date.

The primary focus topic was about the logistics and technology for Annual Convention on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Erin Kamran and Nancy Chafin, with the assistance of Joe Klem from St. Andrew's, Arlington, laid out the process of participation and what it would look like. Click here to see their [powerpoint](#).

A couple of important notes: voting convention attendees will need to preregister with Zoom for the Convention. (delegates and canonically resident clergy only). Delegates are encouraged to attend the Open Hearings on October 31. That will also provide an opportunity for attendees to familiarize themselves with the online technology. We also note the important date of Nov 12<sup>th</sup> which will be a Tech Practice session to help attendees get even more comfortable with the technology and we ask clergy to encourage lay delegates to attend. Emails will be sent to remind delegates of these events and will include links to the zoom meetings.

### *Q&A Relating to Convention*

When will that link be published? **Zoom links for open hearings will come out tomorrow, or Thursday at the latest. Links for convention itself will come out the week of convention.**

If a parish is registering as a group, will each person receive a pre-registration link for Zoom? **Yes. When you register all the delegates, they should have their individual email addresses included. We will use that list of mail addresses for them.**

I received an Eventbrite ticket. However, confirmation from DioVA will be separate, correct? **You will receive an email with the pre-registration link during the week before convention. That will get you the zoom link to join Convention– it's a two-step registration.**

Aside from a personal computer, I assume that delegates could also use tablets and (in a worst-case scenario) phones to participate? **Yes, you're correct in that assumption.**

Is there a difference between "discussing" amendments and "submitting" amendments? May we submit amendments at the open hearings? **Amendments may be discussed at the open hearings. Amendments should be submitted in writing before the open hearings. After the open hearings, amendments may be submitted in writing up until Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Delegates may still be able to speak for or against resolutions at Convention. They just cannot propose amendments.**

In prior conventions, if someone wanted to speak to the budget, they had to have been present for the hearing and the topic would have had to have been addressed in the budget open hearing. Have delegates been reminded of this? **We will do so.**

You mentioned that there will be simultaneous translation available in Spanish and Korean at Convention. Will there be provision for the deaf? **Since each person will be on their own device, they will have their options that they can elect to take advantage of.**

Why is there still a registration fee if we are meeting online? **There are still costs associated with Convention, even an online one. We will have translators for Spanish and Korean, two for each language. We will have a tech specialist as well.**

We're having a Region Convention delegate (clergy and lay) Zoom meeting next week for questions and conversation (especially helpful for first-time attendees). Will this presentation be available for us to use? **As you can see, the Powerpoint, which contains all the relevant information, is available via a link above.**

Is there going to be a worship service? **Yes, a service of Holy Eucharist with spiritual communion, and it will be recorded and available for you to use on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>, as we did for the Labor Day weekend service.**

Is additional registration needed for Oct 31, or was Convention registration sufficient? **Convention registration will suffice.**

#### Non-Convention Q&A

What's the latest on singing? **The science continues to emerge. The development of singers' masks is a helpful thing for a small group of choral singers, performing properly spaced and well away from the congregation. It would still be too great a risk to have congregational singing, particularly since the new cases of COVID-19 are going up again around our Diocese.**