

“Closing the Gap Between Religion and Life”

The 229th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Fredericksburg Convention Center

November 2-4, 2023

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

(last updated 9/7/23)

Thursday, November 2

- 2:00 p.m. Convention Check-in opens
Exhibitor Check-in opens
- 2:30p.m. Reparations Presentation
Truth and Reparations Task Force
Communications Presentation
Canon Easton Davis, Diocese of Atlanta (limited to 50) ***More details to come!***
Discernment Presentation
The Rev. Sarah Kye Price
Best Practices for Small Churches Presentation
Canon d’Rue Hazel and The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham
Best Practices for Accounting and Bookkeeping Presentation
Mr. Ted Smith
- 4:00 p.m. Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Gathering
The intent of the gathering is to bring together Black, Indigenous, People of Color to share information, hear from our Bishops, and express our collective hopes and dreams for the future of ministry and life in the Diocese of Virginia.
- 5:00 p.m. Vesting for Evensong (Clergy vest - Academic Hoods)
- 5:30 p.m. Evensong
Homilist, The Right Rev’d Doctor John Perumbalath, Bishop of Liverpool
Officiant, The Rev. Marybeth Sanders-Wilson, Associate Rector for Family Ministry and Pastoral Care, St. James’, Leesburg VA.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Friday, November 3

- 7:00a.m. Convention Check-in opens

- 7:00 a.m. Grab and Go Coffee and Breakfast (For those staying in hotels listed on our website, breakfast is included in your hotel stay)
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Session Begins
- 9:30 a.m. Bishop Stevenson’s Pastoral Address
- 10:15 a.m. Racial Justice and Healing Presentation
Dr. Catherine Meeks, founding executive director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing
- 11:45 a.m. Discipleship Presentation
Canon for Discipleship* and Heidi J. Kim, Consultant
*The Diocese of Virginia is in the midst of a search for a Canon for Discipleship. The new Canon, joined by Search Consultant Heidi J. Kim, will speak about the vision for this work in our diocese.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided for all in the Exhibit Hall
- 2:45p.m. Panel Discussion-Bishops and Presentation Leaders
- 4:30p.m. Holy Eucharist
The Rt. Rev’d Gayle E. Gayle Harris, Homilist
The Rt. Rev’d E. Mark Stevenson, Celebrant
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Saturday, November 4

- 7:30 a.m. Grab and Go Coffee and Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. General Session re-convenes
- 8:45 a.m. Report of the Committee on Church Status
- 9:30 a.m. Report of the Committee on Resolutions
- 10:45 a.m. Report of the Treasurer – Mr. Ted Smith
Report of the Committee on Budget
- 11:30 a.m. Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons
- 12:15 p.m. Closing remarks
- 12:30 p.m. Annual Convention Concludes