

Special Convention

To Elect a Bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Saturday, June 1, 2019



The Cathedral Church of St. Paul
4800 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan



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May 1, 2019

Dear Colleagues in Ministry:



Since announcing my intention to retire and the call for the election of the 11th Bishop of Michigan, those entrusted by our Constitution and Canons with responsibilities surrounding the election process have been hard at work and faithful to the leadings of the Holy Spirit. The time is now upon us for convention delegates – lay and clergy – to respond to the calling of God's Spirit and proceed to the election of our next bishop. Therefore, I invite our clergy and lay delegates to gather with me

on Saturday, June 1st at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit to worship, pray and cast their ballots during this historic and holy moment in the life of our diocesan community.

Our time together will begin with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and continue prayerfully through the canonical process of election and, at the proper moment, the signing of the testimonial of election. An electing convention has not occurred in the Diocese of Michigan since October, 1999. It is now time for us, filled with gratitude for what is past, sustained by the grace of the present moment and confident in the future that lies ahead, to choose a companion in ministry for the new chapter of diocesan life that is upon us.

Come; let us be together as we continue to become Beloved Community!

Peace and blessings,

Bishop Gibbs

The Rt. Rev'd Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr.
Bishop

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From the Secretary of Convention

May 1, 2019

Dear Members of Convention:

The Special Convention to elect the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan will take place:

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Schedule for the Day: The Special Convention will convene at 9:30 a.m. A draft schedule for the day is enclosed. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. in the gallery of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

Lay Delegates: Each congregation of the diocese is entitled to three (3) lay delegates and three (3) lay alternates. Packets will be mailed to each delegate on record in the diocesan office. If there are changes to your lay delegation, please report those changes to the diocesan office as soon as possible (jmichalak@edomi.org or 313.833.4414).

Clergy Eligible to Vote: Clergy **both** canonically and actually residing in the Diocese of Michigan will be eligible to vote in the Special Convention. **Clergy who are eligible to vote must contact the bishop's office to request permission to be excused from the Special Convention.**

Registration/Credentials: A delegate or clergy registration/credential card is enclosed for members of convention eligible to vote. Please fill out the card and present it at the Special Convention Registration desk on June 1.

Seating at Convention: Voting clergy and voting lay delegates will sit together in a designated area. All other attendees for the Special Convention will be asked to sit in a visitor's section. This includes alternates, non-voting clergy and all observers and guests.

Convention Lunch Break: Delegates and visitors to convention are welcomed to reserve a boxed lunch for the mid-day break at the cost of \$12.00 each. A reservation form is enclosed in this packet, or you can reserve a lunch on the diocesan website at www.edomi.org/specialconvention/.

Dispatch of Business: A copy of the Dispatch of Business and Special Rules of Order for the convention are included in this packet. **Please note: Our Canons do not provide for nominations from the floor.**

The Walkabouts: These open meetings are an opportunity for clergy, lay delegates and alternates and all others interested, to meet and hear from the candidates for bishop. These moderated sessions will last approximately two (2) hours each. Persons eligible to vote in the Special Convention are encouraged to attend at least one of the following Walkabouts:

- Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.: The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit
- Saturday, May 18, 4:00 p.m.: All Saints', East Lansing
- Sunday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.: St. Clare's of Assisi, Ann Arbor

We look forward to seeing you on June 1 and are available to answer any questions that you may have. We also encourage you to visit the diocesan website and view the candidate videos: <https://www.edomi.org/candidates/>.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. W. Richard Hamlin
Secretary of Convention

Questions regarding the Special Convention to Elect a Bishop
can be addressed to:

The Rev. Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Secretary of Convention
secretaryofconvention@edomi.org

Canon Jo Ann Hardy, Diocesan Administrator
jhardy@edomi.org or 313.833.4422

All information in this packet can also be found on our diocesan website:

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The Cathedral Church of St. Paul/Diocesan Center

Tentative Schedule

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| 8:00 a.m. | Registration opens & Continental Breakfast Available |
| 9:30 a.m. | Convention convenes with Holy Eucharist

<i>Electing of Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Convention</i>
<i>Report of Registrar</i>
<i>Report of Committee on Lay Qualifications</i>
<i>Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business</i>
<i>Report of the Search and Nomination Committee</i>
<i>Balloting Process Begins</i> |
| 12:15 | Noon Day Prayers

<i>Lunch Break</i> |
| 1:30 p.m. | Convention reconvenes

<i>Balloting Process Continues (as needed)</i>
<i>Delegates execute Testimonial of Election</i>
<i>Benediction and Adjournment</i> |



DISPATCH OF BUSINESS & GENERAL RULES OF ORDER
The Special Convention to Elect a Bishop of
the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION
SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2019 – 9:30 A.M.

- I. Convention convenes with Holy Eucharist
- II. Election of Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Convention
- III. Report of the Registrar
- IV. Report of the Committee on Lay Qualifications
- V. Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business
- VI. Report of the Search and Nomination Committee
- VII. The Chair of the Election Commission gives instructions to the voting members as to the voting procedure
- VIII. Balloting process begins
- IX. Mid - Day Prayers
- X. Lunch break

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.

- I. Balloting process repeats as needed
- II. Declaration and announcement of the Election of 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan
- III. Voting members of convention execute Testimonial of Election
- IV. Closing Prayer and Blessing
- V. Adjournment

GENERAL RULES OF ORDER

Each business session of the Convention will be opened with prayer.

According to Canon I.3.2.6, the clergy and layperson Members of Convention shall vote separately, by orders. A majority of votes of each order on the same ballot shall be necessary to elect.

After the ballots have been counted and the election completed, the Elections Commission shall prepare a written certificate to be signed by a majority of the Commission, indicating the number of ballots cast, the number disqualified, and the results of the election. The name of the person elected shall be announced by the Secretary of Convention, and entered in the minutes of the Convention.

The rules contained in the current edition of “*Roberts Rules of Order-Newly Revised*” shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of The General Convention, or of the diocese, or the General Rules of Order of this Convention.

The President may recognize Points of Personal Privilege only during the time designated for announcements by the Secretary at the end of the last business session.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul/Diocesan Center
4800 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201

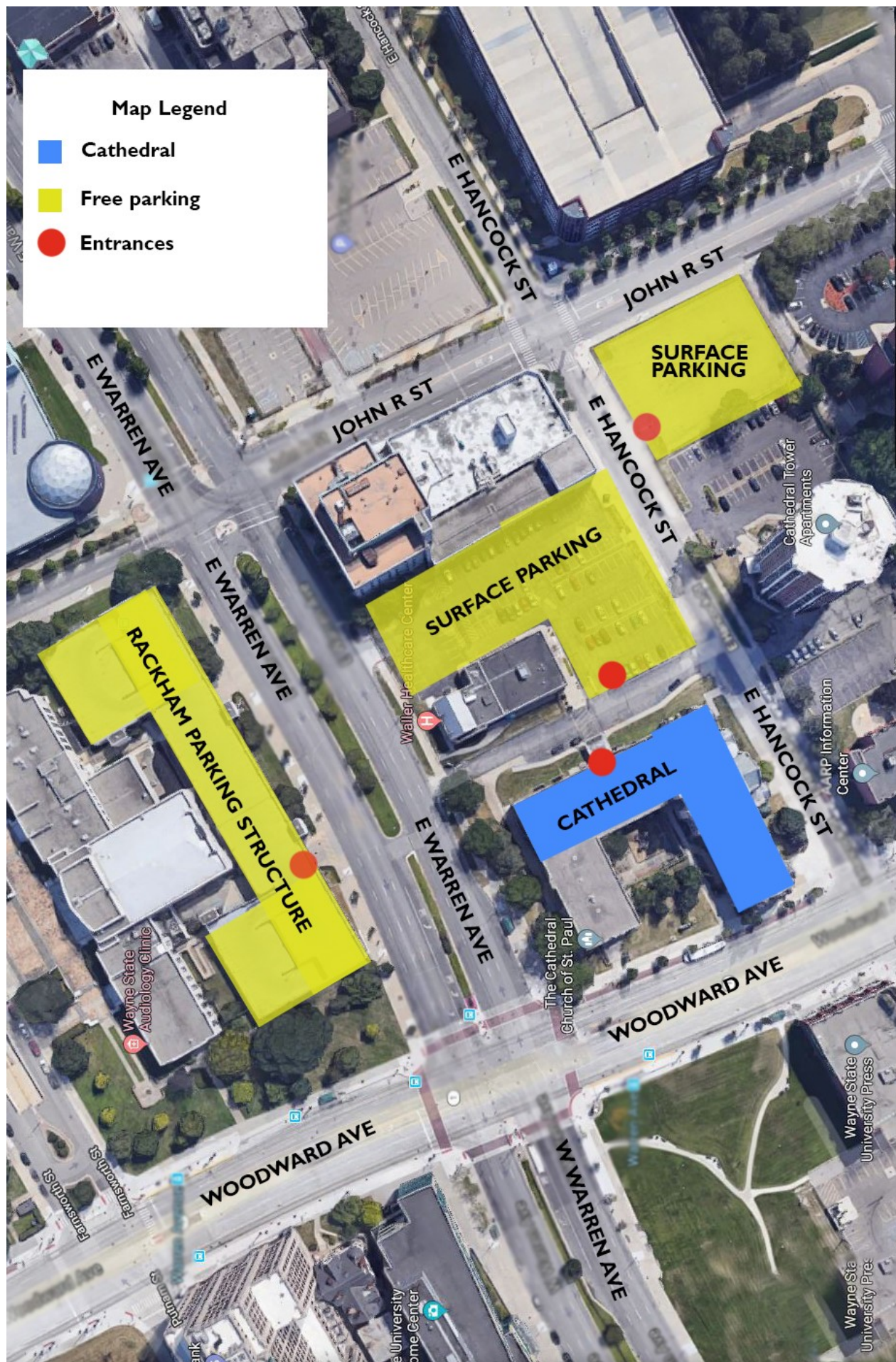
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul is located at the corner of Woodward Avenue and Warren Avenue in the Cultural Center. There is a parking lot behind the Cathedral. Entrance to parking lot is only from Warren Avenue via Cathedral Lane.

From north or south-bound I-75: Exit at Warren and proceed west four blocks to Woodward and Warren. The church is on the southeast corner.

From east or west-bound I-94: Use Woodward/John R exit, turn south on John R. (toward downtown) and proceed to Warren Avenue, turn right, get into left-hand lane and continue 3 1/2 blocks to cut-through on boulevard to Cathedral Lane.

East-bound I-96 (toward downtown): Exit at I-94 east and follow directions above.

Lodge Freeway (US10): Exit at Forest/Warren. Proceed east on Forest to Woodward. At Woodward, turn left two blocks. Turn right on Warren, and right on Cathedral Lane. Church is on the corner of Woodward and Warren.



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Lunch Reservation

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Please circle one: **Lay Delegate** **Voting Clergy** **Other**

Name _____

Email _____

Congregation _____ City _____

Please pick an option:

Boxed Lunch \$12.00 ☐

Vegetarian Boxed Lunch \$12.00 ☐

Dietary Restrictions _____

Lunch reservations are due on **May 24, 2019** Questions may directed to
Jennifer Michalak jmichalak@edomi.org or 313/833-4414.



All Reservation Forms and Checks (payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan) must be received no later than May 24, 2019.

Send the form and check to: Special Convention Reservation - Office of Special Convention, Diocese of Michigan, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Or Register on-line at: www.edomi.org/specialconvention



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