

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**158th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTON**

---

***“Coming Together in Love”***

*“Let us consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)*



Give to Green Hill Project

## **AGENDA**

**Friday, February 27, 2026**—Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD

8:00 AM      **Registration Opens**

10:00 AM     **Morning Prayer – Southern Convocation**

10:30 AM     **Business Session #1**

1. VPoll Log In -- LYNDA HABEL
2. Call to Order – SECRETARY of Previous Convention
3. Announcement of the Presence of a Quorum – LAURA HARBAUGH
4. Nomination of President Pro Tempore – LAURA HARBAUGH
5. Election of President Pro Tempore – LAURA HARBAUGH\*
6. PRESIDENT – Nominates Chrissy Aull to serve as Secretary\*
  - a. Chrissy – Appoints Laura Harbaugh as Asst. Sec for Minutes and Lynn Anstatt as Asst. Secretary for Credentials.
7. Dispatch of Business: Orientation and Announcements – GRANVILLE BLADES
8. Commissioning of Delegates – CHRISSY AULL
  - a. I present to you these persons, duly elected as Delegates to Diocesan Convention, to be commissioned for their ministry.
  - b. PRESIDENT - Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the delegates of this diocese. In the passions of debate, give them a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds, and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your glory and the good of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
9. Adoption of the Agenda\* - GRANVILLE BLADES
10. Welcome from the Southern Convocation -- DAVID MICHAUD
11. Greetings and Introductions – PRESIDENT
12. Remarks from Assisting Bishop – RT. REV. JAMES SHAND
13. Ratification of Rules of Order\* -- DAVID MICHAUD
14. Adoption of Consent Agenda\*-- DISPATCH OF BUSINESS
15. Election of Convention Officers\* -- PRESIDENT
16. Elections – Nominating Committee Report – SALLY RIFENBURG
  - a. Elections for Deputies to General Convention, Deputies for Province III, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, & Board of Managers\* – JEFFERSON MOAK

11:30 AM     **BREAK**

---

\* Indicates Vote Required

- 
- 11:45 AM **Business Session #2**
1. Report from the Standing Committee – DARCY WILLIAMS
  2. Treasurer’s Report – MYRON RICHARDSON\*
  3. 2026 Budget Presentation & Adoption – FRED WELSH\*
  4. Board of Managers Report – CHRIS MAXWELL
  5. Dispatch of Business: Announcements – GRANVILLE BLADES
- 12:30 PM **Noonday Prayers: Recess for Lunch** - FRIEDA MALCOLM, CHAPLAIN
- 1:30 PM **Plenary Session** - The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, Discernment & Steering Committees  
*Coming Together in Love - Embracing Mutual Reconciliation*
- 3:50 PM **Closing Prayer**
- 5:00 PM **Reception**
- 6:00 PM **Banquet with Keynote Speaker** - The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry
- 

## **Saturday, February 28, 2026**

- 8:00 AM **Registration Opens**
- 9:00 AM **Convention Eucharist**
- 10:30 AM **Business Session # 3**
1. Call to Order – PRESIDENT PRO-TEM - TBD
  2. Dispatch of Business: Announcements –GRANVILLE BLADES
  3. Camp Wright Report – JULIA CONNELLY
  4. Children’s Home Foundation Report – ANN GIBB
  5. Grant Initiatives Committee Presentation - CHARLOTTE MEYER
  6. Green Hill Church Presentation – LAURA HARBAUGH
  7. Rising Generations - JESSICA STEHLE/SUZ SOUTHERN
  8. Reading of General Convention Resolutions - CHRISSY AULL
  9. Constitution & Canons Resolutions and Debate\* – TOM HYL DEN
- 12:00 PM **Noonday Prayers, Recess for Lunch** - FRIEDA MALCOLM, CHAPLAIN
- 1:00 PM **Business Session # 4**
10. Call to Order -- PRESIDENT PRO-TEM - TBD
  11. Resolutions with Debate\* – DEBRA DRAGONE
  12. Courtesy Resolutions\* – KEVIN CROSS
  13. Announcement of the Reports by Title – DISPATCH OF BUSINESS
  14. Announcements from the Dispatch of Business – GRANVILLE BLADES
  15. Setting of Day and Place of 159<sup>th</sup> Convention – PRESIDENT PRO-TEM - TBD
  16. Concluding Prayers and Benediction - FRIEDA MALCOLM & BISHOP SHAND
- 4:00 PM **Business of the 158<sup>TH</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Easton Concludes**  
PRESIDENT Gavel Down!

---

# CONSENT AGENDA - 2026

---

## ITEM (a): Consent of Appointment of Convention Officers

### **Appointments of Convention Officers requiring Convention Consent** *Ecclesiastical Authority Nominates / Consent Required*

Chancellor – Mr. Regan Smith, Esq.  
Vice-Chancellor - Mr. Michael Matthers, Esq.  
Church Attorney – Mr. Randy Coates, Esq.  
Archivist – Mr. Jefferson Moak

*The positions below do not require consent*  
Dispatch of Business – Mr. Granville Blades  
Voting Secretary & Head Teller – Mr. Jefferson Moak  
Assistant Voting Secretary – The Rev. Andrew Cropper  
AV Tech - The Rev. Deacon Lynda Habel  
AV Tech Asst. - The Rev. Joanne Fisher  
Assistant Parliamentarian - The Very Rev. David Michaud  
Courtesy & Appreciation – The Rev. Kevin Cross  
Chaplain – The Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm

## ITEM [b]: List of Invited Guests to Convention

Constitution Article IV, 6c

The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. James Shand	Assisting Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry	XXVII Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves	Consultant

*All those listed in the Agenda, who otherwise are not serving as Voting Clergy or Delegates, are considered Invited guests according to Constitution Article IV, 6c and therefore are entitled to Voice but not Vote.*

## ITEM [c]: Consent to the Appointment of Members of Committees, Commissions and Boards

### **Committee Appointments requiring Approval**

*Ecclesiastical Authority Nominates / Consent Required*

#### **Cathedral Chapter**

Canon 602.4(b)  
Mr. Eddie Vance - Class of 2028  
Mr. Granville Blades - Class of 2027

#### **Constitution & Canons – Class of 2029**

Canon 505.1  
Mr. Tom Hylden  
The Rev. Deacon Jim Kamihachi  
The Rev. Anne Wright (Class of 2028 - taking an unexpired term)

---

---

**Commission on Ministry - Class of 2029**

Canon 506.1

The Rev. Mary Friel

The Rev. Marianne Ell

Mrs. Lynn Fuchs

Ms. Deborah Barton

Lay Vacancy (Class of 2027)

Lay Vacancy (Class of 2028)

**Camp Wright**

Canon 507.2

Mrs. Julia Connelly Zahn (Director)

Ms. Courtney Phippen (2027)

Mr. James Martinez (2027)

Ms. Claire Jaeger (2027)

Mr. Jacob Jackson-Wolf (2027)

The Rev. Suz Southern (2027)

Mr. Vic Evans (2028)

Ms Taffie Wilson (2028)

The Rev. Michael Valliant (2028)

Mrs. Chrissy Aull (2029)

Mrs. Dottie Wilson (2029)

Lay Vacancy (2029)

The Rev. Dr. Allen Spicer (Emeritus)

**Diocesan Real Property Committee - Class of 2029**

Canon 510.2

Mr. Sean Fahey

The Rev. Deacon Barbara Coleman

**Green Hill Committee - Class of 2029**

Canon 511.1

Mr. Tom Phillips - St. Peter's, Salisbury (3 year term)

Mr. John Vertill - St. Philip's, Quantico (3 year term)

Dr. James Cockey - St. Alban's, Salisbury (2027)

**Disciplinary Board - Class of 2029/30**

Canon 801.2(b)

Mr. Ernie Cornbrooks, Esq. (2029)

Ms. Trish Cleary - Intake Officer (2029)

The Rev. Dr. Dan Dunlap (2030)

**Committee on Listening - Class of 2029**

Canon 509.1

Three positions TBD

---

---

**ITEM (d): Acceptance of Report of Appointments by the Bishop to Departments, Committees, and Convention Staff**

**Report by the Bishop of Appointments to Departments, Committees, and Convention Staff**  
*Ecclesiastical Authority Appoints / No Action Required by Convention*

**Department of Finance – Class of 2029**

Canon 502.1  
The Rev. Kevin Cross  
Mr. William Manley  
Ms. Reed Valliant  
The Rev. Stephanie Clayville - Class of 2028  
Vacancy (2027)  
Vacancy (2028)

**Committee on Resolutions with Debate**

Canon 512.1  
Mrs. Debra Dragone - Chair  
The Rev. John Schaeffer  
The Rev. Canon Mike Lokey  
Mr. Gordon Fronk, Esq.  
Mrs. Linda Hurley

**Compensation & Personnel Committee**

Mr. Ned Aull, Chair  
Rev. Stephanie Clayville  
Rev. Kevin Cross  
Mrs. Kathi DeSouter  
Mr. Gordon Fronk, Esq.  
Rev. Carl Mosley  
Mr. David Southern  
Mrs. Megan Timms

**Nominations Committee**

Canon 206.1  
Mrs. Sally Rifenburg - Chair  
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Sichangi  
The Very Rev. Susan Leight  
The Very Rev. David Michaud  
Mrs. Lisa Sabetti  
Mrs. Florence Adams  
Mrs. Linda Hurley  
Mr. Granville Blades  
Dr. James Cockey

**Lay Credentials Examiner**

Canon 205.4  
Ms. Lynn Anstatt  
Mrs. Beth Devenny

---