



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

The Central Third of California

from the Secretary of Convention

Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin 67th Annual Convention November 6-7, 2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLERGY, PARISHES, AND MISSIONS

Pursuant to Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Diocese of San Joaquin, I, the Secretary of Convention, hereby notify you that the Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin will be held at the Episcopal Conference Center – Oakhurst (ECCO) on November 6-7, 2026, with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council, Standing Committee and Bishop in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution and Canon 6.04. Please share this information with your delegates.

Registration is ONLY available online, and may be accessed at:

<https://www.diosanjoaquin.org/diocesan-convention>

OR

<https://eccoyosemite.org/67th-annual-diocesan-convention>

You must register to attend, even if you have lodging elsewhere. For Delegates and Voting Clergy, you will receive your name badge and voting credentials when you check in at ECCO. The digital Convention Booklet will be available for download the week prior to convention.

Event agenda, nominations information, resolution guidelines, and other convention information will be made available for download from the diocesan webpage found under the “[Diocesan Convention](#)” entry on the News & Resources tab on the diocesan website.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL DEANERY ELECTIONS:

Per Canon IX, Sec. 9.02 Deanery Members of Council. Six (6) of the members of Diocesan Council shall be elected by the Deanery Council of the Deaneries of the Diocese, one (1) clerical member and one (1) lay member from each Deanery. At the Deanery Council meeting preceding the annual Convention there shall be elected one (1) Presbyter or Deacon, and one (1) Lay member to Diocesan Council from two (2) of the Deaneries. These elections shall rotate among



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the Deaneries in such a manner so that the Deaneries will only be electing one member in each order each year. Elections due this year are as follows:

- Northern Deanery: One (1) Clergy Member – Class of 2029
- Central Deanery: One (1) Lay Member – Class of 2029
- Southern Deanery: No positions to be filled

Pre-convention Deanery Day will be held Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon (approx.) via Zoom. All Delegates, Alternates and Clergy with vote should attend.

Nominations for deanery elections will be made from the floor. No online nomination form is required for the deanery elections.

ELECTIONS OCCURRING AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION:

The following elections will occur at Diocesan Convention on November 7, 2026.

- Standing Committee - one Clergy and one Lay person to be elected to a 4-year term
- Diocesan Council - one At-Large Lay person to be elected to a 3-year term

NOMINATIONS:

- Nominations for Elective Offices at Convention:

Nominations must be submitted [online](#). The Nominations Information Memo includes all information regarding nominations and the offices to be filled. If you are self-nominating, you must include your photo and 75-150 word statement when you submit your form. This information will appear in the Voter's Guide. You may want to prepare these items prior to accessing the Nominations on-line entry form. If your nomination is submitted by another person, you must send your photo and 75-150 word statement to the Chair of Nominations, Jan Dunlap (jan@kerncomputer.com) by October 1 for inclusion in the Voter's Guide. **Nominations are now open on-line.**

- Deadline for Nominations:

Nominations must be received by **September 23, 2026**. Submit them [here](#) (online required).

- Nominations at Convention:

Pursuant to Canon V, Sec 5.01 (2) nominations may also be made from the convention floor.



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RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolutions to Convention: Canon V Sec 5.01. (3) Requires that all proposed resolutions be submitted not less than sixty (60) days before the Convention to the Committee on Resolutions Chair. While resolutions may also be submitted from the floor, such resolutions will require a 2/3 vote of the Convention to be considered.

If the Resolution also proposes to amend, add, or change the Canons and Constitution, the resolutions should also be submitted to the Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Canon XXXV also requires that any such resolution be submitted to the Chair of the Committee not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Convention. The Committee shall then issue a report on such resolutions not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.

- Resolutions affecting the Constitution and/or Canons may also be submitted from the floor but require a 3/4 vote of the Convention to be considered.
- For form and content of resolutions, see the tutorial and sample in [Resolution Format](#) or visit diosanjoaquin.org/diocesan-convention to download this and other information.
- Deadline for Submission of Resolutions: Resolutions must be received by **September 8, 2026**. Currently, the Chair of both the Committee on Resolutions and the Committee on Constitution and Canons is our Diocesan Chancellor, Michael Glass. Resolutions may be emailed or mailed directly to the Chancellor at:

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- Submissions may also be made to the attention of Chancellor Michael Glass at the Diocesan Office, if necessary.

See you at Convention,

Cindy J. Smith
Secretary of Convention