



**Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
Electing Convention of the IX Bishop  
Saturday - February 24, 2024  
Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
300 Pulteney Street  
Geneva, NY 14456**

Scandling Center, Vandervort Room on the 2nd floor  
**Registration & Continental Breakfast 7:45 - 8:45 am**  
**The Convention begins promptly at 9 am**

**Please visit for additional information**  
[Electing Convention Webpage](#)

**Information Regarding the Convention**

*God is the center of all of our work as followers of Christ. This convention, especially, we will spend much time invoking the Holy Spirit, listening, and praying for guidance as we elect the IX Bishop of Rochester. Our prayer lives come to life when we are empowered by the Spirit. Please do pray and continue to discern from now and through the convention election.*

**Arrival to HWS**

Please note, in order to establish a quorum and allow you to vote in the election, please arrive and be registered by 8:45.

**Parking at HWS**

Carpooling would be helpful, if possible meet other delegates at Wegmans 300 Hamilton St, Geneva, NY 14456, use one car to drive to HWS.



### **HWS Entrance from Pulteney Street**

Upon entering the campus the visitor parking lot is on the left. Scandling Center is across the street.

### **Vandervort Room in the Scandling Center**

Once entering the building, turn right, take the stairs or elevator to the 2nd floor

### **Convention Registration 7:45 - 8:45**

Registration will be in the lobby across from the entrance to the Vandervort Room on the 2nd floor. Delegates will register by order; (Lay or Clergy). Name tags will be available on a table. Please use your name and church you represent.

### **Continental Breakfast 7:45 - 8:45**

Once registered, please enjoy your breakfast.

### **Seating in Convention**

There is no assigned seating, we will not need to sit by orders.

### **Emergencies**

If you need to leave the convention please notify the Bishop, Sarah, or Kristy. We need to track delegates for the voting and Testimonials

### **Open Convention 9:00**

Bishop Steve will begin promptly at 9:00. Once a quorum is established, we will celebrate with Holy Eucharist, followed by the procedures and instructions for an electing convention.

### **Voting and Ballots**

Delegates will be instructed on voting procedures. Once a ballot is declared open by the Bishop, the election committee (tellers) will be available to assist. If assistance is needed, raise the help card on your table. Once everyone has voted, the ballot is closed, the election committee leaves to process the results.

During that time, there will be scheduled music, prayer, meditation and /or conversation.

*Come, Holy Spirit Come!*

### **Between Ballots**

Once the results of a ballot have been determined, the nominees are informed, and the Bishop will inform the convention of the results. If there is no election, the convention will continue to ballot until an election occurs.

### **When an Election Occurs**

There will be an election when a nominee has the simple majority of votes in both lay and clergy orders.

### **Contacts for Questions**

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## **Prayers**

### **For Our Nominees**

*Pray for the nominees, their spouses, and their families. Pray that the Lord will bless and protect them throughout this process and guide their minds into paths of peace for each one of them.*

*Pray for the churches and ministries each nominee already serves, that the Lord will bless and preserve their effectiveness during this time of waiting and discernment. Pray that the Lord will grant patience to everyone else involved in their present ministries.*

*Eternal God, shepherd and guide, In your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### **For Our Bishop**

#### **Heavenly Guidance**

*Dear Lord, we pray for your divine guidance as we plan and organize this conference. May your wisdom lead us in making the right decisions, and may we always stay focused on glorifying your name through our actions.*

#### **Unity and Fellowship**

*Father of all, we ask for a spirit of unity and fellowship among all the attendees, speakers, and organizers. May this conference be a place where we can strengthen relationships, encourage one another, and grow together in our faith.*

***Anointed Speakers** We pray for your anointing upon the speakers, Lord. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit as they prepare and deliver their messages. Make them vessels to share your Word with clarity, conviction, and passion.*

***Open Hearts and Minds** Holy Spirit, we ask that you soften the hearts and open the minds of everyone attending the conference. May each person be receptive to your Word and be transformed by the truths that they hear.*

***Safe Travels** Lord, we pray for the safe travels of everyone attending the conference, whether they are coming from near or far. May your hand of protection be upon them as they journey to and from this event.*

#### **Impact and Transformation**

*God of all, we pray that this conference would have a lasting impact on the lives of all who attend. May each person leave feeling renewed, inspired, and equipped to serve you in their daily lives.*

#### **Volunteers and Staff**

*Lord, we lift up the volunteers and staff members who are dedicating their time and talents to make this conference a success. Bless them with strength, energy, and patience as they serve your people.*

#### **Praise and Worship**

*Good and Gracious God, we pray that our time of praise and worship during the Electing Convention would be spirit-led and bring honor and glory to your name. May our voices unite in heartfelt songs of adoration, and may our worship be a sweet offering to you.*

*Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit You have knit Prayers and Your servants into the one body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them as they discern a new call in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on Your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for the North American Lutheran Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for Your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord God, reveal to us a Bishop filled with the Holy Spirit and who will passionately support the mission and ministries of the North American Lutheran Church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.