



At the Threshold!

October 27-28, 2023

53rd Annual Convention

Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota

Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan

Please fill out page one and return to the Diocesan Office and hang on to the second & third pages!

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Congregation: _____

If you have special dietary needs, please indicate: _____
(i.e.: *vegan, vegetarian, gluten-intolerant, dairy-free...*)

****Please contact the Diocesan Office if you are bringing your child(ren) with you to Convention****

I am registering as:

- lay delegate alternate delegate guest for Friday-Saturday **OR**
 clergy guest for Friday **only**

Registration cost is \$60 per lay delegate, clergy or guest for Friday-Saturday and includes all meals. Friday-only guests pay \$35 (includes Friday meals).

Payment options:

- I am enclosing or mailing a check for \$60 (\$35 for Friday **only** guest)
(check to Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota; memo line – convention registration)
 I will use the online payment option (see below*)
 Other arrangements have been made for payment; please specify:

***Online payment instructions:** Go to www.ndepiscopal.org and click on "Donate." On the next page, enter your payment amount (\$60 or \$35), use "Convention/Retreats" option under Fund; then "Continue." On the next page, you may proceed as a "guest" or enter your Realm password if you have created one. That will take you to a page where you may enter your payment information (credit/debit card or bank account) and then click the blue button on the lower, righthand corner of the page to complete the transaction.

Please complete and return this form **no later than MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.**

Print and mail it to

Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
3600 25th St. S.
Fargo, ND 58104

OR

Save and email as an attachment to
office@ndepiscopal.org
Subject: Registration

Helpful Information *(Hang on to this sheet!)*

Meal Choices

Three meals and two snacks are included in the cost of Friday-Saturday registration (\$60). Only the Friday buffet dinner and Friday social is included in Fri.-only registration (\$35).

Friday social – Chex mix, lemonade, and cash bar

Friday dinner – Turkey with dressing and gravy and homemade Swedish meatballs (also includes: salad, vegetables and dip, roasted red potatoes, hot vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee, and water)

Saturday light breakfast – On Your Own

(a full hot continental breakfast is offered for hotel guests)

Saturday coffee break – Fruit and cheese kabobs, assorted muffins, and coffee

Saturday lunch - Lunch in a Box (roast beef, turkey, chicken salad, or ham on a croissant with provolone cheese; potato chips, assorted whole fruit, cookie, coffee, and water)

Baymont Inn & Suites Information

2611 Old Red Trail Mandan, ND 58554
<https://www.baymontmandan.com> 701-663-7401

Instructions:

1. Book your hotel room by calling the Baymont Inn & Suites
2. Mention the “Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota” to be reserved in our room block
3. Room rate is \$99.00 (+ taxes), available for both Friday and Saturday nights

Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 27th

11:30-1:30pm – NDCIM Lunch
1:30-2:00pm – Opening Plenary
2:00-3:15pm – New Season of Ministry
3:30-4:15pm – Workshop Session #1
4:30-5:15pm – Workshop Session #2
5:30-6:30pm – Social Hour and
5:30-6:30pm – Friends of Bill Mtg
6:30-7:30pm – Dinner
7:30-8:15pm – Bishop’s Address
8:15pm – Night Prayer

Saturday, October 28th

8:30am – Eucharist
10:00am – Break
10:30am – Convention Business
12:30pm – Lunch (East/West Meetings)
1:30pm – Reconvene, Convention Business
3:00pm – Anticipated Adjournment

We are excited to welcome the Rev. Lydia Kelsey Bucklin, Canon to the Ordinary for Discipleship & Vitality, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan. Lydia will offer the workshop on Mutual Ministry and the sermon at the Eucharist.

Workshops

1. **Mutual Ministry for Today's Church:** This workshop will focus on the history, theology, and practical implications of the Mutual Ministry movement in the church over the past 40+ years. Mutual Ministry, also known as Baptismal Ministry or Total Ministry, is about equipping people to live out the promises of baptism, both within the church gathered and the church scattered into the world of everyday living. *(Offered at 3:30pm and 4:30pm)*
2. **Native Americans – Celebrating Tribal Diversity:** This workshop will feature brief presentations and discussion by Indigenous leaders from each of the four Reservations in North Dakota where the Episcopal Church is engaged in active ministry. These include Spirit Lake, Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain, and Standing Rock. Come and learn about some differences and similarities in culture, language, customs, spiritual practices, and how the Episcopal Church is engaged in ministry with and among the people living in these places. *(Offered at 3:30pm and 4:30pm)*
3. **Understanding the Native American Boarding School Reality:** *(Offered at 3:30pm and 4:30pm)*
4. **Creation Care:** The Creation Care Committee wants to spread the message of caring for God's good earth to your congregation! This year, St. Stephen's, Fargo created a "Green Team" and we hope to encourage others to do the same by providing support, resources, and infrastructure in doing so. Through this program, we hope to bring to the table more Creation Care centered liturgy, eco-friendly churches, and general excitement and education about nature, gardening, and ecojustice. *(Offered at 3:30pm)*
5. **Black Elk's Life Speaks: "That Much...More":** Black Elk's story is remarkable on several levels and inspires many. While the canon of Black Elk literature is established, there would appear to be a gap in terms of how Black Elk's life speaks through his familial descendants, who, when consulted about what has been written about Black Elk, due to their knowledge of stories based on familial accounts of Black Elk, stipulated his life speaks "that much ... more." Based on the author Mike Taylor's research endeavor and two years of interviews with Black Elk's great-great-great grandson, Maka Black Elk, *Black Elk's Life Speaks: "That...Much More"* explores how Black Elk's life speaks. The publication and Taylor's presentations internationally integrate personal life journeys, narratives, and participant researcher interviews and experiences to highlight historical, anthropological, and contemporary perceptions of Black Elk in particular and Native people in general. In addition, it considers the implications of how Black Elk's life continues to speak in the face of historical trauma, survivance, and cultural healing through additional familial and related stories as the educator, culture bearer, and "old man" dreamer and visionary. *(Offered at 4:30pm)*

We are asking each congregation to bring a small container (about 8 ounces) of **local** water (from a nearby river, stream, lake, etc.). The water from each congregation will be poured into a large bowl as part of the Eucharist and the combined water will be used for the asperges.

Congregations are also asked to contribute pictures of church building doorways, entrances, and/or thresholds to create a collage to be projected onto the screen during various break times during convention. Congregations will be asked to contribute their threshold pictures by email no later than **October 1** so the collage can be created. Photos can be sent to: office@ndepiscopal.org.