

# The Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas

FIFTY FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

October 15-16, 2021



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**The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Cowell**  
**Bishop**

August 2, 2021

TO: CLERGY, WARDENS, DELEGATES, DIOCESAN COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE  
FROM: TONI COTTRELL, DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF DIOCESAN CONVENTION

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WESTERN KANSAS will be held on October 15-16, 2020. Our Hosts will be Ascension-on-the-Prairie, Colby | St Paul's, Goodland | St. Francis, Russell Springs | St. Luke's, Scott City.

### **FORMS:** (enclosed) **TO BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED:**

**NOTE:** Please take a moment to look at the enclosed forms. They need your attention and must be returned by certain dates to help avoid delay and uncertainty in conducting the business of Convention. ***In order to save postage, we are sending only one copy of each form. Please make duplicates of any or all forms, as you may need these.***

**IMPORTANT:** Please place notice in your parish/mission newsletter or otherwise give your parishioner's opportunity to make nominations, submit resolutions, canonical changes, etc.

**PLEASE OBSERVE DEADLINES** – In case of Proposed Resolutions or Canonical Changes, the deadlines must be observed according to the Canons.

### **1. SUGGESTIONS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.**

Please get permission of person to place his/her name into the nominating process.

### **2. TO PROPOSE CANONICAL AMENDMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS**

**PREFERRED DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 17, 2021.**

The Canons permit you to send these up to 21 days prior to Convention; however, to expedite committee work and publicity, we will greatly appreciate your observing the suggested deadline.

### **3. NECROLOGY LIST**

To be returned no later than **SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**...for clergy to report all deaths, in the churches they served since last Convention.

**NOTICE:** Schedules and information about Convention will be sent to clergy and lay delegates. The sheaf of reports and other information will be available prior to Convention. Please forward any address changes for your Convention Delegates to the Diocesan Office.

**DUE IN DIOCESAN OFFICE – SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION ELECTIONS  
NOMINATIONS FORM**

This form is to be filled out for those persons being nominated for elected positions at the 2021 Diocesan Convention, held in Colby, KS. Those positions are:

**STANDING COMMITTEE** – One clergy and one lay member, each for a three-year term.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL** – Two clergy and two lay members, each for a three-year term.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** – One clergy and one lay member, each for a two-year term. One Clergy for a One-Year term. (Bishop will appoint one lay member, one clergy member and a chairperson from the clergy order.)

**DISCIPLINARY BOARD** – 3 Members to be appointed by the bishop.

Send all nominations to the **Diocesan Office, 1 North Main, Suite 418, Hutchinson, KS 67501** or by **email: tec.wks2011@gmail.com**. Completed nomination forms will be duplicated and available during Convention. **PLEASE LIMIT THE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH TO THIS SIDE OF THE FORM.** Use one form per office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated for which office: \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical Sketch:**

## **2021 COMMITTEE ROSTERS AND YEAR OF TERM EXPIRATION**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE:**

The Rev. Carolyn Ballinger – 2021 (President)  
Linda Boone - 2021  
The Rev. Canon Shay Craig – 2022  
Mr. Mike Wamsley – 2022  
The Rev, Karen Lemon – 2023  
Mrs. Nan Pyle – 2023

### **DIOCESAN COUNCIL:**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Cowell - President  
The Rev. Teresa Lahar – 2021  
The Rev. John Seatvet – 2021  
Mrs. Pam Smith - 2021  
The Rev. Charles Kerschen – 2022  
The Rev. Jeff Mitchell – 2022  
Mr. James Lemon – 2022  
Mr. Harry Smith – 2022  
The Rev. Canon Jerry Jones – 2023 (Vice President)  
The Rev. Catherine Cox – 2023  
Mrs. Carolyn Peterson – 2023 (Secretary)  
Mr. Butch Pyle - 2023

### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY:**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Milliken – Chair  
The Rev. David Hodges – 2021  
The Rev. Amy Long - 2021  
Mrs. Jacki Mitchell – 2021  
Mrs. Carolyn Peterson – 2021  
The Rev. J.J. Bernal - 2022  
The Rev. Carolyn Ballinger – 2022  
Mr. Bob Prewitt – 2022  
Mrs. Margie Prewitt - 2022



**DUE IN DIOCESAN OFFICE – SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**NAMES OF PERSONS FOR THE NECROLOGY LIST** *(Please list for all the churches you serve and identify the departed as to residence and date of death – since last Convention.)*

Submitted by:  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_



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7/30/2021

Dear Friends,

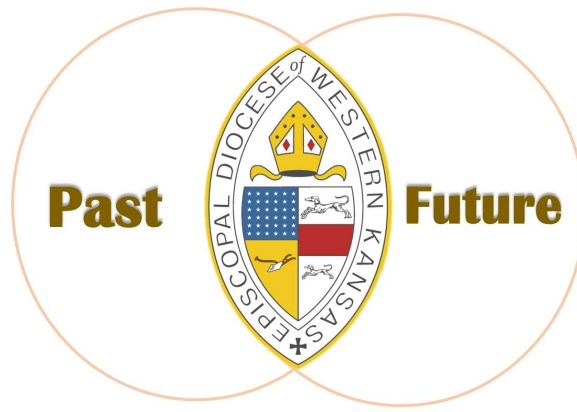
Our plans are to come together for an in-person Diocesan Convention on October 15-16. Last year Covid-19 kept us from doing so. We continually follow the CDC Guidelines and due to the new variants of Covid we feel that in order that everyone remain safe, we are going to require that everyone, whether vaccinated or not, wear a mask or face covering at this time. Currently, that is the CDC guideline. We hope and pray that by October that this guideline could possibly change. We will monitor the situation and keep you updated on our decisions. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our folks safe.

Yours in Christ,

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The Rt. Rev. mark A. Cowell

Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas



July, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In October of this year, we will gather to celebrate the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas. Our congregations are planning on this event taking place in person, at the City Limits Convention Center in Colby, and it is our sincere belief that we can come together safely.

For those who come to Colby on Thursday, we invite you to a meal in the Ascension Church undercroft. There is no charge. If you are so inclined, work up an appetite by playing in the golf tournament that afternoon!

While this life holds little that is truly certain, we anticipate that, at the opening Eucharist on Friday, October 15, two members of St. Paul's will be ordained to the diaconate. Pat Schiefen and Scott Mentzer have completed studies at the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, and their ordinations will be a first at Convention, at least in our memories.

Our congregations are partners in doing all that we are able to welcome you as friends from all parts of the Diocese. Blessings always.

Steve Molstad  
Warden, Ascension Church, Colby

Deb Mentzer  
Warden, St. Paul's, Goodland

Bill Lewis  
Warden, St. Luke's, Scott City

Jason Lamb  
Warden, St. Francis, Russell Springs

Episcopal Of Western Kansas Fifty-First Diocesan Convention

***Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future***

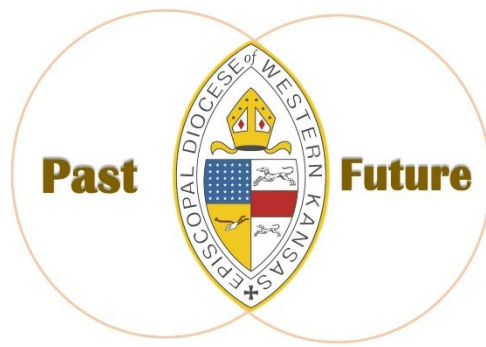


Our traditions, memories and people help us honor our past and it is also what we treasure in the present. We would like to invite you to bring pictures, stories, articles that honor our past and treasure the present. How will we use them to shape the future of the Diocese of Western Kansas?

We will have a board at convention that we can share these memories. You can bring your items to convention or email to Toni at the Diocesan Office at [tec.wks2011@gmail.com](mailto:tec.wks2011@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing stories of the past and present. See you in Colby!





## 2021 Proposed 51st Convention Schedule

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### Thursday, October 14

**1:00 PM:** *Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course 1085 E Golf Club Dr, Colby, KS 67701*

**6:00 PM:** *Pre - Convention Event at the Ascension-on-the-Prairie Church 1170 Wheatridge Rd. Colby, KS 67701*

### Friday, October 15

**8:00 – 9:30 AM:** *Registration for Convention at City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S Range Ave, Colby KS 67701*

**8:00 – 9:30 AM:** *Exhibitors set up at the City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S Range Ave, Colby KS 67701*

**10:30 AM:** *Opening Eucharist and Ordination of Scott Mentzer and Pat Schiefen at Colby United Methodist Church, 950 S Franklin Ave., Colby, Kansas 67701*

**11:15 AM:** *Lunch on your own.*

**12:00 PM** *Registration at City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S Range Ave, Colby KS 67701*

**2:00 PM:** *Convention Opening Session at City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S Range Ave, Colby KS 67701*

**4:00 PM:** Break

**4:15 PM:** *Latino Ministries Update – Rev. J.J. Bernal & Rev. Tom Kerschen*

**5:00 PM:** *Convention Recess and Committee Meetings. (TBA)*

**6:00 PM:** *Social Time, banquet, awards, and raffle at City Limits Convention Center.*

### Saturday, October 19

**Morning:** *Breakfast on your own at your hotel.*

**8:45 AM:** *Clergy Spouse Breakfast at the City Limits Convention Center.*

**9:30 AM:** *Morning Prayer and UTO Ingathering at the City Limits Convention Center.*

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM:** *Convention at City Limits Convention Center.*



**Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas  
51st Annual Diocesan Convention | October 15-16, 2021 | City Limits Convention Center,**

## Registration Information for all Delegates, Visitors, and Vendors

Attendee's name as it appears on badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Registration (circle one)**

Clergy delegate      Lay delegate      Lay alternate      Visitor      Staff

Registration Costs			
Convention & banquet		\$65.00/per person	\$ _____
Convention Only (Delegates and Clergy)		\$30.00 per person	\$ _____
Convention Only (Non-Delegates Only)		\$0/per person	\$ _____
Banquet only		\$35.00/per person	\$ _____
Thursday evening gathering	Ascension-on-the-Prairie Church 1170 Wheatridge Rd. Colby, KS 67701		No Charge
Display table		\$5/per table Exhibitor Form in Packet	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ _____

Please return a completed copy of this form for each person attending the Convention, to the Diocese of Western Kansas, 1 N. Main, Suite 418, Hutchinson, KS 67501. We prefer that you register on our website at <http://www.diowks.org/convention-registration>. Please send only ONE CHECK payable to the Diocese of Western Kansas for all attendees from your congregation. Return this form as soon as possible. Registration closes October 1, 2021. Payment must be included. If you have questions or special needs, food allergies, etc. you may call 620-669-0006 or e-mail [tec.wks2011@gmail.com](mailto:tec.wks2011@gmail.com).

# CONVENTION HOTEL AND RESTAURANT INFORMATION

## Comfort Inn (Convention Site)

2225 S. Range Ave.

785-462-3833

Rate: \$99.99/night

## Holiday Inn Express and Suites

645 W. Willow

785-462-8787

Rate: \$99.99/night

## Sleep Inn

2075 Sewell Ave.

785-460-0310

Rate: \$85.60/single; \$88.80/double

Please make reservations prior to October 1.

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***When making a reservation, please mention that you are a part of the Diocesan Convention of the Church in Western Kansas.***



# ***RESTAURANT INFORMATION***

## **City Limits Bar & Grill**

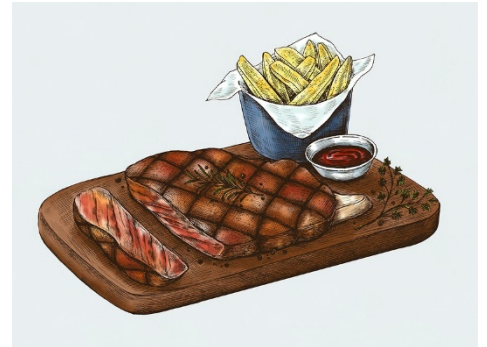
2227 S Range Ave, Colby KS 67701

785-462-6565

## **El Dos De Oros**

1921 S Range Ave, Colby, KS 67701

785-460-5816



## **Village Inn**

2215 S Range Ave, Colby, KS 67701

785-460-6683

## **Starbucks**

I-70 W & State Hwy 25 Oasis Travel Center, Colby, KS 67701

785-460-0042



## **Meadow Lake Golf Course**

1085 N Country Club Dr., Colby, KS 78654

785-460-6443

## **Welcome Home Café**

2280 Southwind Ave Southwind Plaza, Colby, KS 67701

785-460-8100





## THE BISHOP CUP IS BACK!

It has been many years since the Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament has taken place. This year, on the Thursday afternoon before the Diocesan Convention, October 14, 2021. The Bishop's Cup will begin at 1:00 pm at Meadow Lake Golf Course, in Colby. The Bishop's Cup is open to all delegates to convention.



Our convention hosts, Ascension, St. Paul's, St. Francis, and St. Luke's are planning a pre-convention gathering that evening, at 6:00 pm. This will be the perfect opportunity for clergy and delegates to get in a round of golf!

Registration fee \$80.00 includes green fees and cart, a contribution on your behalf to the Latino Ministries in Dodge City and even some golf swag!

You can register on our website at:

<https://www.diowks.org/bishop-cup-registration>



# EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

## Basket Raffle Fundraiser



### **'BUILD A BASKET'**

Donations can be delivered during Diocesan Convention Registration.

You can purchase tickets at \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Raffle drawing will be during the Diocesan Convention Banquet on Friday, October 16, 2021. Tickets will be available for purchase starting Friday Morning.

Basket Ideas: Spa, K-State, K.U. Fort Hays, Wichita State, Themed Dinner, Kids Basket, Gift Certificates, Coffee Baskets, or Wine Baskets.

Questions? Contact Toni Cottrell at [tec.wks.2011@gmail.com](mailto:tec.wks.2011@gmail.com)

# Follow, Post or Tweet during Convention!

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Twitter: **@DIOWKS**

Instagram: **diowks**



When you post something to social media (Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram) be sure to use the hashtag: **#diowks21**



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