



The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana

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Dear brothers and sisters,

“Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution, so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth” (Ephesians 4:23 Jerusalem Bible). The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a Gospel of transformation. Nothing is exempt. Jesus lays claim to our lives, and he seeks to transform our values, our priorities, and our actions. Saying “Yes” to Christ’s call is a “Yes” to his transforming work.

Diocesan Convention celebrates this Gospel. We come together every year not simply to do the necessary and important business of the Diocese of Northern Indiana. We gather above all to recognize Jesus’ Lordship and to seek his guidance about the way that we respond to that Lordship in our parishes and in the Diocese as a whole. We’re asking, in effect: What spiritual revolution are you seeking in *us*, Lord? How can we yield ourselves more deeply to you?

This year, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will join us in that journey of discovery. Over the course of two days, she will preach, respond to questions, and immerse herself in the rich and exciting life of our diocese. It will be a joy and privilege to welcome her to Northern Indiana, and to hear her vision for a church committed to mission.

Elsewhere in these convention materials, you will read about the convention’s schedule and other details. I am anticipating a time of encouragement, spiritual growth, and renewal, as we gather with Bishop Katharine to celebrate Christ’s call. Under the leadership of the Very Rev. Brian Grantz, Dean of the Cathedral of St. James, South Bend, a team is working hard to plan this convention and to provide a program that will be varied and exciting. Please note that convention’s business session will be offered on Friday afternoon, and that Saturday will be devoted to Eucharist and workshops. I expect that all of us will emerge with great joy and enthusiasm!

With all blessings I am

The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little II
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