

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

April 22, 2014

To: Clergy,

Convenors Co-Convenors

Convention Delegates

Re: **Spring Convocation Meetings** 

Dear Friends:

I write to invite you to make every effort to attend the Spring Convocation meeting for your convocation. As you know, the meetings are scheduled for:

April 28"	Northern Tier & West Branch Convocations at St. James, Mansfield at 6:00pm
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Altoona Convocation at St. Mark's, Lewistown, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm meeting
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lancaster Convocation at St. Thomas, Lancaster at 7:00pm
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Susquehanna Convocation at Christ Church, Berwick, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm meeting
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Harrisburg Convocation at St. John's, Carlisle at 10:00am
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May 15<sup>th</sup> Southern Convocation at Transfiguration, Blue Ridge Summit at 6:00pm

I am looking forward to meeting as many as you as possible at the Convocation meetings, as we prepare for our Annual Diocesan Convention on June 14th.

The convocation meeting is the time when we will review and discuss together the various items that will be before us at Convention, thereby facilitating a better discussion on the floor of Convention. We will be reviewing the 2015 Budget; the Nominations for the various positions to be elected at Convention; and the Resolutions that will be before us.

I urge you to attend your Spring Convocation Meeting for these discussions because, as has been announced in the Diocesan Digest, we will not be having the discussion and review time on the Friday night before Convention this year. During that time I will be presenting a plenary session, "The Dark Night of the Church," on the decline of church attendance, and we will be offering some workshop opportunities, to give delegates an experience our new diocesan THRIVE training program.

I look forward to meeting you at your convocation meeting and I look forward to working with you during this important transition time in the diocese.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Robert R. Gepert

Assisting Bishop