

Directions for Balloting – Diocesan Convention

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Because we are prevented from gathering in-person due to COVID-19, we will be using a variety of electronic voting means for balloting. Prior to the convening of Convention, you will be asked as part of the online registration process for convention to vote to accept the modified Rules of Order to allow us to conduct Convention virtually. Presuming a majority approval, this vote will be ratified once the convention is called to order by the bishop.

About a month prior to convention, you will receive an email with a link to an online voting software called “Simply Voting” that will allow you to cast your ballot for all persons running for elected offices. Presuming that a minimum quorum has voted by the time Convention convenes, that electronic vote will be sufficient to elect everyone as long as there is not a tie and that vote will be announced and ratified.

Resolutions cannot be voted on in advance without the benefit of debate, but we may ask people to unofficially “weigh in” (a straw poll of sorts) in advance to give everyone a sense of the whole prior to debating resolutions. We plan to use the Zoom platform’s polling option to take votes on resolutions, but should circumstancing merit it our secondary (but slightly more complicated) method will be to use Simply Vote if the Zoom polling is insufficient.