



The General Convention of the Episcopal Church - Salt Lake City - June 25 to July 3, 2015

## *Utah Episcopalians Welcome the World to*

### GENERAL CONVENTION 2015

Thousands of Episcopalians from around the world will join together in Downtown Salt Lake City for the 78<sup>th</sup> Episcopal General Convention set for June 25 — July 3, 2015, at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

#### ABOUT GENERAL CONVENTION

General Convention is the highest (earthly) authority in The Episcopal Church for legislation and governance. General Convention is held every three years and consists of two houses, the House of Deputies (laity and clergy) and the House of Bishops, which consider resolutions and conduct other business. As a democratic process, both houses must pass all legislation.

Of particular significance for General Convention 2015 is the election of the next Presiding Bishop by the House of Bishops. The election will take place in a closed session at the historic Cathedral Church of St. Mark.

#### HISTORY OF GENERAL CONVENTION

The initial General Convention, held in Philadelphia in 1785, consisted only of the House of Deputies. The House of Bishops was formed in 1789. The organizational structure of General Convention was modeled after the U.S. houses of Congress, and by many of the same founders. Today, General Convention is the second largest legislature in the world, surpassed only by the parliament of India.

"This Convention should re-imagine the Church in order to do God's work...to take risks for the Gospel. This must be a Convention for God's mission and God's people."

—The Reverend Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe,  
General Convention Executive Officer

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE & VOLUNTEER

**STEP 1** Go to [www.episcopal-ut.org](http://www.episcopal-ut.org) NOW and register to be a volunteer or call (801) 322-4131 and we will help you sign up.

**STEP 2** After registering in step 1, you will be contacted when the Official Volunteer Schedule is online (early in 2015). In the meantime, you will receive updates and information about the General Convention.

**STEP 3** After January, 2015, when the Official Volunteer Schedule is posted, you will receive an invitation to personalize your volunteer tasks, days and shifts. You will also be able to make changes if necessary.

#### VOLUNTEER BENEFITS

Volunteers who wish to visit the sessions, House of Bishops and House of Deputies, or the Exhibit Hall before or after the volunteer shift may do so at no cost. Everyone is welcome to attend the Sunday, June 28, Eucharist and the Exhibit Hall at no cost.

#### HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GENERAL CONVENTION 2015

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## Calling all Volunteers to General Convention 2015

Plan now to help welcome fellow Episcopalians from around the world to The Episcopal Church General Convention 2015. Bishop Hayashi and the Diocese of Utah cordially invite you and your friends to join in volunteering to make this a memorable convention.

Members of the wider community and all faiths are welcome to participate. Choose to volunteer 4 hours, 40 hours, or more depending on your availability from Tuesday, June 23, through Thursday, July 3, 2015.

Volunteers come together to assist, support and serve the Convention by providing hospitality, public safety, worship support, registration, information services, and technical assistance. No special skills are required for most responsibilities other than a friendly attitude, flexibility, and a willingness to serve. In January, you will be able to sign up for preferred tasks and specific hours.

As a volunteer you will be provided with credentials, training, and assistance as needed to perform your assigned duties. Youth under age 18 may volunteer but must serve with a parent or legal guardian. This will be a rewarding and memorable experience for all who participate.



### SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEERS



**JOYFUL SERVICE** Do God's work, be enriched in faith, and make new friends.



**FREE VOLUNTEER PASS** For any day you volunteer, you will have access to all areas of the Convention that would otherwise require a \$55 fee.



**FREE PARKING** Accessible parking at hotel or General Convention venue for volunteers. RIDE FREE ZONE/WALK FOR FREE (6 blocks) — free shuttle or TRAX light rail to General Convention venue.



**HOTEL LODGING** \$79 per night for 1-4 people per room.

The recently renovated Red Lion Hotel offers volunteers free parking and free shuttle service to/from the Salt Palace Convention Center at a discounted rate of \$79.00 per night. Hotel amenities also include a microwave and refrigerator in all rooms, outdoor pool and fitness center. For reservations, call 1-801-521-7373.



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