



EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF
A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SERVING DEAF MINISTRIES

“Changing Church — Changing World”

Dear Friends,

April 25, 2017

“Pre Convention ECD Issue”

THE IMPORTANT Hotel contact information necessary for reserving your room in Birmingham!

Other valuable information that can make our convention run smoother and more enjoyable are also included.

You will see

Award descriptions and nomination forms

Tentative schedule for the week

Delegate Certifications

The work we do this year is very important and we want you to be with us!

We will have elections for the Board and introduce and vote on updates and changes to our Constitution and Bylaws.

We encourage you to elect your delegates and come work with us so we can continue to spread the welcoming love of Jesus to all we know.

Come represent your church, enjoy your time, and work to make changes!

The Rev. Marianne D. Stuart

President, Episcopal Conference of the Deaf



Do You Know of Any Deserving Person?

Episcopal Conference for the Deaf – a leader in advocating for the needs of Deaf individuals within The Episcopal Church “TEC” is now accepting nominations for various awards. The awards celebrate the exceptional and meaningful contributions made to improve accessibility to Deaf people in Episcopal Churches throughout the United States.

The ECD is accepting nominations for:

New Clergy Certificate – This award is presented to all new clergy working with Deaf congregations and Deaf ministry in the Episcopal Church

The Thomas Gallaudet Award – This award is presented to a person who has made a worthy contribution to the work of the ECD

The Distinguished Service Award – This award is presented to a person who, although not directly related to Deaf ministry, has made a significant contribution to the support of Deaf ministry in the Episcopal Church

The Meritorious Service Award – This award is presented to members of the ECD who are deserving of thanksgiving and in recognition of their dedicated service to the ECD

The Robert W. Cunningham Community Service Award – This award is presented to an outstanding Deaf person within the ECD in recognition of his/her contribution to the Deaf community, either locally or at large

The Anne Sullivan Award – This award is used solely to honor an interpreter for his/her unselfish service as an interpreter for the ECD for many years

Retirement Scroll – This scroll is presented to clergy who are retiring from their ministry within the ECD

Please email your nomination to Lee Holland, leesholland@aol.com. Subject line “ECD awards” and email it by May 20. In the email, please provide the name you wish to nominate (and which award) and give detailed reason why this person should be the recipient of such award.

Awards will be presented during the ECD Banquet, June 22, 2017 in Birmingham, AL.

Award Nominations

We honor all those who have worked in the Service of God's People. We invite you to nominate someone you know, who has dedicated themselves to Christ's ministry among the Deaf. Please give examples of their ministry, and presence among Deaf Episcopalians. Pick the best AWARD that describes your Nominee. If you want to nominate others for different awards, please copy the form and mail them to

I would like to nominate _____ for the _____
AWARD at the ECD Conference in 2017.

Your name _____ Your Church _____

In a few words tell why this person should receive this award. Add more paper if need!

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ECD Convention Schedule 2017 (work in progress...)

All events at St. John's unless noted.

Tues. June 20		Wed. June 21		Thu. June 22		Fri. June 23		Sat. June 24		Sun. June 25	
<p>Picking up folks from BHM airport continues as necessary throughout the day.</p>		8-8:30am	~ ~ ~ Shuttle vans run from Hotel. ~ ~ ~		<p>Business: Constitution & By-Laws (continue if necessary) President's Address ECD Board Nominations</p>		<p>Shuttle vans from Hotel</p>		<p>Shuttle from Hotel</p>		<p>Check out of Hotel by 11am Rides to Airport all morning.</p>
		8:45-9:15	Worship & Inspiration with Chaplain Rev. Dick Mahaffy								
9:30-Noon		<p>Business: Introductions & 2014 Conv. Minutes</p>		<p>Business: Law Committee meets</p>		<p>9:30-10:15 Business: Resolutions Committee Rpt</p>		<p>9:30 Closing Eucharist</p>		<p>Rides to Airport or Informal outings.</p>	
2-5pm Conv. Registration at Hampton Inn Lobby		<p>Business: Const. and By-Laws Revision Q. & A. Vote if possible. 3:30 vans to hotel</p>		<p>1-2pm Resolutions Committee meets</p>		<p>Shuttles leave 11:30</p>		<p>Final Business including Courtesy Resolutions</p>			<p>Travelling mercies! Imv/</p>
Hotel ⇄ Church shuttle begins 4:15pm Snacks at St. John's		4-5:30pm vans leave from hotel		<p>2:15-5pm Business: Old Business Treasurer's Report DE Editor's Report Membership Report</p>		<p>Birmingham Civil Rights Museum</p>		<p>Motor-sports Museum</p>		<p>Fellowship Pizza & Game Night* Visiting hosted in various hotel rooms (with quiet consideration for other hotel guests)</p>	
5pm supper & registration continues at St. John's		dinner		<p>Time for rest and changing at hotel.</p>		<p>Episcopal Coffee House</p>		<p>lunch at The Abbey</p>			<p>5:45pm Supper at St. John's</p>
6:30pm Opening Eucharist		<p>outing to Cheaha Mountain & BBQ dinner outside at Marianne's house</p>		<p>6:30pm vans leave from hotel</p>		<p>10:15 Business: Resolutions Committee Rpt</p>		<p>lunch</p>		<p>6:30pm Business: Law Committee Report ECD Board Elections</p>	
Ice Cream Social				<p>7pm Banquet, Awards and Group Photo at The Harbert Center</p>		<p>Outgoing & Incoming Board Members meet at hotel following election.</p>		<p>Episcopal Coffee House</p>			<p>lunch</p>
Shuttle to Hotel running 8-9:30pm		evening									

*Please bring a fun game you think a group might enjoy.



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74th Convention — June 20-24th — Registration

Travel days: Plan to arrive Tuesday, June 20, early afternoon. Depart Sunday, June 25.
Each person must register separately: 1 form per person.

Name: _____ Email _____

Street or box _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Text message # _____ Voice/VP Tel. # _____

Your Church: _____ City+State _____

Diet & Accessibility Needs: _____

Registration Details/Costs

Convention Fee: \$150 _____
incl. 4 lunches, a BBQ dinner, BANQUET + transportation during convention

Outings: CIRCLE 1

Civil Rights Museum \$15 (only \$5 for Sr.Citizens 65+) **OR** Motorsports Museum \$15 _____

Banquet **Only**: \$30 for those NOT registered for convention _____

Total _____

Mail your registration form & check payable to ECD by May 20, 2017

To The Rev. Marianne Stuart
119 First Avenue
Lincoln, AL 35096

Check this box if you need a roommate:
We will email you a list of those hoping to share a room.

You must reserve your own hotel room.

ECD reserved a block of rooms with more than one bed for easier sharing.

5 rooms have 2 queen beds; other rooms have 1 King bed + sofabed. Hotel has Pool, Hot Tub, Breakfast.
\$107 per night per room. ECD will provide transportation from hotel to convention site.

Hampton Inn Birmingham-Colonnade 280, 3400 Colonnade Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35243

REGISTER ON INTERNET: find Hampton Birmingham Colonnade. Enter June 20-25 + **group code 600**.
The rate of \$107 will appear.

OR BY TELEPHONE 205-967-0002. Our group name is “ECD Convention”.

Delegate Certification Form

ECD Convention 2017

June 20 - 24

Birmingham, Alabama

I, _____

(Rector, Vicar, Priest in Charge or Lay Minister)

Of _____

(Parish, Church, Mission or Congregation)

In the Episcopal Diocese of _____

Hereby Certify that _____

(Name of person)

Is the official delegate from our congregation to the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf convention meeting in the summer of 2017.

Our Alternate Delegate is _____

(Name of person)

Signed _____

Date _____

Bring this with you when you come to Convention!