



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

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Dear Clergy & Lay Representatives,

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus. On this coming Sunday, the Last After Pentecost, many of us will consider what it means for Christ to be “King of kings and Lord of lords.” Important themes to be explored in the weeks after a presidential election. I hope and pray that your worship will be meaningful and filled with joy!

One more time, let me apologize for the confusion of what was intended to be our Special Convention last Saturday. With Sara Tavela, our Coordinator of Communications, we have explored what went wrong and what we could/should have done differently. Hopefully, we will learn from our mistakes and do a better job when next we try to host such a meeting again! Thank you for your patience in a difficult situation.

As our Chancellor affirmed during our Zoom meeting, there is nothing which would prevent our Executive Council from adopting the Diocese’s annual budget. Normally, we will still expect to adopt budgets at our Annual Conventions; that is certainly what we had intended with respect to the 2025 budget. That said, we are now going to take the simpler path. Members of our Executive Council, who carefully considered the proposed 2025 budget on a line-by-line basis before recommending it to the attention of Convention, will now be asked to formally adopt the budget on behalf of the Diocese. We will not try to bring Convention back together for another try.

With the “Invitation to Pledge” process that will follow, after Convention, we will be asking congregations to affirm their support of the Diocese by making a commitment in support of the budget. The invitations that congregations will receive will include all the information that they should need to make such a commitment.

My thanks to all of you who have served as delegates to Convention from your worshipping communities. I am grateful for your service and look forward to working with you, or your successors, in the year to come.

Peace and blessings,

Rob



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