**EPISCOPAL CONVOCATION 3-DAY VISITATIONS**

As part of the “Discovery” year of Bishop Scanlan’s new episcopacy, she has requested that each of the 7 Convocations in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania arrange a “3-day Convocation Tour” according to the schedule distributed by the Bishop’s office, as follows:

2016

Susquehanna – January 8, 9, 10

Northern Tier – April 15, 16, 17

West Branch – May 6, 7, 8

Southern – June 17, 18, 19

Lancaster – July 8, 9, 10

Harrisburg – July 22, 23,24

Altoona – October 21, 22, 23

Each Convocation is to prepare a program that will introduce the new bishop to the joys, wonders and challenges of each geographic region. This is to be more of an educational opportunity for the bishop to get to know the area, and less of a “best of” each convocation.

The Co-convenors of each Convocation will work with the clergy and lay leaders to design a program that will be finalized and approved by the Bishop’s office.

The visitation calendar has been arranged that the Sunday visitation will take place in one of the churches of the Convocation and is also to serve as that parish’s episcopal visitation.

If the Convocation is at a distance of more than 1.5 hours from Harrisburg, the Bishop will make her own arrangements to spend the night at a local hotel at cost to the Bishop’s Ministry Expense budget, not the Convocation or parish budgets.

Some of the ideas for a 3-day Convocational Visit might include:

* Touring a housing project in an urban setting (York? Lancaster? Harrisburg?)
* Visiting a retirement community
* Going to a local baseball/football/hockey game
* Participating in a Convocational healing service
* Meeting with local civic or ecumenical or interfaith leaders
* Going on a rollercoaster at Hershey or Knoebles
* Greeting parishioners at a Convocational potluck
* Attending a hymn sing
* Walking at the side of a deer hunting or bird hunting party (The Bishop does not own a gun or desire to fire one but is happy to walk alongside.)
* An afternoon of fishing. (The Bishop loves to fish … and does own a fishing rod.)
* Hiking part of the AT with parishioners
* Attending the symphony/chamber concert/high school play

It is the hope of the Bishop that these Convocational visits will be a joy -not a burden- to plan and that each Convocation will be energized by a discussion of the key activities to include in their 3-day plan.

Please fill out the worksheet below and submit to cpatterson@diocesecpa.org no later than 1 month before the Convocational 3-Day visit is to occur. Carolyn Patterson will arrange a follow-up phone call to discuss the visit.

*-See next page for worksheet-*

**CONVOCATIONAL 3-DAY VISIT WORKSHEET**

Convocation Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Co-convenors of the Convocation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cell)

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Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parish in the Convocation scheduled for Sunday morning Bishop’s visit:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After consulting with other parish members of the Convocation (and the parish scheduled for the Sunday visitation) we propose these activities for our Bishop’s visit:

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(use back of sheet for more info)

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF 3-DAY VISITATION. A FOLLOW UP PHONE CALL FROM THE BISHOP WILL CONFIRM THE 3-DAY PLAN

Submit form to cpatterson@diocesecpa.org