



# EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

The Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan  
Bishop

9<sup>th</sup> June, A.D. 2008  
*St. Columba's Day*

TO ALL CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES TO THE 143<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After extensive consultation, and with the consent of the Standing Committee, I am moving the time and place of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese to Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at St. Martin's Church, Monroeville.

Registration of clerical and lay deputies will be from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. The Convention Eucharist will begin at 8:30 a.m. The business session of Convention will begin immediately following the Eucharist. Lunch will be served at midday. It is anticipated that all matters required to come before the Annual Convention will be complete during the afternoon, with adjournment at the completion of said business.

The date and place of the Annual Convention having been previously set, I am announcing this change under the provisions of Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Diocese. The expressed threat of deposition of the Diocesan Bishop at a September meeting of the House of Bishops is the "sufficient cause."

The election and certification of all lay deputies is required by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pre-Convention materials will be distributed as required by the Rules of Order. Pre-Convention Hearings will be scheduled in three regions of the Diocese, with dates already set as:

Sunday, September 21, 3 p.m. at Christ Church, Greensburg  
Wednesday September 24, 7 p.m. at St. Martin's, Monroeville  
Monday, September 29, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's, Sewickley

The original convention dates for 7-8 November are being held for a "Consultation on Moving Forward in Mission." This will be an important first opportunity for shaping our corporate life as we move beyond October's realignment vote.

Please keep every aspect of this momentous Convention in your prayers.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Bob P. Hsberg*

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