

Diocese of Minnesota Certification of Lay Delegates

2009 Annual Convention, Marriott Minneapolis City Center – October 30 & 31, 2009

Canon 205(1) governs the number of delegates to which the Mission/Parish is entitled. (see p. 2)

Name of Congregation: _____

City: _____

Number of Authorized Delegates: _____

To the Convention of the Diocese of Minnesota:

We hereby certify that the following persons have been chosen by the Bishop's Committee/Vestry of the above named congregation at a meeting duly convened, as:

Delegates

Name	Street Address, City - Zip	Phone Number	Email Address

Alternates

We further certify they are communicants and stated worshipers in the congregation they represent and are not under ecclesiastical censure process.

Witnessed this _____ day of **1857** of 2008.

Rector/Vicar/Priest in Charge: _____

(signature)

Original Certification form must be returned no later than **June 30, 2009**.

Mail to: **Delegate Certification, The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, 1730 Clifton Place, Suite 201, Minneapolis, MN 55403-3242**

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Canon 205.1 Calculation of Lay Delegates. Each Congregation in union with Convention is entitled to be represented by Lay delegates based on its number of active baptized members stated in the parochial report to the Diocese for the previous year, as follows:

Active Baptized Members Denotes Lay Delegates

(Note: This number comes from your 2008 Parochial Report. If the parochial report is not filed, the clergy in charge of the congregation may not have seat or vote. (Canon 204.2)

1-99	1
100-199	2
200-349	3
350-499	4
500-699	5
700-899	6
900-1199	7
1200 & over	8

Canon 205.2 Youth Members of Convention. Each region of the Diocese, as determined by Council and ratified by Convention, is entitled to be represented at Convention by the inclusion among its representatives of one youth delegate. A young person eligible for consideration as such a representative must be a Communicant in Good Standing in a Congregation within the geographical boundaries of that region, and must be at least sixteen years old but not yet graduated from high school on the date of selection as a delegate.

Canon 207.1 Election. The Lay delegates of a Congregation are elected for a three-year term from and by its qualified voters, at its annual meeting immediately preceding the Annual Convention, or by its Vestry or Bishop's Committee thereafter, according to a schedule determined by Diocesan Council.

a. The Lay delegates must be elected at least ninety days before the meeting of Convention for which they are elected, or else they may not take seats at Convention without the consent of a majority of Convention, both orders voting together.

b. The youth delegate of each region selected under Canon 205.2 is elected for a one-year, and not a three-year term, by the Regional Board. Regional Youth Delegates must be elected not later than the Regional Meeting before Annual Convention as stipulated in Canon 224.8.

Election Schedule for 2009 Diocesan Convention.

Delegates Elected in 2007
Regions 3, 6 and 9

Delegates Elected in 2008
Regions 1, 4 and 7

Delegates Electing in 2009
Regions 2, 5 and 8

Canon 207.2 Term of Office. Lay Delegates hold office for three consecutive annual meetings of convention.