



Official Call to Convention

July, 2025



Dear Congregations and Vestries of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan,

The 129th Annual Diocesan Convention will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 17-18, 2025, at the Terrace Bay Hotel in Gladstone, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Bay College in Escanaba.

Our theme this year is *Hope & Healing*, drawn from the title of an exciting and important day-long workshop on Friday, October 17, that will set the foundation for our work as a diocesan community striving to renew our communities in partnership with Indigenous neighbors. We hope most delegates and many other members of the diocese will attend this educational event leading into Convention.

"Hope and Healing: Engaging Indigenous Cosmologies and the Gospel in Action," cosponsored with Episcopal Divinity School, will be led by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler, co-founders of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and authors of So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis, Friday, October 17, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, at the Terrace Bay Hotel, 7146 P Rd, Gladstone. The workshop will help us to co-identify an economy of life, get grounded in the soil, and continue to develop a decolonizing lens for engaging Scripture and developing liturgy, music, and worship spaces. Please see details and **register at eds.edu/programs** or call the diocesan office at 906.228.7160 for assistance. This workshop is free and includes lunch (donations welcome). *Thursday night hotel assistance is available!*

Convention will officially open with Eucharist at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 17, at St. Stephen's, 500 Ogden Ave, Escanaba. This will be an opportunity to practice decolonizing liturgy learning from the workshop. A reception will follow. Convention will continue on Saturday, October 18, at 9:00 am, at Bay College, 2001 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, in the Joseph Heirman University Center, with the bishop's address, business, and workshops on Living Stories and mutual ministry. Delegates and visitors should **register for Convention using the enclosed forms**. Each congregation should mail the forms or email the signed form and other information, along with a list of baptisms and deaths that have occurred since our last convention, to the diocesan office.

Anyone wishing to bring Resolutions or Canonical Changes to Annual Convention need to have them submitted to the Diocesan office by September 5, 2025.

Committees and other groups who would like a display table should contact Kathy Binoniemi at 906.228.7160 or kathy@upepiscopal.org

We look forward to seeing you in October!

In the light and love of the Spirit,
The Convention Planning Team

129th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

DRAFT SCHEDULE

Friday, October 17, 2025

Terrace Bay Hotel, Gladstone

- 9:30 am Gathering Refreshments
10:00 am to Workshop (includes lunch; preregister at eds.edu/programs):
4:30 pm “Hope and Healing: Engaging Indigenous Cosmologies and the Gospel in Action”
 led by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler, cosponsored with Episcopal Divinity School

Dinner on Your Own

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 500 Ogden Ave., Escanaba

- 6:30 pm Convention Registration Opens
7:00 pm Eucharist, followed by reception

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Bay College (Joseph Heirman University Center), 2001 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba

- 8:30 am Registration and Refreshments
9:00 am Business Session with Bishop's Address and Elections
11:00 am Living Stories presentation
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Convention Reconvenes for remaining business
2:15 pm Close of Convention
2:30 pm Mutual Ministry seminar and conversation with Visitors

ACCOMMODATIONS

These accommodations in the Gladstone/Escanaba area may have slightly discounted rooms. You might find better deals searching yourself! Please reserve online or call the hotel directly to book your room.*

- Terrace Bay Hotel, 7146 P Rd, Gladstone, terracebayhotel.com or 906-786-7554
Rates vary. Book ASAP with Promotion Code ED25
- Magnuson Grand Pioneer Inn, 2635 Ludington Street, Escanaba, 906-786-0602
Some rooms guaranteed at \$135/night until Oct. 9.
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*Congregations are expected to assist with the cost of hotel accommodations for delegates. For those individuals in need of additional assistance, please let us know, especially for Thursday night for those coming from a distance to attend the workshop starting Friday morning.