

Special Meeting Notice

Trinity Anglican Church

November 13, 2023

Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Bylaws, a Special Meeting of the Voting Members of Trinity Anglican Church is hereby called for Sunday November 26, 2023. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am in the Family Center at Trinity. Please note that only official Voting Members (as defined by the Bylaws) will be eligible to vote in this matter.

The purpose of this Special Meeting of the members is to vote on transferring our affiliation from the ACNA Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast (DWGC) to the ACNA Diocese of All Nations (DAN). The potential to transfer our diocesan affiliation, including keeping all of our property, is clearly foreseen and allowed under Section 1.5 of our Bylaws and Title XII of the DWGC Constitution.

Why are we having this vote? Unfortunately, the relationship between Fr Peter and Bp Clark has deteriorated over the course of this year. In October, Fr Peter and Bp Clark agreed to formal mediation with Retired Bishop Trevor Walters, and while the mediation did result in a beginning of personal reconciliation, it was also clear to Fr Peter that he could no longer serve professionally under Bishop Clark. Because of these irreconcilable differences, Fr Peter has prayerfully determined that he will seek transfer to the Diocese of All Nations before the end of the year.

This therefore presents Trinity with a clear choice:

- A) Either we vote to transfer to the Diocese of All Nations, in which case Fr Peter will continue with Trinity
- B) Or we vote not to transfer, in which case Fr Peter will resign from Trinity

To put it another way, while Fr. Peter earnestly desires to continue as our Rector, he can only do so if Trinity separates from Bp. Clark's authority as well, so we will be voting on diocesan transfer to the Diocese of All Nations (DAN) at this meeting.

For the most part, diocesan transfer will be invisible and seamless. The Diocese of All Nations has many churches in central and west Texas and a growing church planting effort Louisiana, so we will be right at home. While any change is hard, we will retain our friends in the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast, and make new ones in the Diocese of All Nations. And because both Dioceses are in the Anglican Church in North America, we will remain in communion with each other.

The Vestry voted to recommend this diocesan transfer, and in the attachment below you can find the Resolution of the Vestry on the Special Meeting. You will also find a letter from Fr Peter, and a recommendation on transfer from Bob Ogle.

If you have any questions or would like to know additional details, please contact Fr. Peter or me (phone: 337-349-1997, e-mail: billco@candbsales.com). Fr Peter will also hold a Q&A session after church on November 19. I appreciate your prayerful attention to this important matter, and I ask that you join me in voting for the transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cober, Rector's Warden