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Let's Get Missional: Reorganizing ECCT and Why it Matters

Week 3: Get ready for Region Convocations!

In our first and second emails we've spoken about the various new structures for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT). This new organization was derived from lots of hard work and study by many folks across Connecticut over the past few years in TREC-CT (Taskforce for Reimagining the Episcopal Church in Connecticut).

Our first two emails spoke about how ECCT will be governed going forward—by Annual Convention and Mission Council working with our bishops and ECCT officers. We'll have a new framework that we hope will help us think outside the box to engage God's mission—through Ministry Networks and Regions, and with the help of our Region Missionaries. Now in this third and final "send" we'll talk about the meetings we'll be having across the Regions to help inaugurate these new structures.

Each Region's meeting will be called a Region Convocation. It may take various forms, depending on input from the Region. It may last for most of a weekend or for a day or it may be a little shorter. It could look more like a celebration! It depends on the Region.

We'll gather locally to talk about:

- dreaming about how we may work together missionally to take the Good News of God's love outside the parish walls and into the neighborhood and the world.
- governing our Region (including considering how we will select people to serve on Mission Council), and
- defining the scope and work of a Region Missionary.

Each Region Convocation will be blessed to host not only our member parishes and worshiping communities but also one or both of our bishops, our Canon for Mission Collaboration (the Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp), and the current team working on our transition to these new structures. Each parish or Eucharistic community may send as many people to this meeting as they wish.

We engage this process asking for guidance and power from the Holy Spirit. We trust that God will be mightily present and that this work will be energizing and vital.

Here is the schedule for the various Region Convocations. Stay tuned in your own Region for more information as it becomes available. Note: the places for each Convocation have not yet been named. Transition Team members are working with people in each Region to find those.



<u>Region Convocation</u>	<u>Date</u>
Northeast	April 22-23
South Central	May 6-7
Southwest	May 13-14
Southeast	May 20-21
North Central	June 10-11
Northwest	June 24-25

Once settled, details on each Convocation will be sent electronically. They will also be posted on a separate web page and included on a flyer to be mailed to every parish in the Region.

A Convocation for Ministry Networks is also in the works; a confirmed date is not yet available.

So—what’s it to us? And why should we care

This is a great question for discussion in each parish or worshipping community. Why not structure an Adult Forum or pose these questions in another venue? Daydreams can lead to very wonderful and edifying experiments...

- What gives you hope for ECCT going forward?
- What reservations may you have?
- What dreams come to mind for how we may be engaged in God’s ministry more fully in the future?
- How can YOU play a fuller role in ECCT going forward?

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More info is at www.episcopalct.org/t3/

Includes PDF versions of Week 1, Week 2, and Week 3 letters, linked version of each, maps, more.