

September 16, 2009
XIV **Trinity**

To the Clergy, Parishes and Guests of the Diocese

The One Hundred-twenty ninth Council of the Diocese will convene on **Thursday, November 5, 2009**, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, 5071 E. Federal Street, Baltimore, MD 21205. Following **registration** of clerical and lay delegates at **9 a.m.**, the Council will open with a service of **Holy Communion** at **10 a.m.** *Please note all proceedings and meals, **excluding the banquet on Thursday, will be held at Faith Church.***

The 129th Council will follow the pattern previously established by the REC by devoting the majority of attention and time to educate, edify and encourage the church. Business matters will be confined to Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Carefully read the enclosed schedule for details of the council.

Recommendations requiring official Council action are to be extracted from committee reports, in order that a sheet of **'Action Items'** can be prepared by the Secretary in an effort to facilitate the transaction of necessary business. These action items must be submitted to the Administrative Office in Blue Bell by **Friday, October 30**. An opportunity will be given to read printed reports prior to the business session(s), eliminating the need to read reports in full on the Council floor.

*Committee Chairmen are asked to **submit their reports via email** (tonya.forsberg@reseminary.edu) no later than **Monday, October 26**. If you are unable to electronically submit your report, please send a hard copy to the office for duplication. The office will duplicate the electronic reports for inclusion in the delegate packets. Enclosed are the 2009-10 diocesan **tithing forms** and mailing labels for your treasurer along with the **Credentials** registration forms to be mailed to the Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

A choir is being assembled again this year to sing at the worship services. All from your parish who are attending Council (clergy, delegates, alternates, guests) are invited to participate in the choir. Note the choir rehearsal times listed on the enclosed schedule. Notify Choirmaster Ron Riches via email (phron@earthlink.net) as soon as possible if you are willing to sing in the choir (see the enclosed letter for detailed info).

The **clergy** will meet on **Wednesday evening** at 7:30 p.m. at **Faith Church**.

Overnight accommodations have been arranged with Hilton Garden Inn White Marsh, 5015 Campbell Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21236 (410) 427-0600. Rooms have been reserved for our Council attendees under the code **REC** at a rate of \$159 per night. The Hilton is expecting our reservations to be made by **Friday, October 16**.

As stated in last year's program committee report, a **Registration Fee** of **\$10 per person** is being charged to the Council attendees to cover incidental costs related to the preparations for Diocesan Council.

May the conduct of our Council be a proven source of renewed strength and spiritual encouragement as we seek the Spirit of God to grant us a full measure of His grace and blessing.

Faithfully yours, in Christ,

David L. Hicks (The Rt. Rev.)

Enclosures

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Ven Dr. Jon W. Abboud

The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade

The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum

The Rev. Can. R. Charles Gillin

The Rev. Paul S. Howden

The Very Rev. Wm. Jenkins, Sr.

Mr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.

The Rev. Donald L. March

The Rev. Rondal D. Martin

The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

The Rev. Mark E. Specht

Mrs. Joan Workowski

***REPORTS**

Bassinger Home Fund

Ministers' Salaries

Evangelism, Church Growth & Development

Theological Seminary

Christian Education

Short-term Missions

Constitution and Canons

Foreign Missions

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A History of the Diocese

Ministry to Men

Women's Ministry

129TH COUNCIL

Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic

Reformed Episcopal Church

Thursday and Friday November 5 - 6,

2009

Council Report

DUE DATE

Submit to

NOMINATIONS

Sunday, October 4

email: gmclynn@verizon.net

Note: A conference call meeting is scheduled for nominations on Monday, October 5.

MEMORIALS *email: rondaldmartin@gmail.com*
Monday, October 26

ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS *email: tonya.forsberg@reseminary.edu*
Monday, October 26

note: The Council expects ALL committee chairmen to report on their committee's activities over the last year.

ACTION ITEMS *email: bonnie.abboud@reseminary.edu*
Friday, October 30

CHOIR MEMBERS *email: phron@earthlink.net*
Immediately
973.729.4153
Choirmaster Ron Riches

ACCOMMODATIONS Hilton Garden Inn-White Marsh
Friday, October 16

CALL: 410.427.0600 CODE: REC
see below

MEALS
Friday, October 16

REGISTRATION FEE/MEAL

RESERVATIONS

NAME(S): _____ Du
e Date: OCTOBER 16, 2009

Please make checks payable to NEMA and mail to the diocesan office in Blue Bell, PA.

Registration Fee (\$10/person) # _____ X
\$10/person = _____

Thursday Lunch ... A TASTE OF BALTIMORE
_____ X \$15/person = _____

Thursday Buffet Banquet ... Hilton Garden Inn-White Marsh # _____ X
\$35/person = _____

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AL ENCLOSED: \$ _____