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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, Who was, and is, and is to come! In this packet of materials you will find an introduction to the 178th Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Missouri, November 17-18. This Convention will follow what has become a familiar pattern the past few years, with structured time for our business, yes, but also for conversation, reflection, and simply enjoying one another.

The Convention will meet at the Quality Inn and Suites in Hannibal, with Trinity Church in that city serving as host. We will celebrate the Convention Eucharist at the Star Theatre in downtown Hannibal, which will also be the venue for the banquet.

Highlights for our meeting include:

- A theme built around **The Mighty Waters: Baptism and Reconciliation**
- Keynote addresses from the Rev. Charles (Chuck) Wynder, Jr., the Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Social Justice and Advocacy Engagement; and the Rev. Hope (Hopie) Welles Jernagan, Executive Director at Magdalene St. Louis
- Updates on the missional life in the Diocese of Missouri, especially as it relates to *Making disciples | Building congregations | For the life of the world*
- News from the Diocese of Lui and Deaconess Anne House, two visible expressions of mission
- Election to Diocesan offices
- Consideration of a Diocesan budget for 2018

To register and for information, please go to the Diocese of Missouri Convention website www.diocesemo.org/convention2017. Please note the deadlines for submission of nominations and resolutions, and for convention and hotel registration.

Finally, and most important, please accept my gratitude for your commitment to our Diocese and the building-up of our common life.

Ever faithfully, in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith
Bishop of Missouri