

## General Convention Deputies

Like many ministries, the General Convention Deputation has spent much of our time the last year trying to figure out what's coming next.

At last year's convention, we elected a new batch of deputies to represent the Diocese of Missouri at the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, to be held in Baltimore in 2021. We now wait to hear what General Convention will look like next. We anticipate a possible short virtual gathering in 2021 to take care of immediate business with a hoped-for larger gathering in 2022, but no official announcement has been issued yet.

In the meantime, we have met via Zoom a few times to get to know one another, share what the role and expectations of deputy are in this diocese, and consider what kinds of matters will likely be brought to the 80th General Convention whenever it does convene. In October, Bishop Deon joined us to share his understanding of the mutual work of bishops and deputies and to update us on the work of the Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision, of which he is a part. We have also participated in churchwide webinars to prepare deputies for our roles at Convention.

We anticipate our work will ramp up considerably as we head into 2021, though we do not yet know how.

Your current deputies are as follows:

Lay Deputies and Alternates: Shug Goodlow, Betty Bowersox, Michael Booker, Liz Yount, Lisa Fox, Adrienne Dillon, Pat O'Brien, Chris Masters

Clergy Deputies and Alternates: Beth Scriven, Tamsen Whistler, Leslie Scoopmire, Mike Angell, Renee Fenner, Todd McDowell

Submitted by the Rev. Beth Scriven