

Rules of Order for Diocesan Convention

Social Media

This policy as adopted by Diocesan Convention on October 12, 2024 applies only to the use of social media and electronic communication while the Convention is in a convened meeting. Communication during other activities taking place while members of the Convention are gathered, but not convened, (meals, ministry site visits, worship, personal time, etc.) fall outside the scope of this policy.

The terms social media and electronic communications include but are not limited to:

- electronic distribution of photographs, email, blogs;
- the use of Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, LinkedIn, other social media platforms,
- videotaping, live streaming, audio taping
- and other multimedia, including electronic listening and/or recording devices.

During any convened meeting of Convention, those present (ex. Members of the Convention, invited guests, chaplains, translators, visitors, members of media, and staff designated by the Bishop or other authorized chair of the meeting) have the following rights:

- 1) Photographs or other recordings (sound or video) may be taken only with the permission of those in the photograph, video or recording; an exception is given to designated/authorized individual(s) taking pictures or recording the meeting. Those authorized individual(s) will be identified at the beginning of the Convention.
- 2) Photos and recordings may only be released after permission is given at the end of that session by the individuals, not during the session.

It is assumed that speakers may be quoted from meetings of Convention, but these quotations may not be communicated in any form until the adjournment of the meeting.

The Episcopal Church in Hawai'i uses photographs and videos of events in brochures and newsletters, on its website, social media outlets, and other purposes. Unless this permission is revoked in writing to the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, you agree to the use of your likeness in such materials by your registration for and attendance at the Annual Meeting. If you do not want your picture used, please inform the Diocesan Support Center.

Any speaker may deny permission for their image or recordings to be posted on social media by other members of convention by stating so prior to speaking.

The proceedings of meetings of Convention may be recorded via video and live streamed, and such complete recordings may be posted for viewing on the Diocesan website after the adjournment of the meeting.