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Dear Friends,

As I begin my fifth year of service to the Diocese of Colorado, I am pleased to invite you to our 120th Diocesan Convention to be held at St. John's Cathedral in Denver on October 5-6, 2007.

As always, I look forward to our convention as an opportunity for all of us to pray and work together and focus on our common life and how it supports our mission as a diocese and as the Body of Christ. This sacred mission—to proclaim the gospel, make disciples, and serve others in the name of Jesus—remains at the center of our work individually, as congregations and as a diocese.

Again this year, we will focus only on the essential work we have to do as a convention – namely, the adoption of the budget, elections to specific positions, including Deputies to the next General Convention, and reviewing and voting on essential legislation. As of the August 7 deadline, no resolutions were put forward for the convention to consider. We will have one day to complete all of the necessary business of convention, rather than our customary day and a half, so I believe that you will find the pace of business this year will be quite rapid.

Also again this year, the Diocese is offering the Training Event for the Diocese (TED) in conjunction with Convention to anyone who is interested in attending. Each of the many free workshops offered on Friday, Oct. 5, beginning at 1:00 pm, will provide you and members of your congregation with practical, useful tools to enrich and build up your ministry, tools that you can begin to use as soon as you return to your church and community. You will find detailed information about these workshops in this package. I hope you and many members of your congregation can take advantage of this opportunity to enliven your congregation's witness to the gospel with new energy and focus.

Finally, I invite you to take part in the pre-convention meetings that are being organized in each region. You can find information about times and places for those meetings on the "Calendars" page of the News and Events section of the Diocesan web site. Those gatherings will offer an opportunity to address proposed legislation and the proposed budget in more detail, and to meet some of the nominees to be Deputies for General Convention.

For now, I look forward to seeing you at our 120<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention. God's peace and blessing be with you.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Right Reverend Robert O'Neill  
Bishop