



What is a Deanery?

We are all members of the Diocese of California. We live out that membership in our local congregations as well as a variety of other ministries and institutions, one of which is Deanery.

Deaneries play a key role in developing and implementing the policies and plans of the Diocesan Convention and the Executive Council through:

- ✦ Reviewing and giving input about the diocesan budget and convention resolutions
- ✦ Sharing diocesan information with the congregations
- ✦ Communicating with the Diocese about the concerns of congregations and the deanery
- ✦ Providing a forum for education about matters of importance to the Diocese and the congregations
- ✦ Nurturing relationships between congregations, organizations and individuals doing similar ministries and good works
- ✦ Developing deanery-wide programs and participating in creative ministries

Who can be a Deanery Representative?

Deaneries are made up of lay and clergy representatives from each congregation in the deanery. The number of lay representatives each congregation has is determined by the number of communicants in good standing in the congregation.

Lay representatives are elected by congregations or appointed by the clergy of a congregation. All deanery representatives attend deanery meetings. Some deanery representatives are designated by their congregations as “convention delegates” These people are voting representatives at convention.

What is expected of a Deanery Representative?

- ✦ To attend deanery meetings, actively participate in deanery programs and support one another in the deanery
- ✦ To report to the deanery meeting about congregational matters and to the congregations about deanery matters
- ✦ To read, study and be prepared to discuss matters that come before convention
- ✦ If a convention delegate, to attend convention and vote
- ✦ To seek out and encourage people to serve on deanery ministries, Diocesan departments and commissions, and Executive Council
- ✦ To communicate lay initiatives and concerns to the clergy

When and where do Deaneries meet?

Deaneries are required to meet at least four times a year to elect officers, review the diocesan budget and review resolutions and other matters to be presented at diocesan convention

The times and places of deanery meetings are determined by each deanery. Agendas and programs for deanery meetings are planned by the officers of the deanery

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Churches in the Contra Costa Deanery

Grace Church, Martinez
Resurrection, Pleasant Hill
St. Anna's, Antioch
St. Anselm's, Lafayette
St. John's, Clayton
St. Michael and All Angels, Concord
St. Mark's, Crockett
St. Paul's, Walnut Creek
St. Stephen's, Orinda
St. Timothy's, Danville