

Daily Posting from the West Tennessee Deputation at General Convention in Columbus, Ohio

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Although the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church does not officially open until today (June 13), Monday saw the beginning of a beehive of activity that will continue for the next nine days. It was filled with deputies arriving from all around the country, legislative committee meetings, talks by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and President of the House of Deputies, George Werner, deputy orientation sessions, and finally, legislative hearings during the evening hours. As with most days at Convention, it began early and went well into the evening.

For the West Tennessee deputation it was no different. Several of your deputies are appointed to the various committees. Reynolds Cheney chairs National and International Concerns; Colenzo Hubbard chairs Evangelism; Barkley Thompson serves on Education; Rene Somodevilla serves on Ministry; and Charles Crump serves on Structure. Others in the deputation attended other committee meetings in order to keep the entire deputation informed about the work of those committees. The Convention is somewhat “front loaded” with legislative work so that by the time both houses, Bishops and Deputies, are in full session, there are legislative resolutions on which they can act.

The deputation will meet late each afternoon to review the day's events. I will report to you each morning in a somewhat informal manner about our observations and reflections on the day. For more detailed information about legislative issues and the proceedings of the Convention, there are links on this website that can keep you informed.

- By Stephanie Cheney, Director of Diocesan Operations for The Diocese of West Tennessee, who is in Columbus for the General Convention