

## General Convention Presence 2018

Episcopal Historical Organizations - AAEHC, EWHP, HSEC, NEHA  
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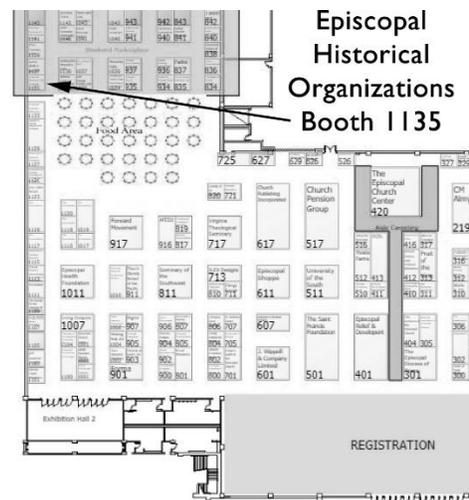
The Episcopal Historical Organizations have worked cooperatively at a booth during General Convention over many years to raise awareness of the organizations working to preserve and share the history of our Episcopal Church. This General Convention includes the African American Episcopal History Collection (AAEHC), the Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP), the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church (HSEC), and the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA). Matthew Payne, Director of Operations of HSEC, facilitates arrangements and coordinates activity.

### Exhibit Hall Booth

Booth 1135 is a 10' x 10' booth in Weekend Marketplace located at the back left of the Exhibit Hall of the Austin Convention Center, just off the Food Court. Each entity provides materials for display, giveaways or sales. Visitors browse and engage volunteers in discussion about the organizations.

### Exhibit Hall Badges

Accessing the Exhibit Hall requires a badge. A limited number of badges are available. If you will not have your own General Convention credentials and need a badge for entry, please contact the HSEC Director of Operations BEFORE General Convention to check availability.



### Volunteers

Volunteers assist staffing the booth for the various organizations. The goal is to have at least one (if not more) living, breathing human present always. In addition to meet and greet, other opportunities are available for engagement. We will distribute free copies of *The Historiographer* and *Anglican and Episcopal History*. We will encourage submission of papers for publication: feature articles for *The Historiographer* and academically oriented articles for AEH. We will promote the Call for Papers for the 2019 Tri-History conference.

### Schedule

Friday, July 6, 11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 8, 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **Volunteer Job Description – Episcopal Historical Organizations General Convention Booth**

Thank you for volunteering! This job description is to make you comfortable and provide a consistent visitor experience. Please become familiar with the tasks. Don't worry if you don't follow them exactly...no one is checking and we're not keeping track. We won't dock your pay either ☺. We want you to be you!

When you arrive, check in with other volunteers and introduce yourself. When your shift is finished, check out with other volunteers so that they know you are leaving.

### **1. Engage** people

- As people walk by, attempt eye contact. If successful, take it as a sign to interact.
- Offer your hand, introduce yourself (name & congregation or diocese).
- Since they will have a nametag, use their name and ask them where they are from.
- Chit-chat and follow up with a question:
  - “Has your church ever written its history?”
    - If yes, ask them to tell you about it, then link to one of the organizations (#2).
    - If no, then tell them about the organizations (#2).
  - “Does your church have an archive?”
    - If yes, ask them to tell you about it, then link to one of the organizations (#2).
    - If no, then tell them about the organizations (#2).

### **2. Describe** the organizations (decide which by what interest you heard in chit-chat)

- Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP) brings stories of Episcopal women in the church to the church.
- Historical Society of the Episcopal Church (HSEC) focuses on church history with an academic study perspective.
- National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA) focuses on helping people in the pew save materials and tell their story.
- The African-American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC) gathers materials from the black experience in the Episcopal church.

### **3. Invite** to participate (depending on feedback you are getting)

- Give copy of stuffed *Historiographer* (brochures, Call for Papers, freebies)
- Peruse display materials, take free stuff, buy stuff.

Any questions should be directed to the HSEC Director of Operations, Matthew Payne, at (920) 383-1910.