



To all those coming to Convocation Convention 2019,

Welcome to Emmanuel Church, Geneva, and to the Château de Bossey.

We are delighted to have you all with us for Convention at the Château de Bossey, and Africa Night and the Closing Eucharist at Emmanuel Church.

Arrival

This is a gentle reminder that we should have, by now, all of your arrival times and place of arrival (airport, main train station, Coppet). You should have received the information for getting from Geneva to Coppet. We will arrange the necessary transport from Coppet to Bossey, but only if we have the information now. If you have not yet communicated this, please do so, to: David Pittuck, david@pittuck.com, or Helena Mbele-Mbong, helena.mbele-mbong@orange.fr. When you know your exact arrival time at Coppet, please send an SMS message to: +41 79 397 4483. (Please don't call, or the phone will be clogged.)

Spouse/Partner Program

Those who registered as "Accompanying Spouse" are invited to join the Partner Program, beginning at 13:00 at the *Chocolaterie and Café Martel* (see attached map). Remember to give your luggage to your spouse to take to Bossey as you go to meet the group. (If you are staying in a hotel in Geneva, leave your luggage there.) Again, if you haven't already done so, please confirm that you will be joining the group so we can be on the lookout for you. (E-mail: helena.mbele-mbong@orange.fr). Contact Marilyn Geiger, +41 79 354 13 11, if you're lost or will be late.

Documents and paper

In keeping with our care of the environment and with increasing practice in The Episcopal Church, we are printing as little as possible. The WiFi at the Château de Bossey is good. If you have a laptop and are willing to bring and work from it, we encourage you to do so. We realize this is not possible for everyone. To all: if you would like to have any of the documents which are sent out in advance in printed form, please print and bring with you. These documents will not be provided in your packets, except the Agenda.

Saturday Night is Africa Night

The Convention coincides with Emmanuel's annual Africa Night – the evening the clocks fall back, giving us an extra hour of sleep. This is one of the biggest events of Emmanuel's year. Africa Night is a fundraiser, offered, organized and put on by Emmanuel's African members – an evening of African food, music, and dance to raise funds for a project in Africa. Our African community are hard at work planning and preparing for this larger-than-usual event. This will be a wonderful occasion to end the final day of meetings. Your registration fee includes the entry ticket of CHF20 which includes the meal. All proceeds from the entry tickets go toward

the project, as most of the food is donated. Drinks, however, are extra, with profits going to the project.

It is traditional for many of us to wear African dress or shirts, so if you have something from Africa, do bring it. If you don't, and would like to extend your wardrobe, African shirts in various sizes will be available at the Convention on Friday at a cost of CHF20. Again, all proceeds over cost go toward the project. (While customary, African dress is not required, however, so do not feel obligated.)

The Project this year is to continue to provide support to International Peace Initiatives (IPI), an NGO in Meru, Kenya, founded and directed by Dr Karambu Ringera. IPI is a local initiative which empowers women, educates and inspires orphans and is creating a thriving, resilient and sustainable community. IPI also sponsors New Generation Leadership conferences for youth to promote peace and ethical leadership. Emmanuel has provided support to the program in the past, and Dr Ringera visited us this past May.

Located in an area suffering from increasing drought and famine, International Peace Initiatives' current project is to seek to distribute/share clean water for drinking, domestic and farm use to 15,000 Kithoka Community Members. The main objectives are to provide clean water, improve food production for food sustainability and sovereignty, and reduce water-borne diseases. To be able to carry out this project they require funding to set up a 45,000 liter water tank, construct a water tower at Kithoka Amani Community Home and pipes to supply water to different homesteads and identified institutions. Emmanuel's aim is to be able to provide a substantial amount toward the total cost of over USD 10,000.

The entire Emmanuel Community look forward to your joining us at Emmanuel for Africa Night and the Closing Eucharist.

Safe travels. Walka fine.

Helena Mbele-Mbong - For the Emmanuel CC Planning Team and the African Group

