





Convention:  
Water, Wind & Faith

Dates: January 2-5

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### > 2 Chronicles 7:14

**"...If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."**



### **Goals:**

- To inform and inspire the college youth of the USA to make God a priority in their life.
- To give them the tools they need to keep themselves unspotted from a sinful society.
- To encourage college youth to humbly seek out God in prayer and meditation each day.
- To reveal the graciousness of God as well as the poison of sin.
- To create a spiritual atmosphere where fellowship, learning, and fun go hand in hand.

### **Summary:**

The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States held its annual Winter College Convention in Panama City Beach, Florida on January 2nd through the 5th, 2007. The convention's theme revolved around the "New Age Movement" in America and how to discern between its beliefs and the truth faith. Topics discussed virtue, discernment, heavenly vs. earthly wisdom, and tolerance. The Water, Wind & Faith Convention was lead by His Grace Bishop Youssef along with guest speaker Father Anthony Messeh from St. Mark's Church in Washington D.C. Over a hundred and sixty people attended the convention this year including priests, consecrated sisters, and youth from all over the United States. During the convention, His Grace Bishop Youssef made a special announcement and presentation about the future building of St. Stephen Retreat Center in Pensacola, Florida. May our Lord bless the Water, Wind & Faith Convention for many years to come.