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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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**Input invited at
upcoming diocesan
budget hearings**

As part of the 2018 diocesan budgeting process and the mission strategy review of gifts, resources and programs, the Budget Committee has scheduled three hearings for representatives from strategic ministries to make their presentations and budget requests. All are welcome to attend. The hearings will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on: *Wednesday, May 10* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; *Monday, May 15* at Emmanuel Church (5 Bryant Street) in Wakefield; and *Tuesday, May 16* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

Additionally, the Budget Committee will hold an open meeting on the 2018 diocesan budget on *Monday, June 5, 7-9 p.m.*, also at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. This is an opportunity for all members of the diocese to provide input during the early stages of the budget process. The completed proposed budget will be presented to Diocesan Convention in November for approval. *FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org).*

**Join B-PEACE witness at
Mother's Day Walk for
Peace**

Join B-PEACE and Bishop Alan M. Gates at the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on *Sunday, May 14*. The walk is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and raises money and awareness for the institute's peace-building efforts. Organizers hope many will join the walk to make 2017 another year when Episcopalians are witnessing together for peace.

Join B-PEACE walkers at 8:30 a.m. at Town Field Park (1520 Dorchester Avenue) in Dorchester, or join the group at the second entry point at 9:45 a.m. at Madison Park High School (75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury Crossing). The walk will conclude with a peace rally at Boston City Hall from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Register with the B-PEACE for Jorge team and find more information at www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Maureen Burns, B-PEACE organizer (847-220-3012 or maureen@ssypboston.org).

**Transitional deacons to
be ordained June 3**

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are requested for the upcoming service of ordinations on *Saturday, June 3, 10:30 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Those being ordained transitional deacons are: Daniel Peter Bell, Emily J. Garcia, Duncan Lindsley Hilton, Patrick LaFortune, J. Amanda March and Amy Whitcomb Slemmer. *FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or cathedral@diomass.org).*

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

**Sign-up deadline
extended for Holy Land
mission pilgrimage**

The sign-up deadline has been extended to June 15 for the mission pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine, to be led by Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Debbie Phillips of Grace Church in Salem. The Nov. 24-Dec. 6 mission pilgrimage will combine visits to holy sites, in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley, Nazareth, Galilee, Nablus and Ramallah, with opportunities to learn about active mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem through its school, health-care and peacemaking ministries.

The group will meet three times before the trip for orientation and community building. Estimated cost is \$4,100 per person (double occupancy), with all payments due by Oct. 1.

FOR INFORMATION: Marsha Searle, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or msearle@diomass.org).

**Paddlers & pilgrims
invited to join summer
CT River journey**

The Episcopal dioceses of New England, the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the nonprofit Kairos Earth, along with other regional partners, are organizing a 40-day river “pilgrimage” along the length of the Connecticut River, May 31-July 9. River pilgrims are invited to join the trip for a day, several days, a week or the entire journey. Those interested in paddling along for three days or more need to complete an online application by May 22.

Bishop Alan M. Gates plans to join the pilgrimage for the Springfield, Mass., to Hartford, Conn., segment, July 3-5.

The schedule, map, resources, registration information and sign-up for e-mail updates are all available [here](#).

Additionally, a “[River of Life Prayer Book](#)” will be available for download in early May so that anyone can participate as a “Pilgrim in Prayer” from wherever they are.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Jonathan Eden, Christ Church, Cambridge (617-876-0200 or jeden@cccambbridge.org).

CHURCHWIDE:

- **World Refugee Day** is June 20. Find event planning and welcoming resources [here](#), and stay up to date with the Episcopal Public Policy Network’s advocacy on behalf of refugees [here](#).

- The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music invites Episcopalians to complete an online survey [here](#) as part of its effort to gather data on the **church’s response to two marriage liturgies** that were authorized at the 2015 General Convention for trial use.

Both liturgies are contained in [Liturgical Resources 1: I Will Bless You and You Will be a Blessing, Revised and Expanded 2015](#), which was authorized by the passage of [Resolution A054](#). The resolution also directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to monitor the use of these materials and report its findings to the 2018 General Convention.

NOTES:

- The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will once again host **Eucharist for those who are walking or volunteering at the Walk for Hunger** on *Sunday, May 7*. The service will be at 8 a.m. on the cathedral church's porch, and all are invited.

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or cathedral@diomass.org).

- **Spring gatherings, sponsored by the chaplains to retired clergy, spouses and surviving spouses**, will be held from *10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston and *Thursday, June 1* at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth. RSVP by May 23.

The theme for the programs will be "Ever-present Racism: Whose Problem is It?" and will be led by Bishop Gayle E. Harris as moderator and the Rev. Karen Coleman, the Rev. Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte, the Rev. Karen Montagno and the Rev. Leslie Sterling as panelists. Each program's schedule will include fellowship, presentation and discussion, Noonday Prayer and a complimentary buffet luncheon. All retired clergy, their spouses and surviving spouses are most welcome.

RSVP / FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Victoria Hunt and The Rev. Marshall Hunt (508-432-2612 or vwmwhunt@gmail.com).

- The annual diocesan **Family Camp**, *Thursday-Sunday, June 22-25* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is an extended weekend of faith and fun for all varieties of families and households. Each morning at Family Camp is spent in a variety of activities and learning. Afternoons are free for various outdoor activities, and evenings are spent together bonding with family and friends, old and new, around games, discussions, a campfire or singing with Bishop Bud Cederholm and his guitar. Online registration is open [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Congregational Resources and Training/ Congregational Development Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or jgarrett@diomass.org).

- **Summer camp** runs from *June 25-July 28* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., offering five one-week and one two-week sessions for children and youth.

The Barbara C. Harris Camp is committed to providing financial aid so that every child may attend camp. Churches within the diocese are able to send their youth to camp on either a partial or full scholarship. Find registration and other information [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Alessia Doss, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603-547-3400 or alessia@bchcenter.org); www.bchcenter.org.

Upcoming youth ministry events:

Questions about these events may be directed to the Rev. H. Mark Smith (617/482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).

- The **Diocesan Acolyte Festival** is *Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church (900 Main Street) in Brockton. Acolyte teams of all ages are invited to take part in this day of workshops, a shared meal and a festival Eucharist with Bishop Alan M. Gates. Participants will meet other acolytes and worship leaders from around eastern Massachusetts, grow deeper into the role of acolyte and participate in a festive procession featuring crosses, banners, torches, flags and streamers from many congregations. Register online [here](#).

- Attend the second annual **Lynn Pride** event on *Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at St. Stephen's Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn. Hosted by the BE YOU LGBTQ+ Youth Group, this event is a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in Lynn and beyond. The event will include food, games, a community art project and make-up artists to help youth express their inner beauty. True Colors, an award-winning theater program for LGBTQ+ youth, will also perform from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a Q&A with the cast and producers. The event is free and welcomes all LGBTQ+ youth as well as allies.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Sarah Van Gulden, St. Stephen's Church, Lynn (508-367-4750 or svangulden@ststephenslynn.org).

- The **Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) 2017-2018 launch** is *Sunday-Friday, July 23-July 28* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Designed for young leaders entering ninth or 10th grade this fall, this special week at the camp provides a leadership development and faith-formation program, plus all that summer camp has to offer. At the end of the week, participants are introduced to the yearlong YLA and invited to continue (but signing up for the YLA week at camp is not committing to the year-long program). Register at www.bchcenter.org/camp.

For more information on the Youth Leadership Academy, visit www.diomassyouth.org or contact the Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- **Save the date for Diocesan Stewardship Leaders Training:** *Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Look for more information in the June issue of *fyi*.

FOR INFORMATION: Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or lmatt@diomass.org).

- A **Safe Church Training** will be offered on *Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. James's Church (120 Main Street) in Amesbury. Register online [here](#). This training is designed to

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increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse, to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs and to equip anyone in a position of parish leadership with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or kmontagno@diomass.org).

- **“Discerning Together,”** a workshop led by Brother David Vryhof, SSJE, will be offered on *Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.*, at the Society of St. John the Evangelist Monastery (980 Memorial Drive) in Cambridge. The workshop will explore the fundamental principles of group discernment and offer practical guidelines and examples. How do we discern the purposes of God in a group setting? How can vestries, mission teams, discernment committees, parishes and families learn to listen together for God’s voice? How can they conduct their meetings and discuss their questions and concerns in a prayerful atmosphere, attentive to the leading of the Spirit? Participants are invited to stay and join the brothers at Noonday Prayer at 12:30 p.m.

TO REGISTER/FOR INFORMATION: www.ssje.org or 617-876-3037.

- A **Safe Church Training Refresher for clergy** will be offered on *Tuesday, May 23, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. There is no fee for the workshop, and coffee, continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a must and can be done online [here](#).

It is expected that all clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts will attend a Safe Church Training once every three years. The diocese is committed to healthy church environments and needs the shared wisdom and experience of everyone to make them so.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or kmontagno@diomass.org).

- **“Global Missions: Perspectives for Success,”** a workshop on global mission partnerships, will be offered on *Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham. This is a workshop for congregations that have or are interested in having a mission partnership with a church or group outside of the Diocese of Massachusetts. You do not need to be an active participant in a diocesan global mission network to attend.

The workshop will explore how best to form and sustain relationships with partners by understanding the history and culture of their particular context. Hear the stories and learn from the experiences of Episcopalians involved in global mission,

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including Alan Yarborough, Communications Coordinator and Office Manager for the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations, and Natalie Finstad, Interim Director of the Leadership Development Initiative.

Participants will listen to a panel discussion in the morning, followed by a question-and-answer session. After a break for lunch, participants will gather in groups to discuss the morning's activity in the context of specific regions around the world.

Lunch will be served; a \$5 fee is requested to cover costs. RSVP to Haiti Network organizer Leo Ryan at leo.j.ryan@gmail.com or the Rev. Holly Hartman, Deacon for Global Mission Partnerships, at hartman@diomass.org.

GRANTS & LOANS:

- **Scholarship grants are available to children of clergy** canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers). Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2017-2018 academic year. The deadline for submission of applications is *Friday, May 12*, and all materials should be sent to: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. Notification of grants will be made by June 23.

The "Statement of Policy and Procedure," which is the basis for making awards, and the "Student Personal and Financial Profile," which all applicants are asked to complete, are available [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or dpound@diomass.org).

- Applications for **2017 Congregational Development Grants** are available [here](#). They are due on *May 15*. Applications for **2017 Deanery Grants** (Sending Serving and House of Mercy grants) are available [here](#). They are due by *Oct. 16*.

FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Grants Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or lzook@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Actions from the April 27 Diocesan Council meeting will be reported in the June issue of *fyi*.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, May 18, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org).

JOB POSTINGS:

Go to www.diomass.org
(Resources for Congregations & Clergy > [Employment](#)).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [director of children, youth and family ministries](#) at All Saints Parish in Brookline; [development and operations manager](#) for Life Together; [music administrator](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [organist](#) at Emmanuel Chapel in Manchester-by-the-Sea; [sexton](#) at All Saints' Church of the North Shore in Danvers; [music director](#) for The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; [Christian education director for children and youth](#) at St. James's Church in Amesbury; and [dean of students](#) and [teaching fellows](#) at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence.

CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

Communication regarding deployment and parish transitions should be directed to the Rev. Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or jbntagengwa@diomass.org).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church
COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church
DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist
MEDFORD, Grace Church
WALTHAM, Christ Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church
VINEYARD HAVEN, Grace Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

FRANKLIN, St. John's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

CONCORD, Trinity Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

BEVERLY FARMS, St. John's Church: Associate Rector
BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church: Curate/Assistant/Associate Rector
NEEDHAM, Christ Church: Family and Youth Ministry Curate

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Ann Broomell, canonically resident in the Diocese of Connecticut, has been appointed interim priest at Grace Church in Medford and will start on May 15.
The Rev. John H. Conn has retired from Trinity Church in Woburn as of April 16.

NEXT fyi:

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