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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
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Sending Serving Grants focus on "Women in Need" proposals

This spring the Sending Serving Grants Committee will run a special process to encourage and review **grant proposals "for the work of the church for women in need."** This particular language comes from a bequest that will fund the successful grant applications. The Women in Need grant process will differ from previous years' Sending Serving Grants process in several respects:

- The grant requests can cover more than one year of operations.
- The anticipated size of each successful grant is approximately \$40,000.
- The grant review process will be iterative, so that applicants and reviewers can see the application materials as they develop, allowing questions to arise earlier in the process.
- For now, there is not an externally imposed deadline for applications or decisions.

FOR INFORMATION: www.diomass.org/inside/sending-serving-grants or Jim Gammill (617/482-4826, ext. 402); jgammill@diomass.org.

Congregational Development Grants app's invited

The Congregational Development Grants Committee invites applications for grants in support of programs that build the vitality and viability of individual congregations and congregational partnerships. **The application deadline is Tuesday, May 20.** Instructions and the application are at www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Congregational Development Grants") or are available by request to 617/482-4826, ext. 888 or lynn@diomass.org.

Safe Church Training available at three sites this spring

Safe Church Training sessions have been scheduled for three upcoming Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:

- April 19 at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill;
 - May 17 at St. Paul's Church (100 Pine Hill Road) in Bedford; and
 - June 14 at St. Elizabeth's Church (1 Morse Road) in Sudbury.
- Cost is \$40 per person; limited scholarship support is available. Registration is required 14 days prior to the training date and can be done online via www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Training & Learning Opportunities").

These six-hour training sessions are designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power; to outline steps toward preventing abuse; to offer guidelines for intervention when misconduct occurs; and to equip those in leadership positions with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ. The training is required of all clergy and diocesan employees. It is also intended for wardens and other parish offic-

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ers, vestry members, eucharistic and pastoral visitors, youth leaders, confirmation sponsors, retreat chaperones, acolyte leaders, choir directors, church school teachers, regular volunteers and all employees of congregations.

FOR INFORMATION: Dick Vanderlippe, Safe Church Training coordinator (978/263-1895); rvan@aol.com.

A **Safe Church Refresher for Clergy** is planned for *Thursday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. Mary's Church (258 Concord Street) in Newton Lower Falls. All clergy canonically resident or licensed in this diocese are expected to attend a Safe Church Refresher training every three years. Online registration is available via www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Training & Learning Opportunities").

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of Bishop Cederholm (617/482-4826, ext. 349); dianep@diomass.org.

Clergy and delegates: Mark your calendars

The 223rd annual **Diocesan Convention** takes place *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8* at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis. Details will be sent to all clergy and delegates in July. Clergy and delegates are reminded that all nominations for diocesan elections, proposed canonical amendments, resolutions and committee and ministry area reports are due in the convention office by *Friday, Sept. 12*.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

Trial-use resources available for May 17 celebration of Andronicus and Junia

Diocesan Convention in October 2006 approved a resolution **authorizing for trial use in 2007 and 2008 a feast day on May 17 to celebrate Andronicus and Junia**, apostles and friends of St. Paul (Romans 16:7). The diocesan Liturgy and Music Committee prepared and distributed propers last April for use at the Eucharist on that day. The materials, which include suggestions for how to incorporate the celebration into congregational life, are available at www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Document Library"). **Celebration in congregations might be enhanced by the use of a new icon** of Andronicus and Junia being written by a member of the Order of Saint Helena, reproductions of which will be available in several sizes. Details about purchase of the icon are available by contacting the Rev. Kathryn Piccard (617/242-4734 or kapiccard@comcast.net).

The Liturgy and Music Committee invites comments and suggestions as the diocese discerns whether to recommend this celebration to the next General Convention for inclusion in the official calendar.

FOR INFORMATION: Liturgy and Music Committee co-chairs: The Rev. Kim Hardy (508/655-7114 or kimhardy138@comcast.net) or The Rev. Joe Robinson (617/876-0200).

The Crossing turns two

The Crossing, the emerging church worship community at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, **celebrates two years of ministry** with a special service on *Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.*, that will include blessings from Bishop Barbara C. Harris. A birthday celebration will follow. Validated parking is available for the Boston Common Garage. A flier for posting is included with this *F.Y.I.*

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 318); sspellers@diomass.org.

Family & choir camps are among specialty summer camp offerings

Summer camp registration is open at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. With a reputation for outstanding staff, excellent facilities and a fun, challenging program, the camp offers opportunity for young people of the diocese to experience summer camp at its best. This summer the camp is adding a new horseback-riding program to its other offerings. Sessions fill quickly, so campers should register soon by going to www.bchcenter.org or calling the camp for registration materials.

FOR INFORMATION: Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603/547-3400); camp@bchcenter.org.

Families will head to the camp the weekend of *June 27-29* for the **Family Weekend Experience**—an opportunity for families to reconnect through outdoor worship services, swimming and canoeing, Bible study, crafts, an “untalent show” and fellowship around the campfire. Families of all shapes and sizes enjoy this time together at camp. The Family Weekend registration form is available online at www.bchcenter.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Colette Wood (617/922-9664); cwood@ststephenscohasset.org.

Choir Camp will mark its 16th summer this year, *Aug. 3-9*, bringing young singers (grades 4-12) in contact with music from around the globe and across the centuries. Choir campers learn new music and make new friends while still enjoying summer camp activities like swimming and campfires, wrapping up the week with a Festival Lessons and Carols service on Sunday morning. Registration can be made through the camp (online at www.bchcenter.org or by calling the camp at 603/547-3400 for registration materials). Choir Camp posters will be made available this month.

**F.Y.I. is online at www.diomass.org (News & Events → Publications).
Sign up for monthly “E-news” at www.diomass.org (Quick Links → Subscribe to E-News).**

NOTES:

Please share the contents of *F.Y.I.* with your parish leadership and congregation through your parish bulletin, announcements, newsletters and Web sites. The contacts listed in *F.Y.I.* welcome your inquiries for more information.

■ There are modest funds available for **scholarship grants for children of canonically resident and licensed clergy** who are in an undergraduate degree program for the 2008-2009 academic year. The deadline for submission of applications is *May 9*. All materials should be sent to: Diane Pound, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. Notification of grants will be made by June 30.

The Statement of Policy and Procedure is the basis on which grants will be awarded and is available at www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Grants and Loans"). The Student Personal and Financial Profile, which each applicant should complete, is also available on the Web site.

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of Bishop Cederholm (617/482-4826, ext. 349); dianep@diomass.org.

■ The diocesan Congregational Business Consultants are offering a half-day "**Business Practices Workshop**" to provide parish treasurers and others who have parish financial responsibilities with tools and resources to make their jobs easier. The workshop will be offered on three upcoming *Saturdays, each 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:* *April 5* at St. Paul's Church (1135 Walnut Street) in Newton Highlands; *April 12* at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable; and *May 3* at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration can be made online at www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Business & Finance" under "Training & Learning Opportunities").

FOR INFORMATION: Chris Meyer, Congregational Business Consultants (617/482-4826, ext. 305); cmeyer@diomass.org.

■ St. Stephen's Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn will host a **leadership retreat** on *Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, where individuals and congregational teams will gather for a day of reflection, prayer and conversation about leadership. As a prelude to his soon-to-be-published book, Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE will offer three meditations on leadership issues inspired by his study of the New Testament and life in the diocese. The cost is \$10 per person, \$25 for three and \$50 for seven. Lunch will be provided. Money raised over the cost of the program will support the Building a New America (BANA) Fellows from St. Stephen's Church, La Iglesia de Gracia in Salem and St. Andrew's Church in Marblehead. Those planning to attend should send names, contact information, word of special needs and registration fees to: St. Stephen's Church, 74 South Common Street, Lynn, MA 01902.

FOR INFORMATION: St. Stephen's Church, Lynn (781/599-4220); ststephens@ststephenslynn.org.

■ The **Radical Welcome Circle** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston—next meeting on *Wednesday, April 9, 6:30-8 p.m.*—is an open gathering for all who hope to see their churches welcome the gifts and presence of marginalized groups: young people, poor people, people of color, lesbians and gay men, disabled people and so many others. The group shares a meal, prayer, strategies, questions and hopes. Facilitators are the Rev. Stephanie Spellers and Ken Farmer. Sandwiches and drinks are provided for \$5. The final gathering takes place *Wednesday, May 14.*

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 318); sspellers@diomass.org.

■ **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Church of the Ascension (160 Rock Street) in Fall River. Individuals may register by sending name, mailing address, phone number and sponsoring parish name and town, along with tuition (\$35 for trainees, \$20 for clergy) made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, to: Eucharistic Visitor Training, 15 Fremont Street, Plymouth, MA 02360. Registration forms are also available at www.rvan.org. The registration deadline is April 26.

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508/746-3805); conmel@aol.com.

■ Refugee Immigration Ministry's next **Spiritual Care Givers Training for those interested in visiting immigration detainees** will take place over two upcoming weekends: *April 25-26 and May 2-3 (Fridays 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays 12-7 p.m.)*. The training will be held at a Malden location to be announced; the fee is \$25, with scholarships available.

To be eligible for training, potential volunteers fill out an application and visit the Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) office for an interview. Upon completing RIM's training, volunteers undergo an orientation and background check, then make monthly visits and attend a monthly support meeting. Applications are available at www.r-i-m.net; the application deadline is April 14.

FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Guterma, RIM volunteer coordinator (781/322-1011, ext. 308); jennifer.rim@verizon.net.

■ The **Episcopal Church Women's annual retreat**, "Prayer Life," with the Rev. Barbara Smith-Moran, takes place *Friday-Saturday, May 2-3*, at St. Margaret's Convent (17 Highland Park Street) in Roxbury. Cost is \$60 for overnight or \$30 for Saturday only; some scholarships are available. The reservation deadline is April 18.

FOR INFORMATION: Betty Murray, Episcopal Church Women (617/332-5939); eg.murray@verizon.net.

■ Of note among the upcoming offerings of Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge are:

- “Celebrating Courageous Anglicanism,” a **panel discussion** on *Thursday, May 1 at 5:15 p.m.*, presented **in honor of Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett**, professor and former academic dean, on the occasion of her retirement from full-time teaching;
- The **Kellogg Lectures**, to be delivered this year by the Rev. Canon Marilyn McCord Adams, Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University, a series of three lectures, “Horrors,” “Christ” and “Holiness,” to be given, respectively, on *Thursday, May 1 at 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m.* and *Friday, May 2 at 10 a.m.* Adams is the author of *Christ and Horrors: The Coherence of Christology*, *Wrestling for Blessing*, *Horrendous Evils and the Goodness of God* and *The Problem of Evil*.
- “From the Desert to the City: An Exploration of Christian Spirituality,” a **June course to be taught by former presiding bishop Frank T. Griswold**.

Event and course registration and fee information is available at www.eds.edu or by calling 617/868-3450.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

The Diocesan Council’s March 27 meeting was canceled. The next meeting of the Diocesan Council is *Thursday, April 17, 6-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

JOB POSTINGS:

Go to www.diomass.org
(*Quick Links* → *Employment*).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **Christian education coordinator** for youth at St. Stephen’s Church in Boston; **parish administrator** at St. Luke’s Church in Hudson; **administrative assistant** for the Trinity Boston Foundation; **camp counselors** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; **parish administrator** at Christ Church in Cambridge; **minister for music** at the Parish of the Messiah in Auburndale; **church school director** at St. James’s Church in Groveland; **food pantry director** at St. James’s Church in Cambridge; and **director of communications** at Trinity Church in Boston.

PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

For detailed information go to www.diomass.org
(Inside the Diocese → Parish and Clergy Support).

Communication regarding deployment and parish transitions should be directed to the staff officers responsible for deployment: The Rev. Gregory Jacobs (617/482-4826, ext. 404 or [gjacob@diomass.org](mailto:gjacobs@diomass.org)) or The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or chubbard@diomass.org).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church
SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

FALL RIVER, Church of the Ascension
FALL RIVER, St. John's/St. Stephen's Partnership
HYDE PARK, Christ Church/ Iglesia de San Juan
ROCKLAND, Trinity Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church
HINGHAM, Church of St. John the Evangelist

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

NANTUCKET, St. Paul's Church
OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

BOSTON, Trinity Church: associate rector for worship. Contact: The Rev. Pamela Foster, Vicar (FAX: 617/536-8916); pfoster@trinitychurchboston.org.
BROOKLINE, All Saints Parish: part-time minister for 20s and 30s group. Contact: The Rev. David Killian, Rector (FAX: 617/738-7501); rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org.
LEXINGTON, Church of Our Redeemer: assistant/associate. Contact: The Rev. Tricia de Beer, Rector, at tricia@our-redeemer.net.
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church: assistant. Contact: The Rev. Cathy George, Rector, at cathy@stanneslincoln.org.
NEW BEDFORD, Grace Church: curate/assistant. Contact: The Rev. Bill Bradbury, Rector, at revwjbradbury@yahoo.com.
NEW BEDFORD, St. Martin's Church and FAIRHAVEN, Church of the Good Shepherd: priest for three-quarters' time. Contact: sne853@aol.com or church@goodshepherdfairhaven.com.
WESTON, St. Peter's Church: assistant minister. Contact: The Rev. Stephen Voysey, Rector, St. Peter's Church, 320 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA 02493 (781/891-3200); sovoysey@comcast.net.

With this F.Y.I.:

- ✓ Birthday celebration flier for The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. *Please post.*

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Submission deadline for the May 7 issue is **Wednesday, April 30 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
