
F.Y.I.

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Barbara C. Harris Center celebrates 5th anniversary on June 22

The Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., this year celebrates its fifth anniversary. **All are invited to join bishops Barbara Harris, Tom Shaw, Bud Cederholm and Gayle Harris for a celebration at the camp on Sunday, June 22**, rain or shine. Activities will begin at 11 a.m., with lunch provided and worship at 3 p.m. RSVP via www.diomass.org, where updated details will be posted as they become available. An invitation flier for posting is included with this F.Y.I.

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Summer camp registration is open at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., and there is still space for any children and youth who want to come to camp. Scholarships are available. With a reputation for outstanding staff, excellent facilities and a fun, challenging program, the camp offers an experience of summer camp at its best. Camp runs for one-week sessions from *June 29 through Aug. 9*, with additional specialty camp programs part of the schedule. Registration information is available at www.bhccenter.org.

FOR INFORMATION: *Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, Greenfield, N.H. (603/547-3400); info@bhccenter.org*.

Share "Stewardship Best Practices" on May 17

A diocesan-sponsored "**Stewardship Best Practices**" forum will be offered on *Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston. Clergy, vestry and stewardship committee members are invited to join presenters Libby Roberts and Louise Packard for this no-cost session aimed at highlighting stewardship campaign essentials and offering a fun and lively exchange of ideas that will strengthen participants' planning. A flier for posting is included with this F.Y.I.

FOR INFORMATION/RSVP: *Lindsay Morgia, Office of Development (617/482-4826, ext. 306); lmorgia@diomass.org*.

Resource Day will feature "communities of practice"

Save this date: *Saturday, Sept. 27* is the diocesan Resource Day at Bentley College in Waltham. Along with the familiar offerings of workshops in mission, formation and leadership, there will be **gatherings for some evolving "communities of practice."** These are groups drawn from multiple congregations which learn together over time as they work in an area of shared passion. Are you interested in helping to build a community of practice around an area such as worship, advocacy, pastoral care, communications or another topic central to building a congregation? Contact Amy Cook in the diocesan Resource Center (617/482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org) with particular areas of interest and help shape the communities that will be featured at the Resource Day.

Congregational Development Grants applications are due

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

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.

Barbara Harris award to be inaugurated at ECM Annual Meeting

Episcopal City Mission's 164th Annual Meeting takes place on *Tuesday, June 10, 5 p.m.*, at Boston University's George Sherman Union (775 Commonwealth Avenue). The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, retired bishop suffragan of the diocese, will be the guest speaker, with an inaugural social justice award in her name to be presented during the evening's program. The annual meeting is an occasion for parish delegates and friends and supporters of Episcopal City Mission to come together to learn about and celebrate its work. Reservations are \$30 per person and should be made by May 29.

FOR INFORMATION: Episcopal City Mission, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 225).

Safe Church Training opportunities are scheduled

Safe Church Training sessions have been scheduled on these upcoming *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:*

- *June 14* at St. Elizabeth's Church (1 Morse Road) in Sudbury;
- *June 28* at Trinity Church (131 West Emerson Street) in Melrose;
- *Sept. 13* at the Church of the Messiah (13 Church Street) in Woods Hole.

Cost is \$40 per person; some 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").

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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 officers, vestry members, eucharistic and pastoral visitors, youth leaders, confirmation sponsors, retreat chaperones, acolyte leaders, choir directors, church school teachers, volunteers working in congregations on a regular basis and all employees of congregations.

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

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.

■ The recently published **2008 Directory of the Diocese** is now out and about. Due to a publishing error, the title page is incorrectly dated April 2007. The Office of Convention and Council regrets any resulting confusion and assures directory users that all subsequent pages do in fact contain 2008 information current to March 15.

■ The **Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment Program (B-SAFE)** this summer will serve 460 youth at six sites in and around Boston for six weeks, along with a seventh week of overnight camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center. In order to do this successfully, B-SAFE needs:

- six more partner churches to provide a week of lunches, reading with youth and planning of a Friday field trip;
- summer use of a car for one of the site directors;
- a connection to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro for a hoped-for Friday field trip tour;
- financial support and prayers for the safety of all young people in cities this summer.

FOR INFORMATION: Liz Steinhäuser, St. Stephen's Church, Boston (617/262-9070); lizsteinh@netzero.net.

■ "Come to the Water!: **A Retreat Day for Educators**" will be offered on *Thursday, May 22, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at the Society of St. Margaret's Bertram Conference Center in Duxbury. The retreat will be a day of refreshment and sharing for clergy and lay people, paid or volunteer, who work in Christian education in the diocese. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch.

FOR INFORMATION/RSVP: Becky Taylor (617/738-1810); reled@allsaintsbrookline.org.

■ The **Radical Welcome Circle** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston meets on *Wednesday, May 14, 6:30-8 p.m.*, and 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.

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

■ The Society of St. Margaret will offer a **silent weekend retreat**, "A Palace in Time: An Exploration of the Meaning of Sabbath," *Friday-Sunday, June 6-8*, at its seaside property in South Duxbury. The cost is \$180, with \$90 due as deposit upon registration.

Additionally, the Society of St. Margaret will celebrate **St. Margaret's Day** on *Saturday, July 19*, at St. Margaret's Convent (17 Highland Park Street in Roxbury), with Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. and luncheon following. State Representative Byron Rushing will preach. All are welcome.

FOR INFORMATION/RESERVATIONS: Reservations Desk at St. Margaret's Convent (617/445-8961, ext. 127).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its April 17 meeting, the Diocesan Council took the following actions:

- Heard a "logic model" presentation on the status of the mission strategy goal that calls for sending new assistants to urban congregations.
- Approved the 2009 assessment formula.
- Heard a report from the Diversity of Leadership Committee.
- Heard a report from the Congregational Development and Support Committee focused on feedback from recently held forums on congregational vitality and viability.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Thursday, June 5, 6-8:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham.

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: **administrative support and receptionist**, a position on the diocesan staff; **executive assistant to the rector** at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill; **coordinator of children's ministries** at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn; **Christian education coordinator for youth** at St. Stephen's Church in Boston; **parish administrator** at St. Luke's Church in Hudson; and **administrative assistant** at the Trinity Boston Foundation.

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 [gjacobson@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:

HYDE PARK, Christ Church/Iglesia de San Juan

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

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

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.
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. 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.:

- ✓ Diocesan job posting: administrative support and receptionist.
- ✓ May 17 "Stewardship Best Practices" forum flier. *Please post.*
- ✓ June 22 Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center fifth anniversary celebration invitation flier. *Please post.*

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Submission deadline for the June 4 issue is **Wednesday, May 28 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

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