
F.Y.I.

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Sept. 27 Resource Day promises something for everyone

Registration is open for **Congregational Resource Day, "Tools for Parishes,"** on *Saturday, Sept. 27 (8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)* at Bentley College in Waltham. Workshops will help parish teams develop skills and will provide information and practical help around congregational development. Congregations are asked to bring teams; the day promises something for nearly everyone.

This year **all three bishops will take part** in offering workshops, reflection and stories of vitality, growth and mission from around the diocese.

A **parallel program on global mission**, to support congregations in planning church-based mission trips, also will be offered.

Complete schedule, workshop and registration information is available at www.diomass.org (see "Quick Links").

Resource Day is free (a suggested donation of \$20 per person will be gratefully accepted at the door), with online registration via www.diomass.org required by Tuesday, Sept. 23.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Resource Center
(617/482-4826, ext. 645); acook@diomass.org.

Church sets Oct. 4 as Day of Repentance for sin of slavery

The Episcopal Church has set **Saturday, Oct. 4 as a Day of Repentance for the sin of slavery**, as called for by action of the General Convention (Resolution 2006-A123). A two-day national observance at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia will culminate with a Service of Repentance led by the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, on *Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m.*

The observance will include presentations and displays on *Friday, Oct. 3, 1-5 p.m.*, that make a historic and contemporary exploration of slavery and its effects on the church and society. Included among the presenters will be Byron Rushing, Massachusetts State Representative and General Convention deputy from St. John St. James Church in Roxbury. More information on the national observance is available at www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_99818_ENG_HTML.htm or by calling the Episcopal Church Center (800/334-7626, ext. 6053 or ext. 6054).

Concurrently, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston is planning "A Conversation on Slavery in the U.S. and Liturgy of Purpose" on Saturday, Oct. 4 (tentative time: 10 a.m.), to include showing and discussion of the documentary film "Traces of the Trade." All are invited.

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston
(617/482-5800 or www.stpaulboston.org).

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Congregations to bring energy concerns to Oct. 18 summit

“How do we save money this winter? How big is your carbon footprint? Moral imperative or tempest in a teapot?”: Congregations of the diocese are each invited to send two representatives to **“Savings, Sustainability and Spirituality,” a diocesan “energy summit,”** to be held on *Saturday, Oct. 18, 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.*, at the WGBH studios (1 Guest Street) in Boston. The program will include discussion and information sharing among church participants, experts and others engaged in environmental issues. More information will be forthcoming.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Resource Center (617/482-4826, ext. 645); acook@diomass.org.

Resolutions deadline, children’s program, hotel reservations: Diocesan Convention preparations are underway

Diocesan Convention takes place *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8* at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis. **All nominations, proposed constitutional amendments, resolutions and ministry area and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12.**

During the convention there will be **a program for children ages 5-12 and childcare for those who are four years old and younger.** More information will be included in the October mailing to clergy and delegates. The convention children’s program contact person is Amy Cook (617/482-4826, ext. 645; acook@diomass.org).

Reservations for Friday night accommodations at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis should be made by Tuesday, Oct. 7 by calling the hotel directly at 866/828-9111 and asking for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts Convention special group rate of \$105 (plus tax) for a single or double room. The hotel is located at 35 Scudder Avenue in Hyannis (see www.capecodresortandconference.com).

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406; FAX: 617/451-6446); loism@diomass.org.

Pre-Convention delegate forums set for October

Pre-Diocesan Convention Delegate Forums will take place, 7-9 p.m., on:

- *Tuesday, Oct. 21* at Grace Church (422 County Street) in New Bedford;
- *Thursday, Oct. 23* at St. Anne’s-in-the-Fields Church (147 Concord Road) in Lincoln;
- *Tuesday, Oct. 28* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and
- *Thursday, Oct. 30* at Calvary Church (46 Cherry Street) in Danvers.

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

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 Rev. Michael Dangelo**, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Lynnfield, **has been appointed dean of the Mystic Valley Deanery**. He succeeds the Rev. Robert Trache, former rector of the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, who has accepted a call to the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. In making the announcement, Bishop Bud Cederholm expressed, on behalf of the bishops, gratitude for these priests' gifts for leadership and pastoral care and for their willingness to serve.

■ **The Task Force for Prison Ministry invites all persons currently involved or interested in any form of prison ministry to meet** with Bishop Gayle Harris and task force members on *Thursday, Sept. 25, 12:15 p.m.*, in the Lawrence Room at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to connect with one another and to pray together for the growth and support of this ministry in the diocese. Lunch will be served.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Steven Bonsey, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 204); sbonsey@diomass.org.

■ As of Sept. 1, all **remarriage petitions** being submitted by clergy should be addressed to: The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. A revised petition form will be available Advent I; in the meantime, clergy should continue using the current form.

FOR INFORMATION: Suzette Phillips, Office of Bishop Suffragan Gayle E. Harris (617/482-4826, ext. 222); shp@diomass.org.

■ All are invited to come explore the intersection of emerging church and mainline church at the **Emerging Church Worship Learning Party** on *Friday, Oct. 17 (5:30-9 p.m., worship, dinner and panel discussion)* and *Saturday, Oct. 18 (10 a.m.-3 p.m., workshops, lunch and closing worship)* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The Crossing, the cathedral's own emerging church worship community, will guide the two-day journey. Registration by Monday, Oct. 13 (go to www.stpaulboston.org) costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for students (group discount for four or more; scholarships are available). After Oct. 13, cost is \$5 extra per person. Volunteers attend free. A flier is included with this *F.Y.I.*

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

■ **Coltrane at the cathedral:** Cathedral music director Ed Broms, joined by an ensemble of guest musicians, this fall continues the critically acclaimed series of performances devoted to playing the complete works of jazz legend John Coltrane. Concerts are scheduled for the following *Fridays, 7:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (unless otherwise noted): *Sept. 19, Oct. 10; Tuesday, Oct. 21* (at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy); *Nov. 21 and Dec. 12*. All are welcome. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

FOR INFORMATION: Ed Broms, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 1103); ebroms@diomass.org.

■ **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on two upcoming *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*: *Sept. 20* at Christ Church (750 Main Street) in Waltham (register by Sept. 13) and *Oct. 18* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth (register by Oct. 11). 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.

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

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

- *Sept. 20* at St. Paul's Church (166 High Street) in Newburyport;
- *Oct. 18* at the Church of St. John the Evangelist (172 Main Street) in Hingham;
- *Oct. 25* at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover;
- *Nov. 15* at the Church of the Good Shepherd (164 Newtown Road) in Acton; and
- *Dec. 6* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. 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").

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

■ The Diocesan Youth Council guarantees fun at this fall's **Junior High Retreat**, *Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The retreat offers games and activities, discussion time and worship with a live band. All youth in grades six through eight, along with their adult supervisors, are welcome. Cost is \$110 per person, with scholarships available. Registration information is available at www.diomassyouth.org (click on "Calendar").

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Rob Bacon, Office for Youth Ministries (617/482-4826, ext. 310); revbacon@diomass.org.

■ The **Boston Chinese Language School**, an offering of Episcopal Boston Chinese Services, **will open on Sept. 8** at 28 Temple Place, the newly renovated former bookstore space at the cathedral and diocesan offices in Boston.

The school will offer classes for adults who want to learn to speak, read and write in Chinese for personal, academic or professional purposes. Taught by professional teachers who are native speakers, classes will be offered on both weekdays and weekends and are designed to meet students' differing needs, ranging from learning phrases for travel or conversation to more comprehensive language proficiency. Registration and cost information is available at www.bostonchineselanguages.com or via the contact information below. A flier for posting is included with this *F.Y.I.*

FOR INFORMATION: Boston Chinese Language School (617/963-1991); info@bostonchineselanguages.com.

■ Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) has announced its next **Spiritual Care Givers Training for those interested in visiting immigration detainees**. The training will take place over a series of *Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m.: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20*. The training will be held at a T-accessible location to be announced. RIM reports that immigration detainees are some of the most isolated individuals living in Massachusetts, often held for months or on their way to deportation, many far from home with no one to visit them. Spiritual Care Givers Training is an opportunity to learn the active listening model, team building through small group work and role play and important information on relevant topics. To be eligible for training, potential volunteers fill out an application and visit the RIM office for an interview. Upon completing RIM's training, volunteers undergo an orientation and background check. Volunteers then make monthly visits and attend monthly support meetings. The application deadline is Sept. 15; applications are available at www.r-i-m.net.

FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Guterman, Refugee Immigration Ministry, Malden (781/322-1011, ext. 308); jennifer.rim@verizon.net.

■ The Sisters of St. Margaret will offer an **Oct. 10-12 weekend for inquirers**. "An Invitation to Explore" provides an opportunity for women interested in learning more about the religious life to spend a weekend as the sisters' guest, to explore what their life is really like and to be able to ask questions, visit with the sisters and see them in action—at work, at play, in prayer and in worship. Single women between the ages of 21 and 45, lay or ordained, looking for a community in which to live out their faith in an atmosphere of prayer and community are invited to take part in the weekend, offered at no cost with room and board provided.

FOR INFORMATION/TO APPLY: Society of St. Margaret, Boston (617/445-8961); vocations@ssmbos.com or www.ssmbos.com.

■ **Bethany House of Prayer**, a ministry of prayer and hospitality with the Sisters of St. Anne-Bethany in Arlington, offers a place of sanctuary for contemplation, refreshment and creativity in daily living. **Upcoming fall offerings** include: *Tuesdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.*: “**Introduction to Centering Prayer**,” led by Kimberly Cloutier Green and Bethany spiritual directors (suggested donation is \$25 per session); *Tuesdays, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*: **Refreshment Days**, monthly half-days of quiet and hospitality for individuals and groups, with opening meditations from area leaders and colleagues (suggested donation is \$35, includes midday dinner); and *Thursdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, 7-9 p.m.*: “**Poetry as Prayer: Bethany Poets**,” led by Kimberly Cloutier Green (suggested donation is \$30 per evening or \$120 for the series).

Registration is required for all programs.

FOR INFORMATION: *Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington (781/648-2433); bethanyretreats@verizon.net or www.BethanyHouseArlington.org.*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Diocesan Council next meets on *Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at St. Paul’s Church (59 Court Street) in Dedham.

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: **controller**, a position on the diocesan staff; **coordinator of youth ministries** at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham; **choir director** for the merging congregations at the Church of the Ascension in Fall River; **church administrator** at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton; **vocal and instrumental musicians** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; two positions, **church school coordinator** and **music director**, at St. Peter’s Church in Weston; **Christian education director** at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury; **Christian education director** at St. Luke’s Church in Scituate; **organist/choirmaster** at Trinity Church in Newton Centre; **Christian education coordinator for youth** at St. Stephen’s Church in Boston; and **organist/accompanist** at the Church of Our Saviour in Brookline.

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 Rev. Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or chubbard@diomass.org).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church
EDGARTOWN, St Andrew's Church
ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit
SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

HINGHAM, Church of St. John the Evangelist

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

ROCKLAND, Trinity Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church
OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

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.

With this F.Y.I.:

- ✓ Emerging Church Worship Learning Party flier
- ✓ Boston Chinese Language School flier

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Submission deadline for the Oct. 1 issue is **Wednesday, Sept. 24 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

Coming up:

Diocesan dates included in this F.Y.I.

Sept. 12: Deadline for Diocesan Convention resolutions, nominations, etc.

Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Nov. 21 & Dec. 12: Coltrane at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Sept. 20: Diocesan Council, St. Paul's Church, Dedham

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