
F.Y.I.

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Delegates get ready for Convention at forums this month

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.

It is important that delegate changes made prior to the Diocesan Convention be reported to the Office of Convention and Council. The substitute delegate form will be included in the October mailing to clergy and delegates and will also be available on the Diocesan Convention page at www.diomass.org. **Completed forms for substitute delegates will be accepted by mail or fax until Friday, Oct. 31.** Substitutes who miss this deadline and attend in place of regular delegates must bring to Convention the substitute delegate form or a letter—signed by a warden or clerk of the vestry—stating the substitute's name and address; the name of the delegate being replaced; and whether this is a permanent replacement or for this convention only. Without written documentation, substitute delegates will be required to wait for Convention's approval to be allowed seat, voice and vote.

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Congregations to bring energy concerns to Oct. 18 summit

"How do we save money this winter? What have other churches done? How big is your carbon footprint? Moral imperative or tempt in a teapot?": Congregations are invited to send two representatives to "**Savings, Sustainability and Spirituality,**" an "**energy summit**" being sponsored by the diocese and Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light, to be held on *Saturday, Oct. 18, 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.*, at WGBH (1 Guest Street) in Boston. The program will include discussion and information sharing among church participants, experts and others engaged in environmental issues. Since space is limited, registration must be made by Oct. 4 by contacting Diane Pound at 617/482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@diomass.org. Cost is \$20 per person.

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

■ **United Thank Offering (UTO) grant applications** are now available from the diocesan coordinator.

FOR INFORMATION: Betty Murray, diocesan UTO coordinator (617/332-5939); eg.murray@verizon.net.

■ Members of the diocesan Peace and Justice Committee are working with the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless in support of the **Cost of Living Adjustment Campaign** for recipients of emergency aid through the state's program for the elderly, the disabled and children. According to the coalition, 13,689 Episcopalians receive aid through the program; aid amounts, ranging from \$93 to \$304 monthly, have not been increased since 1988. Campaign cards will be made available by the committee at Diocesan Convention, Nov. 7-8 in Hyannis.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Beulah Koulouris, Peace and Justice Committee (bkoulouris@comcast.net).

■ **"Appreciative Inquiry for Vestries and Church Leaders,"** a diocesan-sponsored workshop to be led by the Rev. Rob Voyle, will be offered on *Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Parish of the Epiphany (70 Church Street) in Winchester. Strategies taught in the workshop will focus on congregational life and development and will be useful for leaders in churches wanting to discover their purpose and grow in their sense of mission, as well as those in transition. Cost is \$50 per person or \$200 per parish group.

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

■ The **Merrimack Valley Deanery hosts its sixth annual day of "Workshops for Parish Action"** on *Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover. The program includes time for fellowship and prayer, along with two workshop sessions on topics ranging from spirituality, music and liturgy to leadership and practical concerns of parish life. Pre-registration is expected (\$10 suggested donation).

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Kim Potts (978/388-9369); mvdeanery@yahoo.com.

■ **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on two upcoming *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.:* *Oct. 18* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth (register by Oct. 11) and *Nov. 22* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (register by Nov. 15). 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 available at www.rvan.org.

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.:

- 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, coordinator for Safe Church Training (978/263-1895); rvan@aol.com.

■ The diocesan **Antiracism Ministry has scheduled a training** for Friday, Oct. 31 (5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 1 (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) at Trinity Church, Copley Square, in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Cicily O'Bryant, Antiracism Ministry (sisobryant@yahoo.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. 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.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Sept. 20 meeting, held at St. Paul's Church in Dedham, the Diocesan Council:

- Approved recommendation of the proposed 2009 core operating budget to the 223rd annual session of Diocesan Convention.
- Voted to commission a task force to create those processes by which disbursements will be made from reserve funds created by the 2009 budget and to articulate criteria that will guide the implementation of that process.
- Received the Treasurer's Office report.
- Voted housing allowance designations for two clergy diocesan staff members.
- Approved the nominations of the Rev. Fred Moser as clergy alternate deputy to General Convention and Ella Auchincloss as member of the Trustees of Donations, to be elected at the 223rd annual session of Diocesan Convention.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: Thursday, Oct. 16, 6-8:30 p.m., in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

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JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: two positions, **church school director** and **music/choir director**, at St. Paul's Church in Newton Highlands; two positions, **administrative assistant** and **bookkeeper**, at St. John's Church in Westwood; **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; and **music director** at St. Peter's Church in Weston.

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:

SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
SAUGUS, St. John's Church
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church
ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church
HINGHAM, Church of St. John the Evangelist
ROCKLAND, Trinity Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

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

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Submission deadline for the Nov. 5 issue is **Wednesday, Oct. 29** at noon. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

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