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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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Gulf Coast Partnership art show to benefit St. Anna's medical van

Join Bishop Bud Cederholm for the diocesan **Gulf Coast Partnership's benefit art show "heArts Alive!"** on March 27-28 at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston. Proceeds will support the medical van operated by St. Anna's Church in New Orleans. Artist and hurricane survivor Lori K. Gordon will travel to Boston to present her art at the show; other artists from around the diocese have also pledged donations of their work.

The show opens in the undercroft of Trinity Church on *Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m.; from 6 to 8 p.m.*, Bishop Cederholm will welcome guests at a wine and cheese reception for Lori Gordon. The show continues on *Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

FOR INFORMATION: *The Rev. Michael Hamilton, Gulf Coast Partnership (617/482-4826, ext. 354); gulfcoast@diomass.org.*

LaFond to lead April Stewardship Seminar

A diocesan-sponsored **Stewardship Seminar** will take place on *Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Clergy, vestry and stewardship committee members are invited to join the presenter, the Rev. Canon Charles LaFond, Canon for Congregational Life in the Diocese of New Hampshire, for this no-cost session aimed at highlighting stewardship campaign essentials. LaFond will lead the group in a lively process of preparing for upcoming campaigns. Registration should be made by April 15.

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

Applications invited for Congregational Development Grants

The Congregational Development Grant Committee invites applications for **grants to support programs that build the vitality and viability of individual congregations and congregational partnerships**. The application deadline is *Tuesday, May 19*. Instructions and applications are at www.diomass.org (go to "Inside the Diocese," then see "Congregational Development Grants").

FOR INFORMATION: *Lynn Smith (617/482-4826, ext. 888); lynn@diomass.org.*

Spread the word about summer camp; financial aid is available

Registration is open for summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Summer camp brochures have been sent to congregations for distribution and are also available by contacting the camp. Schedule and registration information is at www.bchcenter.org. Financial aid is available.

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

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**Bishops to host
diocesan dinner at
General Convention**

Members and friends of the diocese who will be in Anaheim for General Convention this summer are invited to join the bishops for the **Diocese of Massachusetts Dinner** on *Thursday, July 9* at Roy's Anaheim. Cost is \$40 per person. To reserve a seat, send checks, payable to "Diocese of Massachusetts," with name(s), mailing address, e-mail address and phone number, to: Lois Murphey, Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. Requests must be received no later than June 12; upon receipt, further information will be sent.

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.

■ Production of the **2009 Diocesan Directory** is underway. Please submit any changes to clergy, diocesan leadership and committee member contact information (address, phone number, e-mail, etc.) to: database@diomass.org by *Friday, March 13*. Those without e-mail, please contact Lois Murphey (as below).

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

■ "Mary, Companion and Guide," a meditative **Lenten retreat**, will take place on *Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, at St. Dunstan's Church (18 Springdale Avenue) in Dover. The retreat is sponsored by the Charles River Deanery and will be facilitated by Brother Eldridge Pendleton, SSJE. The registration fee is \$10; \$15 for those who wish to stay for lunch.

TO REGISTER/FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Charles River Deanery staff liaison (617/482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

■ The diocese's two **young adult internship programs are now accepting applications** for the 2009-2010 program year:

- **The Micah Project** is an 11-month residential internship program in which interns live together in Christian community, discerning their own vocational calls while serving the Boston area in social justice-related projects.
- **The Relational Evangelism Pilot Project** is also an 11-month internship program through which eight young adult women and men work part time for a church or chaplaincy as a relational evangelist. Relational evangelists are trained as community organizers to engage other young adults (18-35 years old) in God's mission through assigned sites. Their work entails one-to-one relational meetings, building a leadership team and implementing actions to engage other young adults.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Noah Evans, The Micah Project (781/396-7215 or noah@gracemedford.org) or The Rev. Arrington Chambliss, Relational Evangelism Pilot Project (617/277-5523 or achambliss@diomass.org).

■ **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at Christ Church (Zero Garden Street) in Cambridge (register by March 14). 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.

■ The diocesan Congregational Business Consultants will offer **workshops on business practices and parish audits** on these upcoming *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*: *March 21* at the Parish of St. Paul (1135 Walnut Street) in Newton Highlands; and *March 28* at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable.

The workshops are aimed at treasurers, especially new ones, but will be of interest to all clergy and lay members with church business responsibilities. Organizers hope congregations will send teams. A nominal fee will apply; registration can be made at www.diomassevents.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Beth Dixon, Congregational Business Consultants (781/910-7103); beth.dixon1@verizon.net.

■ Two **training sessions for youth leaders** are coming up, both to be held from 3 to 6 p.m., at All Saints' Church (10 Billerica Road) in Chelmsford: "**Youth Ministry 101: God Has a Dream with Our Name On It**" on *Sunday, March 29*, led by the Rev. Lori Mills-Curran, will cover the what, where, who and why of youth ministry, including practical planning, resource development and leadership. "**Spiritual Practices and Worship with Youth**" on *Sunday, April 26*, led by Kit Lonergan, Director of Youth Ministry for the diocese, will combine theory and practice of worship, acknowledging youth's deep spiritual longings, even as they often complain that church is boring.

These sessions are the first in a series offered for youth leaders. The sessions are free, with costs covered by a diocesan Congregational Development Grant to All Saints' Church's Youth Ministry Task Force and diocesan formation and education funds.

A light supper will follow each session; RSVP to aschurch@gisnet.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Tom Barrington, All Saints' Church, Chelmsford (978/256-5673); asctom@gis.net.

■ **Safe Church Training** sessions have been scheduled on these upcoming *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:* *May 9* at St. Paul's Church (20 Fair Street) in Nantucket; and *Sept. 19* at Grace Church (Woodlawn Avenue at William Street) in Vineyard Haven. 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").

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.

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

■ The **Clergy Sabbatical Program** sponsored by the bishops seeks to ensure that clergy in the diocese have an opportunity for a time of sabbath, for spiritual renewal and reaffirmation of life with God and for opportunities for creativity and discovery. All clergy canonically resident in the diocese who have been in active, ordained ministry for a minimum of 10 years and in their current parish for a minimum of five years are eligible to apply. Specific information is available in materials available at www.diomass.org (go to "Inside the Diocese," then see "Clergy Sabbatical Program" under "Parish & Clergy Support").

The deadlines for sabbaticals taken in 2010 are: *March 31, 2009*, for vestry letters of support and *May 31, 2009*, for final applications.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Maggie Geller, Clergy Sabbatical Program coordinator (617/482-4826, ext. 351); mgeller@diomass.org.

■ There are modest funds available for **scholarship grants for children of canonically resident and licensed clergy** in an undergraduate degree program for the 2009-2010 academic year. The deadline for submission of applications is *May 8*. All materials should be forwarded 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" will be the basis for grant awards. It, and the "Student Personal and Financial Profile," which each applicant should complete, are available at www.diomass.org (see "Inside the Diocese").

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

■ Author and Episcopal Church leader **Phyllis Tickle will lead “The Great Emergence,”** a learning event based on her new book *The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why*, on Thursday, March 26, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

All are welcome to attend Tickle’s keynote and practical discussions from 2 to 6 p.m. and worship from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Episcopal clergy, seminarians, postulants and candidates may attend lunch and Q&A with Tickle from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Program cost is \$25 for clergy and the general public; free for seminarians, postulants and candidates. The lunch Q&A session costs \$15. Register online at www.thecrossingboston.org. The event is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association, The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul and Episcopal Divinity School.

FOR INFORMATION: Marie Harkey (419/346-4549 or mharkey@gmail.com) or the Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet (508/655-5880 or mark.mc-s@comcast.net).

■ **CityReach**, an overnight urban outreach program for high school youth (with accompanying adults), young adults and college students, will be offered March 20-21 and April 24-25 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Offered by Ecclesia Ministries, the program gives young people an opportunity to learn firsthand about homelessness from people who have experienced it.

FOR INFORMATION: Ecclesia Ministries, Boston (617/247-4927); www.ecclesia-ministries.org.

■ An upcoming **musical workshop** with Pat Michaels, Director of Chapel Music at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, will provide an opportunity for adults and youth, singers and non-singers, to learn hymns and songs for worship in many church seasons, as well as pieces for children and adults to sing together. The workshop will include singing and reaction to hymns, including texts by Carl Daw Jr., Brian Wren, Mary Louise Bringle, Ruth Duck, Shirley Erena Murray and Charles Wesley, with new tunes, as well as Michaels’s original texts and tunes. The workshop takes place Saturday, March 28, 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at St. John’s Chapel on the EDS campus (99 Brattle Street) and costs \$15 per person (lunch included).

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: 617/682-1506 or events@eds.edu.

■ The **Parish Historians Society** will hold its annual meeting on *Saturday, April 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. The day's program will include presentations by Terry Hoffman of Episcopal Divinity School on "The Institution of Slavery and Your Congregation"; the Rev. Clifford Brown, Christ Church's priest-in-charge, on "A History of Massachusetts' Oldest Anglican Congregation" (with church tour); and Stephen Pierce on "A Parish Historian's Guide to Locating and Using Financial and Legal Documents."

All parish historians are encouraged to attend, and all others are welcome. Lunch and refreshments are included in the \$15 registration fee. Advance registration is required.

FOR INFORMATION: 617/482-4826, ext. 888 or
PHS_EXEC@hotmail.com.

■ "Appreciative Inquiry for Managing Change and Coaching Competent Leaders," a workshop to be led by the Rev. Rob Voyle, will be offered *May 12-15* at St. Margaret's Retreat Center in Boston. The program will use coaching assessments, appreciative inquiry and exercises to help participants learn essential elements of competent leadership, create vision and understand the role of leaders in facilitating change and grow in self-knowledge. The workshop is suited for clergy interested in developing leadership skills and professionals interested in church consulting.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: www.clergyleadership.com.

Parish EXCHANGE:

The Rev. Janet Jackson and the Rev. Canon Michael Jackson, social worker/hospice chaplain and canon of Newcastle Cathedral, respectively, both Anglican priests, are seeking a **house/parish exchange** for three months in the summer of 2010. The couple is offering their house in Hexham, Northumberland (no church duties expected) in exchange for accommodations in Massachusetts, and they are willing to provide Sunday coverage plus one day a week each in the parish.

FOR INFORMATION: Janet and Michael Jackson, 1 St. Andrew's Road, Hexham, Northumberland (telephone: 044 1434 602929 or revmike135@btinternet.com).

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **youth minister** at Grace Church in New Bedford; **music director/organist** at St. Mark's Church in Foxboro; **director of music** at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms; **organist/choirmaster** at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth; **nursery caregivers** at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington; **property maintenance sexton** at Emmanuel Church in Boston; **youth ministries coordinator** at Grace Church/Iglesia de Gracia in Salem; and **preschool director** at Christ Church in Andover.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Actions from the Feb. 26 Diocesan Council meeting will appear in the April F.Y.I.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Thursday, March 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, 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.

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

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church

PLYMOUTH, Christ Church

SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church

NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church

OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church

TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church

EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church

HINGHAM, Church of St. John the Evangelist

ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit

WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

NEXT F.Y.I.:

The submission deadline for the April 1 issue is **Wednesday, March 25 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
