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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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Bishops call economic crisis an invitation to 'deeper simplicity, broader generosity'

Members of the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops attending a regularly scheduled meeting March 13-18 in Hendersonville, N.C., unanimously approved a **pastoral letter**, in which they characterize the current economic crisis as "an invitation into a deeper simplicity." Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, a member of the pastoral letter writing committee, said upon his return from the meeting that he hopes church members will use the letter as **a tool for self-examination and guidance.**

Bishop Shaw shares further reflections on the economy, faith and giving in a March 11 video. Both the pastoral letter and the video are available from the www.diomass.org front page.

Jubilee celebrates Africa partnerships

Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE and the diocesan Jubilee Ministry invite the diocesan community to "Jubilee Celebrates Africa," **a celebration of the diocese's longstanding relationship with partners in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.** The celebration dinner takes place on *Saturday, May 16, 6 p.m.*, at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston. The evening will include musical entertainment, an auction, African crafts for sale and a presentation by Jubilee Ministry participants. Tickets are \$25 per person; tables for 10 may be reserved for \$250. All proceeds from the event will benefit Jubilee Ministry work.

Additionally, the diocesan **Jubilee Ministry is offering a meaningful way to honor mothers on Mother's Day** by making available for sale Mother's Day cards, each including a handmade necklace crafted from paper by women in the Mother's Union Craft Group in Maseno, Kenya. Cards are \$10 each.

FOR INFORMATION: Chris Munro (508/989-0459 or whalergirl@msn.com) or The Rev. Maggie Geller (617/482-4826, ext. 351 or mgeller@diomass.org).

Sign up for Stewardship Seminar with Charles LaFond

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 Wednesday, April 15.

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

■ 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 Friday, 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 or dianep@diomass.org).

■ A training session for youth leaders takes place on *Sunday, April 26, 3 to 6 p.m.*, at All Saints' Church (10 Billerica Road) in Chelmsford: **"Spiritual Practices and Worship with Youth,"** led by Kit Lonergan, Director of Youth Ministry for the diocese.

The session is 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; RSVP to aschurch@gis.net.

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; **May 16** at the Parish of the Epiphany (70 Church Street) in Winchester; **Aug. 22** at St. Gabriel's Church (124 Front Street) in Marion; **Sept. 19** at Grace Church (Woodlawn Avenue at William Street) in Vineyard Haven; and **Oct. 24** at St. Paul's Church (15 St. Paul Street) in Brookline. 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 Diocese of Massachusetts and the Godly Play Foundation will offer **core training for Godly Play leaders** over *three Saturday sessions (each 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.), May 9 and 30 and Aug. 29* at All Saints' Church (17 Clark Street) in Belmont. The registration fee for residents of the Diocese of Massachusetts is \$60 for all three days (or \$30 per session). More information, along with a registration flier, is posted at www.diomass.org (see "Calendar" under "News/Events/Media").

FOR INFORMATION: Nancy St. John (nsj10@comcast.net).

■ **"Religion and the Human Condition: Voices of African Scholars," a symposium featuring scholars from six African countries**, will be held on *Wednesday, April 15, 5-8:30 p.m.*, at Episcopal Divinity School (99 Brattle Street) in Cambridge. The event is being sponsored by MSASA, the Massachusetts Scholarship for African Students in America, a partnership of the Diocese of Massachusetts and EDS. The evening will include a social interlude with festive buffet supper; following the presentations and discussion, there will be a wrap-up guided by the Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas. MSASA offers this program free to all, and invites all.

FOR INFORMATION: Paul Katampu, Episcopal Divinity School (617/864-1029 or pkatampu@eds.edu) or The Rev. Homer McCue, MSASA Chairperson (homerica@verizon.net).

■ Episcopal City Mission will present a program on **"How Episcopal Parishes are Addressing Homelessness in Massachusetts"** on *Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at All Saints' Church in Worcester, in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Keynote speaker will be State Representative Byron Rushing, with a panel discussion and luncheon discussion to follow.

FOR INFORMATION: Katie Campbell Simons, Episcopal City Mission (617/482-4826, ext. 224 or kcsimons@diomass.org).

Save the date: Episcopal City Mission's Annual Meeting takes place on *Tuesday, June 9* at Boston University's George Sherman Union. The keynote address will be given by Phillip Mangano, Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

■ **Episcopal Divinity School's introductory course "The General Convention of the Episcopal Church: Conflict, Covenant and Community," June 1-5, 3-5 p.m. daily, will be Webcast.** Taught by the Rev. Canon Edward Rodman and the Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas, both EDS faculty members who serve on the Episcopal Church's Executive Council, the course will also feature presentations by House of Deputies president Bonnie Anderson and Bishop Barbara C. Harris. Advance registration is required and payment due by May 22; noncredit cost is \$150 per person.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Christi Humphrey (617/682-1525 or chumphrey@eds.edu); www.eds.edu.

■ Those who will be in Anaheim for General Convention this summer, and who would like to connect there with other members and friends of the Diocese of Massachusetts, are invited to join the bishops for the **Diocese of Massachusetts Dinner** on *Thursday, July 9* at Roy's Anaheim (cocktails at 6:15 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.). Cost is \$40 per person (tax and gratuity included). 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, Episcopal 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.

■ 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, Coordinator for Congregational Support, 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.

■ **Ecclesia Ministries is planning two benefit programs for its common art program:** A "**Jim's Big Ego**" folk/pop concert, with art sale and silent auction, will take place on *Friday, May 29, 7-10 p.m.*, at First Church (66 Marlborough Street) in Boston (\$20 per person). A **Blue Hills Hike** is planned for *Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.* (registration at 8:30 a.m.), at Houghton's Pond in Canton. Participating hikers are raising pledges for their efforts, with a \$200 goal per person. There will be a picnic at the finish line. Offerings of prayer, time, money, supplies and participation will be gratefully accepted.

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

Parish EXCHANGE:

Sabbatical accommodations: A two-bedroom apartment near Reiti, in central Italy (one hour north of Rome), is available year around to clergy members looking for a place to spend sabbatical time. Rates, maps and photos are available at www.theitalyhouse.com.

FOR INFORMATION: *The Rev. Joyce Caggiano and The Rev. Ray Bronk (617/322-9357).*

Organ: Trinity Church in Weymouth has available for donation a Schober electronic organ.

FOR INFORMATION: *Trinity Church, Weymouth (781/331-5570).*

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **music director/organist** at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket; **professional child-care staff** at St. James's Church in Cambridge; **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; **part-time 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.

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 IN SELF-STUDY:

SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church

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

NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church

OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church

PLYMOUTH, Christ Church

SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour

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

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church: half-time assistant clergy.

Contact: The Rev. Francois Trottier at rector@saintpeterscambridge.org.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL
ACTIONS:**
**Diocesan Council discusses 2010 assessment formula
and policy:**

At its Feb. 26 and March 25 meetings, the Diocesan Council devoted much time to discussions about assessment policies and approaches. The diocesan treasurer is asking the council to eliminate the transitional cap on year-to-year increases and to use a flatter schedule of effective rates; in place of the transitional cap, the treasurer is asking that special situations be addressed either through the regular budget process or through a special process intended for case-by-case reviews. The council deliberations have been lively, and the next step is for the Executive Committee to continue the discussion in preparation for the April 30 meeting of the council. In light of the diocesanwide interest in this vital topic, the Executive Committee will post on the www.diomass.org Web site additional information about its recommendations after it meets (and before the April 30 council meeting).

Also at its Feb. 26 and March 25 meetings, the Diocesan Council took the following actions:

- Received reports from the Treasurer's Office.
- Voted to appoint Carole Foster and the Rev. Gareth Evans to second three-year terms, Lynn Smith to a three-year term and Ted Ts'o to a two-year term on the Budget Committee.
- Voted to approve the sale of the former Church of the Holy Trinity in Marlborough.
- Voted to divide the remaining \$60,000 in House of Mercy monies equally among the 12 deaneries to support programs for women and children in need. The deanery assemblies must meet to vote on where the monies will be awarded in their deaneries. Application for funds must be made by June 30.

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

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**Holy Week at the
Cathedral Church of
St. Paul**

All are invited to Holy Week observances at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston:

- **Palm Sunday, April 5, 10 a.m.:** Blessing of the palms, procession on Boston Common and reading of the Passion Gospel;
- **Monday, April 6, 1 p.m.:** Service of healing with Communion, led by Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral;
- **Tuesday, April 7, 12 p.m.:** Holy Tuesday service featuring blessing of holy oils, anointing of healers and renewal of clergy vows, with Bishop Shaw presiding and preaching (lunch follows; cost is \$8 and reservations may be made via 617/482-4826, ext. 687 or rsvp@diomass.org);
- **Wednesday, April 8, 6 p.m.:** Tenebrae led by The Crossing;
- **Maundy Thursday, April 9, 12 p.m.:** Holy Eucharist, with the Rev. Canon Steven C. Bonsey preaching;
- **Friday, April 10: 12-2 p.m.:** Good Friday Liturgy with sermons, veneration of the cross and singing of the Passion Gospel. Preachers will be the Rev. Robert Bacon, the Rev. Marya DeCarlen and the Rev. Stephanie Spellers.
- **Saturday, April 11, 7-9 p.m.:** "Rise Up! A Soulful Easter Vigil" begins with the ancient stories of creation and redemption, set to poetry, chant, the blues and gospel music, then it bursts into alleluias with salsa, hip hop and funk and sharing the first Eucharist of Easter. Bishop Gayle E. Harris will preside and will confirm and receive new adult members. (For information about the Easter Vigil service: The Rev. Stephanie Spellers at 617/482-4826, ext. 318 or sspellers@diomass.org).
- **Easter Day, Sunday, April 12, 10 a.m.:** Festival Eucharist for Easter Day, with Bishop Gayle E. Harris presiding and preaching.
FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 221); www.stpaulboston.org.

NEXT F.Y.I.:

The submission deadline for the May 6 issue is **Wednesday, April 29 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

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