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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Jubilee rallies support for diocesan Africa mission partnerships

Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE and Jubilee Ministries 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 Ministries participants. Tickets are \$25 per person; tables for 10 may be reserved for \$250. All proceeds from the event will benefit Jubilee Ministries projects devoted to health care and development in East Africa.

FOR INFORMATION: *The Rev. Maggie Geller (617/482-4826, ext. 351 or mgeller@diomass.org).*

Episcopal City Mission's annual meeting to spotlight homelessness

Philip Mangano, appointed in 2002 as the executive director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, will be the keynote speaker at **Episcopal City Mission's Annual Meeting**, to be held on *Tuesday, June 9, 5 p.m.*, at Boston University's George Sherman Union. In addition to Mangano's address, the program will include gathering time with displays and exhibits by groups related to Episcopal City Mission, dinner, music performed by the St. Cyprian's Church Gospel Choir and an awards presentation. Reservations are \$30 each and should be made by May 29.

FOR INFORMATION: *Episcopal City Mission, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 (617/482-4826, ext. 206); www.episcopalcitymission.org.*

General Convention deputies invite input at May 26 open meeting

Members of the diocese's General Convention deputation will be available to answer questions and listen to concerns about issues that will come before the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, at a meeting to be held on *Tuesday, May 26, 7-8 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. All are welcome to attend. A Webcast of the meeting will be provided by the Cape and Islands Deanery via www.capeislandsdeanery.org.

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

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 Episcopal Divinity School faculty members who serve on the Episcopal Church's Executive Council, the course

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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 would like to connect with other members and friends of the Diocese of Massachusetts while at General Convention in Anaheim 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.

Service sites for Micah Project interns sought

Internship site applications are available for churches and other organizations interested in having a Micah Project intern for the 2009-2010 program year. Interns serve 30 hours a week at internship sites selected on the basis of need, social justice-related mission and their potential for being a learning environment for interns. In 2009-2010 the Micah Project is expanding to accommodate 12 interns available for placement. The site application is available at www.diomassintern.org.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Micah Project intern director (781/396-7215 or noah@gracemedford.org) or The Rev. Arrington Chambliss (617/953-5443 or achambliss@diomass.org).

Until the dust settles...

The buildings at 138 Tremont Street will be undergoing **renovations this summer to replace and upgrade the heating and air conditioning systems**. During the work, scheduled to take place during June, July and August, diocesan and cathedral staff members will be relocated from the main office building to the adjacent Clark Building. The reception desk will remain in place for check-in, as usual, and can help visitors find temporarily relocated staff members. Telephone extensions will not change.

Meeting space will be severely limited during the renovations, so it is recommended that groups seek space elsewhere as much as possible from June 1 through August.

FOR INFORMATION: Regarding meeting space, contact Bob Greiner (617/482-4826, ext. 420 or rgreiner@diomass.org); Regarding renovation project, contact Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 221 or elc@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.

■ **Retired clergy of the diocese and their spouses and survivors will gather for spring meetings**, each 11 a.m.-2 p.m., on *Tuesday, May 12* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston and *Tuesday, May 19* at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth. Each includes a light lunch and time to get caught up with colleagues and meet new friends, as well as a presentation about retirement by Walter and Mary Taylor, frequent speakers to groups across the church and familiar with retirement life and the services of the Church Pension Group. For purposes of lunch planning and to encourage carpooling, those planning to attend are asked to contact the Rev. Allen Swain (508/564-6568).

■ The diocesan Healing Ministry Community of Practice and Bishop Bud Cederholm are sponsoring **a service of commissioning for parish healing ministry teams** on *Pentecost Eve, Saturday, May 30, 4:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

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

■ The **June 28 dedication of the new gym** currently under construction at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., **has been postponed.**

FOR INFORMATION: Jackie Drapeau, Bishop Shaw's Office (617/482-4826, ext. 407); jdrapeau@diomass.org.

■ **The Congregational Development Grants 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.

■ **Sending Serving Grants**, intended to enhance the outreach ministries of congregations in the diocese by providing financial support through seed money for new and existing programs supporting diocesan mission strategy, are now being awarded at the deanery level. For 2009, each deanery has been given \$4,000. All grant awards must have a matching component and it must be verified by a deanery co-convenor that the grant recipients were decided at a regularly called deanery assembly.

FOR INFORMATION: Donna J. Ashley, Congregational Resources and Training (617/482-4826, ext. 413 or dashley@diomass.org).

■ The Brookline, Chestnut Hill, Dover, Needham, Newton and Wellesley **congregations that make up the Charles River Deanery have launched a quarterly newsletter**, “Partners,” to “help us better share our gifts and our gratitude.” To sign up or submit news items, e-mail CDRpartners@parishofstpaul.org.

■ The diocesan Liturgy and Music Committee encourages congregations to **commemorate the biblical saints Andronicus and Junia**, as approved by Diocesan Convention for trial through 2013. The trial feast day, May 17, falls on a Sunday this year, so it is recommended that the observance be transferred to any open mid-month weekday Eucharist. The propers for the observance, in English and Spanish, are posted at www.diomass.org (click on “Inside the Diocese,” then go to “Document Library” and look for “Liturgy and Music Resources”) and on the **committee’s new Web site, www.diomasslitmus.org**, where additional information is available. Input from congregations is welcome.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kathryn Piccard (617/242-4734 or kapiccard@comcast.net); www.diomasslitmus.org.

■ The diocesan **Nonviolence Community of Practice**, which will next meet on *Thursday, May 21, 6-8 p.m.*, at the diocesan offices at 138 Tremont Street in Boston, **is collecting curricula and suggestions related to nonviolence**, and invites members of the diocese who have materials and ideas about teaching the practice of nonviolence to children, youth or adults to send them to the address below or bring them to share at the meeting.

The group also plans to offer materials to help congregations celebrate the World Council of Churches International Day of Prayer for Peace on Sept. 21. The group would like to know of plans for local celebrations in order to help spread the word.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Beulah Koulouris, 12 Sunrise Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360 (bkoulouris@comcast.net).

■ The diocesan **Antiracism Ministry has scheduled a training** for *Friday, May 29, 5:30-9 p.m.*, and *Saturday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Cicily O’Bryant (617/298-5564 or sisobryant@yahoo.com).

■ A **training session for youth leaders** takes place on *Sunday, June 14, 3 to 6 p.m.*, at All Saints’ Church (10 Billerica Road) in Chelmsford. The session will focus on evaluation and planning that is essential for a successful youth ministry.

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.*: **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; **Oct. 3** at St. Bartholomew's Church (239 Harvard Street) in Cambridge; **Oct. 17** at St. Paul's Church (39 East Central Street) in Natick; **Oct. 24** at St. Paul's Church (15 St. Paul Street) in Brookline; and **Nov. 14** at St. James's Church (1991 Massachusetts Avenue) in Cambridge. 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.

■ **Ecclesia Ministries is planning two benefit programs for its common art program** serving homeless persons: 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.

■ "Wilderness: Scriptural, Contemporary, Personal," a **silent weekend retreat** led by the Sisters of St. Margaret, will be offered *Friday-Sunday, June 12-14*, at St. Margaret's in Duxbury. Cost is \$180; financial aid is available.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: St. Margaret's Convent, 17 Highland Park Street, Roxbury, MA 02119-1436 (617/445-8961, ext. 127 or reservations@ssmbos.com); www.ssmbos.com.

■ Bethany House of Prayer, a ministry with the Sisters of St. Anne—Bethany in Arlington, has announced its spring schedule of offerings, including: **Refreshment Day**, *Tuesday, June 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*, led by the Rev. Sam Rodman, Rector of St. Michael's Church in Milton (\$35 suggested donation); **Introduction to Centering Prayer**, *Tuesdays, May 12, May 26 and June 9, 7-8:30 p.m.* (suggested donation is \$20 per session); **Poem-making as Prayer**, *Thursdays, May 14 and June 11, 7-9 p.m.* (suggested donation is \$30 per session) and a **Green Gathering**, *Wednesday, May 20, 6 p.m. dinner, 7-8:30 p.m. discussion* (\$20 suggested donation). Registration is required for all offerings.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Bethany House of Prayer, 181 Appleton Street, Arlington (781/648-2433 or info@BethanyHouseArlington.org); www.BethanyHouseArlington.org.

Parish EXCHANGE:

Books of Common Prayer: About 30 copies of *The Book of Common Prayer*, in good condition, are available to any congregation in need of them.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Mary Luti, Andover Newton Theological School (mluti@ants.edu).

Office computer needed: St. Mary's Church in Dorchester needs a new or lightly used desktop office computer that can handle tasks including word processing, desktop publishing, Internet and database management.

FOR INFORMATION: St. Mary's Church, Dorchester (617/282-3181 or office@stmarysdorchester.org).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its April 30 meeting, the Diocesan Council discussed the 2010 assessment formula and policy and took the following actions:

- Following considerable discussion, voted to table a motion to eliminate the 6-percent cap currently in place on congregations' year-to-year assessment increases and referred the matter to a subcommittee. Opposition centered around concern that it would be premature to eliminate the cap without first working out how to handle transitional issues for congregations most affected. Appointed to the subcommittee were the Rev. Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte, the Rev. Libby Berman, Beverly Morrison and Clark Warner. They were charged "to come up with a plan as to how to move forward" and to report back to Council at its May meeting.
- Voted to set the 2010 assessment revenue target at \$5,050,000, as recommended by the diocesan treasurer.
- Voted to set the general structure of the assessment formula as: BASE multiplied by RATE minus CREDIT. It was noted that approval of this general structure provides the newly established subcommittee with a range of alternatives to work with.
- Voted to set the 2010 assessment for a mission congregation at two-thirds the amount of what would be assessed if it were a parish.
- A motion to set the 2010 assessment for Trinity Church in Boston at one-seventh of its base (the measure of operating activity subject to assessment) did not pass.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Thursday, May 28, 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: **administrative assistant** at the Trinity Boston Foundation; **organist and choir director** at St. David's Church in Pepperell; **director of small group ministries** at St. James's Church in Groveland and St. James's Church in Amesbury (two part-time positions that can be combined); **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; and **property maintenance sexton** at Emmanuel Church in Boston.

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:

DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SAUGUS, St. John'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
SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David'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

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church: part-time assistant clergy.
Contact the Rev. Francois Trottier
(rector@saintpeterscambridge.org).

NEXT F.Y.I.:

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