
F.Y.I.

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2009

NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
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Assessment rate and credit set by Diocesan Council reduces 2010 assessments for more than 60 percent of parishes. See page 6.

Summer camp financial aid is still available

The summer camp program at the diocese's Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., gets underway June 28, and the camp staff wants to make sure that every child who wants or needs to attend camp this summer can do so. **Financial aid is available, the process is easy and any family who needs assistance should ask for it.** Registration and financial aid forms are available at www.bchcenter.org or by contacting local Episcopal church offices.

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

Office HVAC work means summer not as usual for staff

The buildings at 138 Tremont Street in Boston which house the diocesan and cathedral staffs will be undergoing **renovations this summer** to replace and upgrade the heating and air conditioning systems. Circumstances to be aware of include:

- Beginning June 8 and continuing through Labor Day, staff members will be working four-day weeks, Tuesday through Friday, as there will be minimal air conditioning and reduced bathroom access during construction.
- There will most likely be no power in the building on Mondays.
- Staff members will be relocated from the main office building to the adjacent Clark Building, and the Resource Center will be closed for the summer. The reception desk will remain in its usual place to help visitors find temporarily relocated staff.
- Telephone extensions will not change.
- Because meeting space will be limited, groups are being asked to make arrangements to meet elsewhere. There will be no evening meetings after June 12.

"We may have to declare 'heat days' if it gets uncomfortably hot," the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary, said about the project. "Please stay in touch and realize that it may be business as usual, but it's not under usual circumstances."

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

Save this date:

Resource Day takes place on Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Bentley University in Waltham. A flier is included with this issue of F.Y.I. and is also available from the diocesan calendar at www.diomass.org.

**Sites and suggestions
sought for Sept. 11
National Day of Service**

In recognition of the newly commissioned **National Day of Service on Sept. 11**, diocesan opportunities for service and spiritual reflection are being organized, in an effort to connect with Americans across the country by taking time to think about and serve neighbors, community and country. Suggestions for possible work sites and indications of willingness to participate are invited.

*FOR INFORMATION: Natalie Finstad, Micah Project intern
(natalie@diomassintern.org).*

**Volunteers needed for
intern program work
days**

The diocesan intern programs—the Relational Evangelism Pilot Project and the Micah Project—are expanding to accommodate 20 interns in the upcoming year. Participants live together and grow in Christian community, residing in the campus ministry center at 40 Prescott Street in Brookline and the rectory of the Church of St. Luke and St. Margaret in Allston. **Volunteers are needed to help get the living spaces ready. Four summer work days have been scheduled** on these Saturdays: *July 18 and 25, and Aug. 1 and 8*. Volunteers may come for an hour or the whole day. Work will include painting, light plastering and cleanup.

*FOR INFORMATION: Natalie Finstad, Micah Project intern
(natalie@diomassintern.org).*

**YLA and DYC invite
youth participation**

Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) Week is June 28-July 4 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. YLA is a diocesan program for rising 9th and 10th graders, and YLA Week combines all the fun and activity of summer camp with learning service-oriented leadership skills. There is no application required; interested students just need to sign up for the YLA Week at www.bchcenter.org.

*FOR INFORMATION: Kit Lonergan, Office of Youth Ministries
(617/482-4826, ext. 215); klonergan@diomass.org.*

Diocesan Youth Council applications are now available at www.diomassyouth.org (or by e-mail request to klonergan@diomass.org) for youth in grades 10 through 12.

The Diocesan Youth Council is an opportunity for its members to meet other Episcopal high school students from across the diocese; learn how to make a difference in their parishes and deaneries, and shape the vision of the Episcopal Church in eastern Massachusetts; be a voice in their parishes and communities for youth issues and concerns; learn how to practice radical hospitality for other youth at diocesan retreats; and have an open and safe space to talk about their journeys of faith.

Applications are due in the Office of Youth Ministries by *Friday, Sept. 4*.

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**Diocesan Convention
delegation updates
needed for July mailing**

Information regarding Diocesan Convention will be mailed to all clergy and certified delegates in July. Please submit in writing any updates to parish delegation information to Lois Murphey in the Office of Convention and Council.

Clergy and delegates are also reminded that all resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed canonical amendments and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council by Friday, Sept. 11.

Diocesan Convention will be held *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7*, at Trinity Church in Boston.

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.

■ **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston (register by June 20). 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.:** **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").

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.

■ “On the Ground: Common Mission in Practice,” a **joint Episcopal-Lutheran clergy conference**, is being offered *Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 23-24* at the Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, Conn. The conference is cosponsored by the Episcopal dioceses of New England (Province I) and the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Presenters will be ELCA bishop emeritus Donald McCoid and Bishop Christopher Epting, Program Officer for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations for the Episcopal Church.

Nearly a decade ago, the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America entered into a relationship of “full communion,” in which both churches retain their autonomy and structures but fully recognize each other as Christ’s church, with Episcopal and Lutheran clergy and lay people able to move freely between the two churches. The joint conference promises to provide clergy with essential tools for serving as effective liturgists in both churches.

The registration form is available at www.province1.org; the registration deadline is Aug. 1.

FOR INFORMATION: Susan Ohlidal (802/748-8755 or executive.director@province1.org).

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **nursery caregiver** at St. John’s Church in Westwood; **secretary** at St. Luke’s/San Lucas Church in Chelsea; **church organist-pianist** at Grace Church in Lawrence; **development associate** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; **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; **music director-organist** at St. Paul’s Church in Nantucket; **child care staff** at St. James’s Church in Cambridge; **youth minister** at Grace Church in New Bedford; and **organist-choirmaster** at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth.

Parish EXCHANGE:

Room dividers: St. Mark’s Church in Dorchester, a B-SAFE youth program site this summer, is in need of room dividers, in good condition.

FOR INFORMATION: St. Mark’s Church, Dorchester (617/282-3181).

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:

NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church
SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

AYER, St. Andrew'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
DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church
EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church
HINGHAM, Church of St. John the Evangelist
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

AMESBURY, St. James's Church: part-time director of small group ministries to develop communities of practice in the areas of stewardship, healing ministries, prayer and mission, encouraging adult formation, intergenerational activities and discipleship. This position can be combined with a similar position at St. James's Church in Groveland. Contact: The Rev. Susan Esco Chandler, P.O. Box 25, Amesbury, MA 01913 (stjames.clergy@verizon.net).

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

FALMOUTH: St. Barnabas's Church: assistant priest. Contact: The Rev. Patricia Barrett, St. Barnabas's Church, P.O. Box 203, Falmouth, MA 02541 (revpat1@mac.com).

MARBLEHEAD: St. Andrew's Church: assistant to the priest-in-charge. Contact: The Rev. Susan H. Russell (781/631-4951 or srussellstandrews@verizon.net).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its May 28 meeting, the Diocesan Council continued its work on 2010 assessments and took the following action:

- Having in April approved the use of a simpler general formula structure (BASE multiplied by RATE minus CREDIT) that applies the same marginal rate and fixed dollar credit to each parish, the council voted to set the RATE at 15.5 percent and the CREDIT at \$6,000; that is, a parish's assessment for 2010 will be 15.5 percent of its base expenses (measured by the 2007 parochial report), less \$6,000.

The council defeated an amendment to use a lower rate (14.1 percent) and a lower credit (\$3,000).

According to the diocesan treasurer, the approved formula reduces next year's assessment, compared to the 2009 assessments, for more than 60 percent of the parishes.

The council will review in a subsequent meeting the need for transitional relief in 2010 for those parishes that have benefited from the 6-percent cap on year-to-year increases put in place for the 2007 budget and intended as a temporary measure.

The April 22 treasurer's memo detailing proposed changes on which the council's assessment deliberations to date have been based is available at www.diomass.org (see "News & Events" under "News/Events/Media").

- In other business, the council heard a report on the bishops' priorities for 2010 and an update on summer HVAC work commencing at the 138 Tremont Street office buildings which house the diocesan and cathedral staffs.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Thursday, June 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall 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.

With this F.Y.I.:

- ✓ Sept. 26 Resource Day flier. Please post.

NEXT F.Y.I.:

F.Y.I. is published on the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the July 1 issue is **Wednesday, June 24 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

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The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
presents

Congregational Resource Day

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

Best new resources! Helps for forming disciples

Laying the groundwork for an MDG Ministry in your Congregation

Putting together lay-led Pastoral Care Teams

The Spirituality of New Member Ministry

Faith formation practices from the Youth and Family Institute

The Spirituality of Stewardship

Introduction to Youth Ministry

Parish Property: Caring for God's Creation

Ministry with Veterans

The Spiritual Nature of Parenting

Episcopal City Mission: who they are and what they do

Ministering to those in need as a spiritual practice

How to run a meeting

Sound business practices

Nuts and Bolts of Stewardship

Putting a lesson together – the essential elements

AND EVEN MORE WORKSHOPS on communications, the emergent church, and offerings by our bishops on discipleship



DISCIPLESHIP

Being formed and sent in the power of the Spirit into the ministries of our daily lives

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Bentley University, Waltham

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Registration opens at 8:15 AM

Save the date and start recruiting a team from your parish to attend this year's **Congregational Resource Day** at the Conference Center at Bentley University in Waltham. There will be workshops to help develop skills and give you spiritual and practical help for joining God's mission in the world.

Bring a team from your parish with participants from the vestry, Sunday school teachers, stewardship committees, outreach and mission committees, youth leaders, welcoming committees, webmasters, newsletter editors, EFM participants, young adults, building & grounds committee, confirmation mentors and adult education committees. There is something for everyone!

All three bishops plan to be with us for workshops, conversation and reflection.

Workshops that help us grow in discipleship and mission will fall under the broad categories of stewardship, education for all ages, communications, spirituality, the emergent church, congregational development and a special track for small churches.

Online registration will begin in August for this event, and will be available at the diocesan website.

Cost, which includes lunch, will be \$15.00 per person.

