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The 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church takes place July 8-17 in Anaheim, Calif.

The Diocese of Massachusetts' deputation and proposed resolutions are featured at www.diomass.org, where daily coverage and updates will also be posted during the convention. The Episcopal Church's General Convention multimedia news hub, to include news coverage, video streaming, live Webcasts and legislative tracking, will launch a few days before the convention at www.episcopalchurch.org.

**Plan to pray, serve and
reflect on Sept. 11 & 12**

Diocesanwide "**Days of Service**" are being organized on both **Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12**, with the hope of engaging at least 250 Episcopalians and others in projects serving communities that are participating in God's transformative work. The effort follows President Obama's recent commissioning of Sept. 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, and is being organized with the support of the diocese's young adult intern programs—the Micah Project and the Relational Evangelism Pilot Project—along with diocesan leaders and staff.

Ways to participate in and help shape the service days include:

- Gather groups of 10 or more people from schools, parishes, deaneries or communities to work together at designated sites on either Sept. 11 or 12. Projects are still being determined, but three large sites, each led by a bishop, and several smaller ones throughout the diocese are expected.
- Deanery and parish sites which highlight ongoing community service projects (food pantries, homelessness outreach, clothing donations) or meet the needs of a congregation (painting, cleanup, gardening) are being sought.
- Leaders are needed to engage volunteers on site in small group spiritual direction, together with members of the diocesan young adult intern programs.

FOR INFORMATION: *Natalie Finstad, Micah Project intern*
(natalie@diomassintern.org) or <http://911.diomassintern.org>.

Save this date:

Diocesan **Resource Day** takes place on *Saturday, Sept. 26* at Bentley University in Waltham. Online registration will open in August. Preliminary information and a flier are available from the diocesan calendar at www.diomass.org.

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Diocesan Convention prep is underway & October forums set

Preparations are underway for Diocesan Convention, *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7* at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston. More information is included in a Diocesan Convention mailing that will be sent to all clergy and delegates this month.

All nominations for diocesan elections, proposed canonical amendments, resolutions and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council by Friday, Sept. 11.

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

The schedule of **pre-Convention delegate forums** has been announced. These October meetings offer an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the Diocesan Convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget. The forums take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *Tuesday, Oct. 20* at St. Paul's Church (390 Main Street) in North Andover;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 21* at Trinity Church (One Blue Hill River Road) in Canton;
- *Tuesday, Oct. 27* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston; and
- *Thursday, Oct. 29* at the Church of Our Saviour (120 Center Street) in Middleborough.

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.

■ 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 clean-up.

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

■ There will be a **training for adult leaders of the Journey to Adulthood (J2A)** program on *Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at St. Paul's Church (39 East Central Street) in Natick. This diocesan-sponsored training is for all adult mentors who work with youth in the Rite-13, J2A or Young Adults in Church programs. More details will be forthcoming, but those interested in attending or who would like to be put on a notification list are asked to e-mail St. Paul's Church at info@stpaulsnatick.org.

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

■ **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.

■ The registration deadline is Aug. 1 for "On the Ground: Common Mission in Practice," a **joint Episcopal-Lutheran clergy conference** which takes place *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.

The registration form is available at www.province1.org.

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

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its June 11 meeting, the Diocesan Council took the following actions:

- Engaged in substantive conversation about the 2010 budget and asked the Budget Committee to provide access to its information and deliberations throughout the summer. The Budget Committee invited any interested persons to attend its next meeting on Thursday, July 2, 8 a.m., at Emmanuel Church in Boston.
- Discussed information to be sent to parishes about the 2010 assessment formula and how it applies to each, and heard from the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary, that she, the bishops and the diocesan treasurer are calling those parishes facing the largest assessment increases to discuss the particular circumstances in each case.
- Voted to create a task force to monitor the impact of the 2010 assessment formula and to report back in January 2010.
- Voted to form a small, item-specific task force to deal with mission congregations. Members will be appointed by the bishop.
- Voted a housing allowance for a newly ordained diocesan staff member.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at St. Mary's Church (14 Cushing Avenue) in Dorchester.

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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: **youth mentor** at St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church in Lincoln; **organist-choir director** at Trinity Church in Haverhill; **parish administrator** at Trinity Church in Randolph; **organist-choir director** at St. Anne's Church in North Billerica; **youth minister** (lay or ordained) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable; **nursery caregiver** at St. John's Church in Westwood; **church 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; and **organist-choir director** at St. David's Church in Pepperell.

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:

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church
SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church
DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church
EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit
OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church
PLYMOUTH, Christ Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church: assistant to the rector.

Contact: The Rev. Margot Critchfield (781/383-1083 or mcritchfield@ststephenscohasset.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).

NEXT F.Y.I.:

The submission deadline for the Aug. 5 issue is **Wednesday, July 29 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.