
F.Y.I.

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Input invited at hearing on “pastoral generosity”

Following the conclusion of the Episcopal Church’s triennial General Convention, July 8-17 in Anaheim, Calif., the bishops on July 24 announced **a hearing open to members of the diocese regarding the convention’s action on pastoral response and same-gender marriage.** The hearing takes place on *Thursday, Aug. 13, 6-8 p.m.*, at Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury Street) in Boston.

The full text of the bishops’ letter to diocesan clergy and lay leaders is available from the front page of www.diomass.org.

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

Pray, serve, reflect on Sept. 11 & 12

“Pray*Serve*Reflect”: Sign up and join others in diocesan **community service projects being organized on Sept. 11 and 12** in observance of President Obama’s declaration of a National Day of Service. Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE and Bishop Bud Cederholm each will participate at one of several project sites. The service day effort is being organized by members of the diocese’s young adult intern programs—the Micah Project and the Relational Evangelism Pilot Project. **For more information and to sign up, go to <http://911.diomassintern.org>** (or use the link at www.diomass.org).

A leaflet to download, copy and share is available from the diocesan calendar at www.diomass.org.

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

ACC secretary to speak at Sept. 16 Clergy Day

Clergy Day is *Wednesday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. **(Please note the date change.)** Clergy may arrive any time after 8 a.m. to gather with colleagues and enjoy coffee and pastries. The day’s program will include time with the Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary of the Anglican Consultative Council, who will speak about the Anglican Communion and questions resulting from the recent General Convention. There also will be a dedication of the camp and conference center’s new gymnasium. Registration information will be e-mailed to the clergy the first week of August.

FOR INFORMATION: Clare Moffitt, Deaneries, Congregations and Clergy (617/482-4826, ext. 495); cem@diomass.org.

Resource Day sign-up opens soon

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

**Diocesan Convention
deadline nears;
October forums set**

In July all clergy and delegates were sent preliminary information regarding Diocesan Convention, to be held *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7* at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston. **All nominations, proposed constitutional amendments, resolutions and committee reports are due in the convention office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.**

October delegate forums will 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 (in the parish hall at 60 Union Street) in Middleborough.

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The Diocese of Massachusetts will mark its 225th year during Diocesan Convention, Nov. 6-7. **Congregations are invited to contribute historical photos**—favorites and ones depicting significant events in parish life—for big-screen display during the convention. Electronic submissions (photos by e-mail or on disc, so as not to jeopardize originals), with identifying caption information, will be received gladly through Oct. 5.

FOR INFORMATION: Tracy Sukraw, Office of Communications (617/482-4826, ext. 493); tjs@diomass.org.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL
ACTIONS:**

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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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.

■ **Safe Church Training** sessions take place 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 **International Day of Prayer for Peace** will be observed this year on *Sunday, Sept. 20*, to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Peace on Sept. 21. Jane Cutting of **the diocesan Nonviolence Community of Practice** has prepared a **detailed bulletin insert** that provides prayers, resources and inspiration to help local congregations celebrate and pray for peace on Sept. 20. The bulletin insert is available for download from www.diomass.org (Inside the Diocese → Document Library → Peace Resources).

Anyone interested in being part of the Nonviolence Community of Practice is welcome to be in touch with the contacts below.

FOR INFORMATION: Jane Cutting (jcutting1115@yahoo.com) or The Rev. Beulah Koulouris (bkoulouris@comcast.net).

■ Bishop Bud Cederholm asks the diocesan community to join him in observance of an **"International Day of Climate Action" on Saturday, Oct. 24**, when churches and people of all faiths plan to hold events on town and city commons to raise awareness and public advocacy leading up to the Copenhagen Conference on Dec. 6, when it is hoped that global leaders will take immediate action toward reducing carbon emissions over the next decade to slow global warming. Bishop Cederholm says: "Go to www.350.org for more information and look for a joint letter from my office, the Massachusetts Council of Churches and Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light as to how Episcopal congregations can join ecumenical and interfaith groups in their communities in holding a powerful and prophetic event. Simple ideas and resources will be forthcoming. What's needed is your leadership."

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

JOB POSTINGS:

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

■ Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **parish secretary** at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Boston; **music minister** at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton; **organist/choir director** at St. Michael's Church in Holliston; **associate for Christian formation, children and youth** (lay or ordained) at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset; **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; and **youth minister** (lay or ordained) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable.

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:

EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

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

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church: associate for Christian formation, children and youth (lay or ordained; part-time). 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 Sept. 2 issue is **Wednesday, Aug. 26 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.