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**Sign up to serve on
Sept. 11 & 12**

Sign up at www.diomassevents.org to serve on Sept. 11 and 12 in observance of President Obama's declaration of a National Day of Service: Help out at the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Cambridge. Clean up trash along the Merrimac River. Join Bishop Bud Cederholm and St. John St. James Church in Roxbury to "green" the church and residences in the nearby Madison Park Village housing complex. Join Bishop Tom Shaw in fixing up Boston church facilities in Dorchester and the South End so they're ready for service to neighborhood children and community members. Spread the good word about the St. Paul's Community Center in Brockton and outreach at St. Anne's Church in Lowell.

These service day efforts are being organized by the diocese's young adult intern programs, the Micah Project and the Relational Evangelism Pilot Project.

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

Resource Day is Sept. 26

Registration is now open at www.diomass.org for this year's diocesan Resource Day on Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Bentley University in Waltham. The day of workshops will help parish teams develop skills and find spiritual and practical help for joining God's mission in the world. Bishops Tom Shaw, Bud Cederholm and Gayle Harris are among the workshop presenters. Lunch is included in the \$15 registration fee. Schedule and workshop information is available at www.diomass.org with the registration link.

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

**Diocesan Convention to
celebrate 225 years**

'Honor, Envision, Engage, Celebrate': Diocesan Convention takes place Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7 at Trinity Church in Boston. With plans that include festivities, fellowship and a youth rally under a big tent on Copley Plaza, it promises to be a big occasion to celebrate the diocese's 225th year, honor vital shared ministries, engage as a diocesan community with critical issues and envision together with hope and expectation how God's mission is calling forward the Episcopal Church in eastern Massachusetts.

Some dates and details to note as preparations continue:

All nominations, proposed constitutional amendments, resolutions and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

The resolution adopted at last year's Diocesan Convention on slavery and reconciliation asked parishes to submit the

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results of their inquiry into their complicity in and economic benefits from the institution of slavery. Reports should be forwarded to the Office of Convention and Council by *Friday, Sept. 11*. Text of the resolution is at <http://www.diomass.org/inside/governance/diocesan-convention-2008-summary>.

During the convention there will be a program for children ages 5-12 and childcare for those who are four years old and younger. More information will be included in the October mailing to clergy and delegates. The convention children's program contact person is Amy Cook (617/482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org).

Reservations for Friday night accommodations at the Hotel 140 should be made by *Tuesday, Oct. 6* by calling the hotel directly at 617/585-5600 and asking for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts convention special group rates that, depending on the accommodations selected, range from \$89 to \$129 (plus tax). The hotel is located at 140 Clarendon Street.

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.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406; FAX: 617/451-6446); loism@diomass.org.

To help mark the diocese's 225th anniversary, congregations are invited to contribute historical photos—favorites and ones depicting significant events in parish life—for big-screen display during the convention. 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.

Staff gets back to business as usual—almost

As the summer HVAC system replacement project at the diocesan and cathedral offices nears completion, and painters and cleaners restore offices and public spaces for regular use, the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary, announces **move-back and new office-use plans**: "Diocesan and cathedral staff has survived its tenure in one-third of its usual space. In fact, we have discovered that with the downsizing of staff over the past few

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years, we can vacate the second floor of the Sears Building at 138 Tremont Street and make it available for rent.

“We will be moving within the building over the two weeks following Labor Day, many of us into new space. So if you are coming in for an appointment or meeting be sure to check in at the front desk to find out where staff members are located. Phone extensions will remain the same. We will return to a five-day work week on Monday, Sept. 14. We ask you to understand that the move may cause slow response times for much of the month of September while we dig out our files and settle in. But please don’t hesitate to be in touch during this busy time of year.

“Many thanks to all on the staff for their patience and sense of humor while working in less than ideal circumstances over the summer months, and to the rest of the diocese for flexibility in meeting off site as needed.”

New dean and chaplains named

The Rev. Jane Gould, Rector of St. Stephen’s Church in Lynn, has been **appointed dean of the North Shore Deanery**. She succeeds the Rev. Wendel (Tad) Meyer, who is retiring as rector of St. John’s Church in Beverly Farms. Bishop Bud Cederholm, in his announcement of the appointment, praised both for their forthright and wise leadership and gifts for pastoral care and extended his gratitude for their willingness to serve.

Additionally, Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE has appointed two new university chaplains. **The Rev. Josh Thomas has been appointed interim chaplain at Boston University**, where he also is teaching a religious education course this fall. He was formerly the campus and young adult minister in New Hampshire and assisting priest at St. Andrew’s Church in New London, N.H. He can be reached at 617/277-5523 or jmthomas@bu.edu. **The Rev. Dr. Robert B. Tobin has been appointed chaplain at Harvard University**. He has been working and studying in England for the past two years, most recently serving in Oxford Diocese programs as an academic mentor and church history tutor. He can be reached at 617/495-4340 or rtobin@hds.harvard.edu.

Cathedral invites change makers and seekers to worship learning party

“We Are the People We Have Been Waiting For”: The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host its annual **worship learning party** on *Saturday, Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.* This year four communities that have leapt outside of the box by creating worship that connects with the needs of worshipers will share their experiences and parts of their new worship. The format will be focused and streamlined, with teams making interactive presentations that give participants both context and an experience of some element of changes made, and then a chance to respond, ask questions and hear more.

Cost for the day will be \$20 per person, which includes lunch. Registration information is at www.stpaulboston.org.
FOR INFORMATION: *Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston*
 (617/482-4826, ext. 580 or cpresler@diomass.org).

NOTES:

Please share the contents of *fyi* with your leadership and congregation through parish bulletins, announcements, newsletters and Web sites. The contacts listed in *fyi* welcome your inquiries for more information.

- Bishop Bud Cederholm invites members of the diocesan community to join him in observing an **“International Day of Climate Action” on Saturday, Oct. 24**, when events on town and city commons will be held to raise awareness and public advocacy toward reducing carbon emissions to slow global warming. “Go to www.350.org for more information about how Episcopal congregations can join ecumenical and interfaith groups in their communities in holding a powerful and prophetic event. What’s needed is your leadership,” he says.

Send an e-mail to Diane Pound in Bishop Cederholm’s office (dianep@diomass.org) to be added to an e-mail list for notification about local Oct. 24 plans and events.

- Anyone interested in being part of the Christian formation branch of the diocesan **Nonviolence Community of Practice** is invited to a meeting on *Thursday, Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The group will be looking at peace curricula and promoting participation in the Oct. 2-Jan. 2 World March for Peace and Nonviolence (www.worldmarchforpeace.org).

FOR INFORMATION: Jane Cutting (jecutting1115@yahoo.com).

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at St. Elizabeth’s Church (1 Morse Road) in Sudbury (register by Oct. 10). Individuals may register by sending name, mailing address, phone number and sponsoring parish name and town, along with tuition (\$40 for trainees, \$25 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 take place on these upcoming **Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:** **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 preventive steps and offer guidelines for intervention; and to equip leaders to help heal and rebuild the body of Christ.

FOR INFORMATION: Dick Vanderlippe, Safe Church Training coordinator (978/263-1895); rvan@aol.com.

● Bethany House of Prayer, a ministry with the sisters of the Order of St. Anne–Bethany in Arlington, offers these ongoing opportunities for reflection and refreshment:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Refreshment Day** on “Sabbath: The Place of Integrity,” led by Kathleen Hirsch, author, spiritual director and retreat leader. Come find inspiration and companionship in a morning retreat offering of a meditation, silence, shared reflections, worship and shared meal. Fee of \$35 includes midday dinner; registration is required.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-8:30 p.m.: Green Gathering.** Whether in the trenches of “green” activism or trying to be faithful stewards of the earth, participants are women and men who meet as a circle of hope, nurturing the soul of their work through readings, prayer, meditation and shared reflections. Suggested fee of \$20 includes a simple evening meal; registration is required.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.: “Come and See: Contemplative Eucharist”** is a monthly midweek service with silence and prayer, word and music. Beginning in October, services will be held in the St. Anne’s chapel on the third Wednesday of each month.
FOR INFORMATION/REGISTRATION: Bethany House of Prayer, 181 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA 02476 (781/648-2433 or bethanyretreats@verizon.net); www.bethanyhousearlington.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.*
FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **director of children’s ministries** at St. Andrew’s Church in Marblehead; **organist/choir director** at Grace Church in Norwood; **church school coordinator** at St. Peter’s Church in Weston; **music minister** at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton; **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; and **youth minister** (lay or ordained) at St. Mary’s Church in Barnstable.

PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT

Go to www.diomass.org for details (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).

Any priest who is interested in relocating outside the diocese and would like to be presented at the **Transition Ministry Conference** to be held Sept. 20-23 should contact the Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard no later than Sept. 10.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400); chubbard@diomass.org.

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

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

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church
NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church
DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
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).

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

WITH this fyi:

✓ Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association Oct. 22 workshop registration form

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of the month. The submission deadline for the Oct. 7 issue is **Wednesday, Sept. 30 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

fyi is online at www.diomass.org (News/Events/Media > Publications).
Sign up for monthly "E-news" at www.diomass.org (Quick Links > Subscribe to E-news).

MECA invites you to a workshop

WORKSHOP ON STORY-TELLING

Led by Susan Klein, M.Ed.

Thursday, October 22, 2009

9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Registration at 9 am, Workshop begins at 9:30 am)

St. Andrew's Church, 3 Maple Street, Framingham

Overview: Susan Klein, one of our country's great storytellers, will impart skills of storytelling that are invaluable for clergy in preaching and adult education. Many of us know how that a great story will make our sermons more vibrant and effective, yet we lack tools to make that happen. This workshop will build on our innate talents and help us to become more gifted in the art of storytelling.



Born and raised on Martha's Vineyard, Susan Klein is an internationally-known, professional storyteller, and author of *Through a Ruby Window*, a collection of stories about the Vineyard in the '50s and '60s. As owner of Ruby Window Productions, Susan offers acclaimed Story Wisdom® workshops for lawyers, educators, writers, memoirists, and speakers, and coaching and editing for the page and stage through *An Alien Eye*. Susan is a director/producer of numerous award-winning spoken-word recordings, the 2007 recipient of the Creative Living Award presented by the Permanent Endowment of Martha's Vineyard, and the National Storytelling Network's coveted Circle of Excellence award.

Directions: From the West: Take Route 9 East to Framingham, to the exit for Edgell Road/Main Street/Framingham. Take this ramp, and stay in the right lane as you approach the light. Take a right at the light onto Main Street. Go approximately two-tenths of a mile to a small rotary with a minuteman statue in the center. Turn right at the rotary; the church is immediately on your right. **From the East:** Take Route 9 West to Framingham, to the exit for Edgell Road/Main Street/Framingham. Take this ramp, and stay in the left lane as you approach the light. Take a left onto Edgell Road - you will now be on the overpass to Route 9. Continue straight through the next light. Go approximately two-tenths of a mile to a small rotary with a minuteman statue in the center. Turn right at the rotary; the church is immediately on your right.

REGISTRATION FORM Workshop on Story-telling

Name _____ Telephone _____

Organization _____ Email _____

Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Fee of \$ _____ enclosed for _____ registrations. Fee: \$35 MECA members; \$50 Non-MECA members

Please make checks to MECA. Please register by October 8 by returning this form and your fee to:
The Rev. Robert E. Hensley, Grace Church, P.O. 1197, Vinyard Haven, MA 02568-0903
or rectoratgracemvy@verizon.net.