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Diocese marks 225th year as it gathers in Convention Nov. 6-7

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.

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Cathedral's Worship Learning Party connects worship with people

"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.* Four parishes—St. Stephen's Church in Lynn, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, All Saints' Church in Stoneham and Trinity Church in Boston—will each take an hour to lead participants through their experiences of undertaking worship changes. The goal is to connect participants with local resources to help them make their worship better suited to their people, ministries and contexts. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. **TO REGISTER/FOR INFORMATION:** www.stpaulboston.org or Charlotte Presler, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 580); cpresler@diomass.org.

Episcopal churches join Oct. 24 international climate action day

Twenty congregations in the diocese have registered plans for the **"International Day of Climate Action" on Saturday, Oct. 24.** Bishop Bud Cederholm invites members of the diocesan community to join him in this observance, when events on town and city commons and other activities will be held to raise awareness and public advocacy toward reducing carbon emissions to slow global warming. Information is available at www.350.org.

The list of registered activities in Episcopal churches will be incorporated into a statewide list from the Massachusetts Council of Churches and e-mailed from Bishop Cederholm's office to congregations as soon as it is available.

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Bud Cederholm's Office (617/482-4826, ext. 349); dianep@diomass.org.

New Merrimack Valley dean appointed

The Rev. Ennis Duffis, Priest-in-Charge of Grace Church in Lawrence, has been **appointed dean of the Merrimack Valley Deanery.** He succeeds the Rev. E. Tom Barrington, Rector of All Saints' Church in Chelmsford. Bishop Bud Cederholm, in his announcement of the appointment, expressed the bishops' gratitude for both priests' leadership and willingness to serve.

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Pre-Convention forums this month 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;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 28* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (**newly added to the schedule**);
- *Thursday, Oct. 29* at the Church of Our Saviour (in the parish hall at 60 Union Street) in Middleborough.

Substitute delegate forms due by Oct. 30: It is important that lay delegate changes made prior to the Diocesan Convention be reported to the Office of Convention and Council. The substitute delegate form will be included in this month's mailing to delegates and clergy and will also be available at www.diomass.org.

Completed forms for substitute delegates will be accepted until *Friday, Oct. 30* by fax (617/482-8431) or mail (Office of Convention and Council, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111). Substitutes who miss this deadline and attend in place of regular delegates must bring to Convention the substitute delegate form or a letter—signed by a warden or clerk of the vestry—stating the substitute's name and address; the name of the delegate being replaced; and whether this is a permanent replacement or for this convention only. Without written documentation, substitute delegates will be required to wait for Convention's approval to be allowed seat, voice and vote.

Not-your-average Convention Benefit Dinner: The Friday night Convention dinner and celebration will take place under the big tent on Copley Plaza, with barbecue, live blue grass music, dancing and an auction. Proceeds will support the diocese's strategic ministry with young adults through the Relational Evangelism and Micah Project intern programs.

Register and find materials at www.diomass.org: Online registration for the convention and the Copley Square Dance opens the week of Oct. 5 at www.diomass.org, where Convention materials, including the Proposed 2010 Diocesan Budget, are also available (click on "Diocesan Convention 2009" under "Quick Links").

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Bishop invites special collection: Bishop Tom Shaw invites congregations to take up a special parish offering on a Sunday before the convention to supplement proceeds from the Copley Square Dance auction in support of the young adult intern programs.

Youth Rally and Celebration: Beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a youth rally and celebration with Bishop Shaw under the big tent, with music, activities and a collective food drive. Following the rally, youth and their chaperones are invited to participate in the convention's closing Eucharist. Direct questions and RSVP to: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Youth Ministries (617/482-4826, ext. 215); klonergan@diomass.org.

Last call for parish historical photos: Have you sent yours?

Congregations are invited to contribute historical photos—favorites and ones depicting significant events in parish life—for big-screen display at the convention. Photos by e-mail or on disc, with identifying caption information, may be sent to Tracy Sukraw, Communications, at tjs@diomass.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406; FAX: 617/482-8431); loism@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.

- **“What Makes for Peace?” a four-week curriculum for children** in grades 2-5, designed and implemented by Becky Taylor, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at All Saints Parish, Brookline, will be available for perusal at Diocesan Convention. Look for the Nonviolence Community of Practice's display.

FOR INFORMATION: Becky Taylor, All Saints Parish, Brookline (reled@allsaintsbrookline.org).

- **United Thank Offering (UTO) grant applications**, for the 2010 grant cycle, will be available the first or second week of October at www.episcopalchurch.org/UTO. The Diocese of Massachusetts has a screening committee to review grants for completeness and criteria. Eight paper copies of each grant application must be received (not postmarked) by *Monday, Nov. 30*.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO: Betty Murray, UTO coordinator, 102 Cabot Street, Newton, MA 02458 (617/332-5939).

- The diocese's chaplains to **retired clergy** will host two gatherings for conversation and lunch: *Tuesday, Oct. 13* at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth and *Tuesday, Oct. 20* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston, both 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bishop Gayle E. Harris will attend, and the chaplains will bring their learnings from their regional meeting with Church Pension Fund personnel and other chaplains.

RSVP or TO ARRANGE FOR A RIDE: The Rev. Allen Swain (508/564-6568); swain@gis.net.

- The Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association (MECA) is sponsoring **“A Workshop on Storytelling,”** led by professional storyteller Susan Klein on *Thursday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at St. Andrew’s Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham. Complete workshop and registration information is available at: www.mecaclergy.org/announce.html.

- The Antiracism Ministry’s “Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: **Conversations on Racism**” will be held on *Friday, Nov. 13, 5:30-9 p.m.*, and *Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston. Cost is \$50; the registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 2.
TO REGISTER/FOR MORE INFORMATION: Cicily O’Byrant (sisobryant@yahoo.com).

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on the following *Saturdays, 9 a.m -4 p.m.:*
 - *Oct. 17* at St. Elizabeth’s Church (1 Morse Road) in Sudbury;
 - *Nov. 14* at St. Mary’s Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable;
 - *Dec. 12* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

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. Registration is required seven days in advance of each training date. This course meets the training portion of the requirements established by the diocese for licensing as a Eucharistic Visitor.

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.:*
 - *Oct. 24* at St. Paul’s Church (15 St. Paul Street) in Brookline;
 - *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.

- Parenting educator and author Bonnie Harris will lead an **interactive parenting workshop** on *Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, addressing how parents can move outside the cycle of reward and punishment to a dynamic of connection and problem

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solving. The cathedral church's Parents Group is hosting the workshop for parents of children of all ages. Harris is the author of *When Your Kids Push Your Buttons*, and *What You Can Do About It* and *Confident Parents, Remarkable Kids*. Cost for the workshop is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, which includes lunch.

TO REGISTER/FOR INFORMATION: Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 221); elc@diomass.org.

● The Episcopal Church's presiding bishop, **the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**, will participate in a panel discussion marking the 45th anniversary of the **Technology and Culture Forum**, a program run by the Episcopal ministry at MIT in Cambridge. Titled "The Social Responsibility of the Scientist," the panel takes place on *Thursday, Dec. 3, 7-9 p.m.*, in MIT Building 10, Room 250. Other panelists will be Dr. George Daley (director of the stem cell transplantation program at Children's Hospital, Boston and an associate professor of biological chemistry and molecular pharmacology at Harvard Medical School) and Dr. David Urion, Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Division of Service Learning at Harvard Medical School.

The event is free and open to the public, with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Amy McCreath, Episcopal chaplain at MIT (617/253-2983 or mcreath@mit.edu); <http://web.mit.edu/tac>.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Sept. 12 meeting, held at St. Mary's Church in Dorchester, the Diocesan Council:

- Heard an update on mission strategy from the canon to the ordinary.
- Approved recommendation of the proposed 2010 diocesan budget to the 224th annual session of Diocesan Convention.
- Heard a report from the Treasurer's Office.
- Voted to extend the deadline for applications for remaining House of Mercy funds, from Sept. 30 to Nov. 30.
- Voted a housing allowance designation for a clergy diocesan staff member.
- Approved the nomination of Rebecca Alden as lay member of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, to be elected at Diocesan Convention.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-8:30 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.

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are:
church school coordinator at St. Peter's Church in Weston;
music minister at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton; and
associate for teen ministries (lay or ordained) at St. Stephen's
Church in Cohasset.

**PARISH SEARCH
& CALL REPORT**

Go to www.diomass.org for
details (Inside the Diocese >
Parish and Clergy Support).

Communication regarding
deployment and parish transi-
tions 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 PREPARING PROFILE:

NORWOOD, Grace Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church
DOVER, St. Dunstan'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 teen ministries
(lay or ordained). 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:

✓ Youth Ministries events flier. Please post.

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of the month. The submission
deadline for the Nov. 4 issue is **Wednesday, Oct. 28 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).

Office of Youth Ministries 2009-2010

Youth Leadership Training for Adults

We're bringing the trainings to the South Shore! St. Andrew's, Hanover all trainings are free of charge, and offer a light dinner and opportunity for fellowship after each session (come to one, come to all!).

Sunday, October 4, 3-6pm with the Rev. Lori Mills-Curran: Youth Ministry 101

Sunday, November 15, 3-6pm with the Rev. Lori Mills-Curran: Evaluation of Youth Programs

Sunday, December 6, 3-6pm with the Rev. Kit Lonergan: Worship & Spiritual Practice with Youth

Registration: please email Tyler Bridge: tyler@diomassintern.org to RSVP.

Topics on Youth: Helping Children Cope with Death and Grief

Saturday, October 17th, St Peter's Church, Weston, MA. Gathering at 9am, Workshop from 9:30am-12:30pm. \$5 suggested donation, please RSVP with name and contact info to klonergan@diomass.org.

Elizabeth Keene, Vice-President for Mission Effectiveness at St Mary's Hospital (Lewiston, ME) will present: "Helping Children Cope with Death and Grief". Children's responses to death and grief are often underestimated. In this session, we will:

- Explore children's concepts of death and grief
- Identify children's physical, spiritual, psychological and behavioral responses to grief
- Strategize interventions to support grieving children, families and caring professionals
- Identify community resources

This will be an EXCELLENT opportunity for parishes, communities, schools to come together and explore the dimensions of children and youth grieving over death and loss, and to gain strategies for how to care for them.

CONVENTION 2009!

Saturday, November 7th, 2009 Registration: 12:45-1:15pm

Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston

This year, we will be celebrating not only the history of our diocese, but the future of it as well! Beginning at 1pm, we will be holding a **YOUTH RALLY and CELEBRATION** in the Convention Tent on Copley Square. Bishop Tom Shaw will be present to celebrate the impact and hope of the youth in this Diocese, and both youth and their chaperones are invited to participate in the closing Convention Eucharist following the celebration! Music from youth around the diocese, activities and a collective food drive are all part of this celebration! **YOUTH FROM EVERY CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO JOIN!!**

Questions and RSVP to Kit Lonergan, klonergan@diomass.org.

Jr High Retreat 2009: ZOOM IN!

November 20-22, 2009 at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center

Join us for a weekend of fun, music, games and sharing our journey of faith—no matter where on the path you think you are! It's an amazing weekend in beautiful New Hampshire for middle schoolers and their mentors alike (we will have an adult program too!). TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FROM THE SOUTH SHORE!!!

COST: \$115.00 (financial assistance available) Questions? Email Kit Lonergan, klonergan@diomass.org

Future Events Diocesan Youth Events:

☆ **February 5-7th, 2010:** High School Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center

☆ **March 13-14, 2010:** Pre-Confirmation Retreat #1, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center

☆ **March 27-28, 2010:** Pre-Confirmation Retreat #2, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center

Contact: the Rev. Kit Lonergan, klonergan@diomass.org; Tyler Bridge, tyler@diomassintern.org
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