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PB to join MIT Tech & Culture Forum for 45th anniversary panel

“The Social Responsibility of the Scientist”: Climate change, genetic testing, cloning, biological weapons, AIDS and other global health threats: In a complex world filled with huge challenges and possibilities, what are the responsibilities of scientists? Is there work that those with scientific training definitely should or should not do? Are there scientific projects our tax dollars should or should not fund for ethical reasons? What does it mean for scientists who are Christians to live into their baptismal promises to work for peace and justice and uphold human dignity?

The Technology and Culture Forum, a program run by the Episcopal ministry at MIT in Cambridge, invites the diocesan community to join in a lively discussion of these issues at a program celebrating the forum’s 45th anniversary. The Episcopal Church’s presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, will participate as a panelist. The program, “The Social Responsibility of the Scientist,” takes place on *Thursday, Dec. 3, 7-9 p.m.*, in MIT Building 10, Room 250.

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 mccreath@mit.edu); <http://web.mit.edu/tac>.

Diocesan Convention coverage will be posted at www.diomass.org

Honor, Envision, Engage, Celebrate: Diocesan Convention takes place *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7* at Trinity Church in Boston. Coverage, including election results and action on the budget and resolutions, will be posted at www.diomass.org.

Jr. high youth invited to register for “Zoom In!” retreat Nov. 20-22

“Zoom In!” for the Junior High Youth Retreat, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Middle schoolers and their mentors are invited to join peers from around the diocese for a weekend of fun, music, games and sharing the journey of faith. Transportation is available from the South Shore. Cost is \$115, with financial assistance available. Online registration is open at <http://www.diomass.org/youth-ministry> (click the date link in the events list to the right).

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

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadlines for the December 2009 and January 2010 issues are earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The deadline for the Dec. 2 issue is **Wednesday, Nov. 18 at noon**. The deadline for the Jan. 6 issue is **Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@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.

- The fifth annual **Worship Learning Party** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, originally scheduled for Oct. 17, has been postponed to *Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.* The format will include four congregations from four contexts each using an hour to lead worship and help participants imagine fresh ways of crafting worship that engages the wider community and inspires people to engage God's mission. Presentations will be on youth rock worship from All Saints' Church in Stoneham; gospel and world music at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul; intergenerational worship at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn; and "rethinking tradition" at Trinity Church in Boston. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Volunteers attend free. Registration information is available at www.stpaulboston.org or by contacting cathedral administrator Ethel Crawford (617/482-4826, ext. 221; elc@diomass.org). *FOR INFORMATION: The Crossing at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 318); thecrossing@diomass.org.*

- **United Thank Offering (UTO) grant applications** for the 2010 grant cycle are available 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 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).*

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on the following *Saturdays, 9 a.m. -4 p.m.:*
 - *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.*

- 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 solving. The cathedral church's Parents Group is hosting the workshop for parents of children of all ages. Harris is the author of

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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.

● On Feb. 5 and 6, 2010, the **Episcopal ministry at MIT will host a Boston-area viewing site for the annual Trinity Institute** conference. This year's theme is "Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace." The local gathering at MIT will incorporate video from the key speeches at the conference, small group reflection and conversation with on-site, Boston-area ethicists and economists. More information on speakers and the theme is at <http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/faith/institute/2010/>. *FOR INFORMATION: Patricia Weinmann, Technology and Culture Forum at MIT (617/253-0108); <http://web.mit.edu/tac>.*

● 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:**

- *Wednesdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, 7 p.m.:* **Contemplative Eucharist**, a monthly midweek service on the third Wednesday in the St. Anne's Chapel, with silence and prayer, word and music.
- *Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:* **Advent Retreat** led by Bethany House of Prayer colleagues. Clear a space and come enter more fully the biddings of the season of holy longing, preparation and promise. Fee is \$60; registration is required.
- *Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.:* **Refreshment Day** led by the Very Rev. John P. Streit Jr. 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, Dec. 9, 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.

FOR INFORMATION/REGISTRATION: Bethany House of Prayer, 181 Appleton Street, Arlington, MA 02476 (781/648-2433 or bethanyretreats@verizon.net); www.bethanyhousearlington.org.

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **summer camp director** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; **childcare provider** at St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain; and **church school coordinator** at St. Peter's Church in Weston.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Oct. 22 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Voted to refer proposed Green Grant Initiatives to Executive Committee.
- Appointed a nominating committee for Executive Committee positions.
- Heard a report from the treasurer.
- Heard a report on the H1N1 virus and discussed possible diocesan policies.

Next Diocesan Council meetings: *Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.* (joint meeting with Standing Committee), and *Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-8:30 p.m.*, both 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.

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).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

BEVERLY FARMS, St. John's Church
ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

DEDHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd
SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church

CHURCHES PREPARING PROFILE:

NORWOOD, Grace Church
READING, Church of the Good Shepherd

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church
SAUGUS, St. John's Church (Contact the Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard directly.)

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church
SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David'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).
MILTON: St. Michael's Church: assistant/associate. Contact: The Rev. Sam Rodman at mail@stmichaelsmilton.org.

WITH this fyi:

- ✓ Worship Learning Party flier. Please post.

The 5th Annual Cathedral Worship Learning Party



Saturday, January 30
9:30am - 3:30pm

St. Paul's Cathedral-Boston
Register @ www.stpaulboston.org
\$20/person, inc. lunch

4 ministries from 4 contexts
get 1 hour each to lead worship & offer reflections.

Come explore ways to create worship
that leaps out of the box, connects with a wider community
& fires us up to engage God's mission.

Featuring

Youth Rock Worship at All Saints-Stoneham
Gospel and World Music at St. Paul's Cathedral-Boston
Intergenerational Worship at St. Stephen's-Lynn
Rethinking Tradition at Trinity Church-Boston

St. Paul's Cathedral – 138 Tremont St., Boston – across from Park St. T – www.stpaulboston.org.
Contact elc@diomass.org or 617.482.4826, x221, for registration info or financial assistance.
Contact thecrossingboston.org or 617.482.4826, x318, for event info or to volunteer & attend free!