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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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**Register by Jan. 22 for
Ministry Discernment
Conference**

The **Ministry Discernment Conference** offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry will be held on *Saturday, Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. (Snow date is Feb. 13. Check www.diomass.org for notice.) The day provides an in-depth look at the 2010 Ministry Discernment Handbook and gives potential applicants to the ordination process an opportunity to explore their sense of call and whether that call is to ordained ministry or committed lay ministry.

Persons considering ordained ministry are required to attend the conference, along with their sponsoring priest and at least one member of their congregation's discernment committee. It is strongly encouraged that inquirers bring their spouses or partners to the conference.

Online registration, by Jan. 22, is necessary (go to www.diomass.org and click on "Ministry Discernment Conference" under "Quick Links"). Cost per person is \$20 and includes registration, materials and lunch. Some financial aid is available. *FOR INFORMATION: Judith Lidberg, Officer for Ordained Vocations, (617/482-4826, ext. 494); jlidberg@diomass.org.*

**Worship Learning Party
connects worship with
communities**

The fifth annual **Worship Learning Party** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston takes place on *Saturday, Jan. 30, 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. 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.*

**Clergy families:
Save these dates**

The **annual retreat for clergy spouses and partners** is scheduled for *Saturday, May 8*, and the **annual picnic for clergy families**, especially including young children, takes place on *Saturday, June 12*. Both events are hosted at the Bethany House of Prayer, a ministry with the Order of St. Anne—Bethany, in Arlington. *FOR INFORMATION: Clare Moffitt, Congregational Development (617/482-4826, ext. 495); cem@diomass.org.*

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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.

- **Registration closes on Jan. 12 for the Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat**, which takes place *Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 2-4* at the Notre Dame Mission Center in Ipswich. The retreat leader will be the Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones, priest for pastoral care and nurture at Trinity Church in New York City.
FOR INFORMATION: Clare Moffitt, Congregational Development (617/482-4826, ext. 495); cem@diomass.org.

- The diocese's Congregational Business Consultants will offer **workshops on congregational business practices and audits** on three Saturdays in February and March. These half-day sessions are aimed at treasurers, especially new ones, but should be of interest to all clergy and lay people who have business responsibilities in congregations, including wardens and other vestry members. A session on small parish audits follows the business practices portion of the morning and is aimed at leaders involved in the annual audit process in congregations.

The workshops take place *9 a.m.-1 p.m. on these Saturdays: Feb. 27* at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable; *March 13* at St. Paul's Church (1135 Walnut Street) in Newton Highlands; and *March 20* at Emmanuel Church (62 Front Street) in Wakefield. Cost is \$25 per person; register online at www.diomassevents.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Chris Meyer, Congregational Business Consultants coordinator (617/527-2739); cmeyer@diomass.org.

- The **Clergy Sabbatical Program** sponsored by the bishops seeks to ensure that clergy of the diocese have an opportunity for a time of sabbath, for a renewal of spirit and a reaffirmation of life with God. A sabbatical can offer opportunities for creativity and discovery for both the clergyperson and the congregation.

All clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts who have been in active, ordained ministry for a minimum of 10 years and in their current congregation for a minimum of five years are eligible to apply. Clergy who are interested in engaging in a process of communal and collegial discernment and whose congregation also is willing to engage in such a process but who are not able to fully fund a sabbatical together are invited to apply. Materials posted at www.diomass.org provide specific information (go to "Inside the Diocese" and look for "Clergy Sabbatical Program" under "Parish & Clergy Support").

The **application deadlines for sabbaticals to be taken in 2011** are: *March 31, 2010*, for the vestry letter of support, and *May 31, 2010*, for the final application.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Maggie Geller (617/482-4826, ext. 351); mgeller@diomass.org.

● On Feb. 5 and 6, the **Episcopal ministry at MIT will host a local gathering 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>.

● "Zoom In!" for the **Senior High School Youth Retreat, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 5-7** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. High school students and their mentors are invited to join peers from around the diocese for a fun weekend of relaxation, fellowship, games and worship, with live music by the band Attaboy! Cost is \$115 per person, with scholarships available. Registration is online at www.diomassyouth.org and closes Feb. 1.
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617/482-4826, ext. 215); klonergan@diomass.org.

● Two diocesan-sponsored **pre-Confirmation retreats** are offered in March—great overnight opportunities for fellowship and worship for all Confirmation candidates in the diocese. They take place at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., *Friday-Saturday, March 12-13* and *Friday-Saturday, March 26-27* (both retreats start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and end at 4 p.m. on Saturday).

Transportation may be available; please inquire. Registration will be online in late January at www.diomassyouth.org.
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617/482-4826, ext. 215); klonergan@diomass.org.

● A **Province I retreat for college students** takes place *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 19-21* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., a weekend of rest, fellowship, worship and learning. All undergraduate and graduate students affiliated with Episcopal and ecumenical parishes and chaplaincies are welcome. Cost per student is \$40.
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Amy McCreath, Province I coordinator for campus ministries and Episcopal chaplain at MIT (mccreath@mit.edu).

● The diocese's **Relational Evangelism and Micah Project programs seek young adult interns for the 2010-2011 program year**, which begins with orientation on Aug. 23.

The Relational Evangelism program offers 11-month internships through which participants learn to listen to the stories of other

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young adults and invite them into the mission of God through a church or chaplaincy. Relational Evangelists serve 30 hours per week, participate in eight hours of spiritual formation and training each week and have the option to live in intentional community. They receive a salary, health care and other benefits and receive training in Public Narrative and community organizing.

The Micah Project offers 11-month internships through which interns live together in Christian community, discerning their own vocational calls while doing Boston-area social justice work. They have the opportunity to find a site that speaks to the deepest questions and challenges of their own hearts. Interns serve 30 hours a week at an approved internship site and participate in eight hours of spiritual formation and training each week.

FOR INFORMATION: Jason Long (617/519-1538 or jlong@diomass.org) or The Rev. Arrington Chambliss (617/953-5443 or achambliss@diomass.org); www.diomassintern.org.

- Refugee Immigration Ministry, which works with Homeland Security to offer chaplaincy services, is seeking **volunteers to serve as visitors to immigrant detainees**. Volunteers go through an application and interview process before starting preparatory training. Volunteers make evening visits at least once a month and attend a monthly support meeting. There is special need for volunteers with skills in languages other than English. Upcoming training will be offered on *Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m., Jan. 21-March 4*. Applications are available at www.r-i-m.net or by contacting Refugee Immigration Ministry.

FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Guterman, Refugee Immigration Ministry volunteer coordinator (781/322-1011).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Dec. 3, 2009, meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Voted to establish a financial reserve in support of an accounting change, from a cash basis to an accrual basis, for payment of the voluntary ask to the Episcopal Church.
- Received a report from the Treasurer's Office.
- Approved the creation of a diocesan "green" grants initiative program.
- Approved diocesan staff clergy housing allowances for 2010.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 22-23* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

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 posted on the diocesan Web site are: two positions—**chief business officer** and **accountant**—on the diocesan staff; **administrative assistant** at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Wayland; two positions—**facilities manager** and **summer camp director**—at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; and **childcare provider** at St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain.

**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
WAREHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

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

CHURCHES PREPARING PROFILE:

NORWOOD, Grace Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

BEVERLY FARMS: St. John's Church
Contact the Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard directly regarding the
following two positions:
READING, Church of the Good Shepherd
SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

MILTON, St. Michael's Church: assistant/associate. Contact:
The Rev. Sam Rodman at mail@stmichaelsmilton.org.

NEXT fyi:

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submission deadline for the Feb. 3 issue is **Wednesday, Jan. 27
at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.