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Gather a team and go! Sept. 22 Resource Day for Congregational Development

Registration is open for the diocesan Resource Day for Congregational Development, to be held *Saturday, Sept. 22* at Bentley College in Waltham. The day of workshops for lay leaders and clergy will cover topics including evangelism and church growth, parish business systems, spirituality and leadership, formation of adults in discipleship, stewardship, communications, environmental stewardship, ministry with children and families and more.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$20 per person through Sept. 8 (\$25 thereafter). **Registration is required by Sept. 18.** Online registration and additional information about the day's schedule, workshops and presenters are available at www.diomass.org (click on the Resource Day icon at the bottom of the home page).

FOR INFORMATION: *Helen Netos, Christian Formation and Education Ministries (617/482-4826, ext. 402); hnetos@diomass.org.*

Diocesan Convention: Submissions deadline is Sept. 7

In July, all clergy and delegates were mailed information regarding Diocesan Convention, which will be held *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3*, at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg. **All nominations, proposed constitutional amendments, resolutions and ministry area and committee reports are due in the convention office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7.**

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

October Pre-Convention Delegate Forum dates set

Pre-Convention Delegate Forums are scheduled to take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- **Monday, Oct. 15** at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield;
- **Wednesday, Oct. 17** at Christ Church (Zero Garden Street) in Cambridge;
- **Tuesday, Oct. 23** at Grace Church (422 County Street) in New Bedford; and
- **Wednesday, Oct. 24** at Christ Church (1132 Highland Ave.) in Needham.

FOR INFORMATION: *Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406; loism@diomass.org) or Steve Pierce, Treasurer's Office (617/482-4826, ext. 501; spierce@diomass.org).*

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New England convocation to focus on faith, advocacy and public policy

New England Episcopalians gathering for **the annual Province I Convocation in November will focus on “Faith, Advocacy and Public Policy: Reclaiming Our Voice for Justice, Mercy and Kindness.”** This annual event for learning, worship and fellowship takes place this year *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 16-17*, at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough. All are welcome.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Randall Balmer, an Episcopal priest and professor of American religion at Barnard College, Columbia University. Convocation participants, through skills workshops and panel discussions, will have occasion to share their political and advocacy experiences and organizing skills on behalf of social and economic justice. There also will be age-appropriate activities for children and young people, as well as a “Discovery Center.”

Registration and event information will be available at www.province1.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Maria Plati, Office of Communications (617/482-4826, ext. 506); mplati@diomass.org

New South Shore dean appointed

The Rev. George Welles, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour in Milton, **has been appointed dean of the South Shore Deanery.** He succeeds the Rev. Robert Edson, who is retiring. Bishop Bud Cederholm, in making the announcement, noted his affection for and gratitude to Edson for the leadership and care provided to colleagues during his tenure as dean, and he welcomed Welles and “the gifts he will bring to the deanery and diocese in his new leadership calling.”

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 calls for more information.

■ **Clergy Day** takes place on *Tuesday, Sept. 11* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Registration, coffee and conversation time starts at 9 a.m., with the program following from 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. William M. Snyder, founding partner of Social Capital Group in Cambridge and co-author of the book, *Cultivating Communities of Practice*, will be the guest speaker. Registration information has been mailed to all clergy.

FOR INFORMATION: Clare Moffitt, Office for Congregational Development (617/482-4826, ext. 495); cem@diomass.org

■ **The Hip Hop Schoolhouse: A Worship Learning Party**, featuring the Rev. Tim “Poppa T” Holder and the HipHopEMass crew from the Bronx and Atlantic City (creators of *The Hip Hop Prayer Book*), promises to be an energy-packed, all-ages learning event, *Friday and Saturday, Oct 12 and 13*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30-9 p.m., will include a Hip Hop Celebration Mass with Bishop Gayle E. Harris, and a panel discussion and dinner.

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Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., will offer worship and workshops on hip hop culture and theology and *The Hip Hop Prayer Book*; lunch is included. Before Friday, Oct. 5, cost for one or both days is \$25 per adult or \$15 per youth/student 18 or younger (for groups of three or more, cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per youth). After Oct. 5, cost increases \$5.

Registration can be made online at www.stpaulboston.org or by calling 617/482-4826, ext. 687. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Suzette Phillips in Bishop Gayle E. Harris's office (617/482-4826, ext. 222 or shp@diomass.org).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-4826, ext. 318; sspellers@diomass.org) or The Rev. Ramon Aymerich, St. Anne's Church, Lowell (978/452-2150); fatherramon@aol.com.

Those interested in starting a Hip Hop Mass at their church can sign up for **"Leading a Hip Hop Mass: An Advanced Training for Leaders,"** to take place on *Sunday, Oct. 14, 2-5 p.m.*, at St. Anne's Church (8 Kirk Street) in Lowell. The Rev. Tim "Poppa T" Holder and leaders from the HipHopEMass crew will take participants through *The Hip Hop Prayer Book* services and discuss budgeting and planning. Participants are expected to attend the Oct. 12-13 Hip Hop Worship Learning Party at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston or a previous Hip Hop Mass. Space is limited (maximum of four participants from a single congregation or ministry); registration for the training is required by Friday, Oct. 5. Registration is available online at www.stpaulboston.org or by calling 617/482-4826, ext. 687.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Ramon Aymerich, St. Anne's Church, Lowell (978/452-2150); fatherramon@aol.com.

■ A **"Seeing the Face of God in Each Other"** conversation program, open to all congregational and diocesan leaders and presented by the diocesan antiracism ministry team, will be held on *Friday, Oct. 19, 5:30-9 p.m.*, and *Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*, at the Church of the Messiah (13 Church Street) in Woods Hole. The fee is \$100 per person (some scholarship money is available) and includes light supper, breakfast and lunch. Registration can be made through the office at the Church of the Messiah (508/548-2145) or by contacting the team's registrar, Cicily O'Bryant (617/298-5564) or online via www.diomass.org.

■ **The Merrimack Valley Deanery will offer its fifth annual workshop day**—"Workshops for Parish Action: Putting Legs on Mission Strategy"—on *Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (90 Broadway) in Methuen. The program is free and open to all.

FOR INFORMATION: Helen Newell Pickard (978/681-9915).

■ Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield will host a two-part **Journey to Adulthood training** program on *Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29*. During a two-hour Friday evening session (free), Gregg Morris, senior consultant for the program's publisher, LeaderResources, will present a general overview, open to all who are interested in learning about the program; during the eight-hour Saturday session, he will offer training specifically for coordinators and leaders of the program's three phases (Rite-13, J2A and Young Adults in Church). Cost for the Saturday session is \$75 for the first participant from a congregation and \$60 for each additional participant.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, Trinity Church, Topsfield (978/887-5570, ext. 201); SabethF@verizon.net.

■ More information will be forthcoming on **Education for Effective Youth Ministry**, an interactive certification program for church youth leaders who are just beginning their work or who need new skills. The program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, with which the Diocese of Massachusetts is partnering for this training opportunity. It is designed for clergy, lay persons, Christian education directors and youth leaders interested in developing a comprehensive youth ministry in their church. The training takes place over five *Saturdays in 2008: Jan. 12, Feb. 2, March 1 and 22 and April 12*.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Diocesan Resource Center (617/482-4826, ext. 645).

■ The Society of St. John the Evangelist has announced its fall schedule of **Saturday workshops at the monastery** (980 Memorial Drive) in Cambridge, including: **Sept. 22—"Finding God in Seminary,"** led by Brother Kevin Hackett, SSJE; **Oct. 20—"Discernment in Prayer,"** led by Brother David Vryhof, SSJE; and **Nov. 17—"Centering Prayer,"** led by Brother Roy Cockrum, SSJE. Workshops begin with 9:30 a.m. registration and run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$75 per person (\$40 for full-time students) and includes lunch.

The full schedule of 2007-2008 Saturday workshops and other retreat opportunities is available at www.ssje.org.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Society of St. John the Evangelist Guesthouse Office (617/876-3037); guesthouse@ssje.org.

■ The **Louisville Institute**, a Lilly Endowment-funded program based at Louisville Seminary, offers funding through seven specialized grant programs to support clergy, academics and other religious leaders in their research and sabbatical projects. These include sabbatical grants, summer stipends, Christian life and faith grants, dissertation fellowship grants, first book grants for minority scholars and pastoral leadership grants.

FOR INFORMATION: Louisville Institute (502/992-5432); info@louisville-institute.org or www.louisville-institute.org.

JOB POSTINGS:

Go to www.diomass.org (see "Employment" under "Who We Are").

PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

For detailed information go to www.diomass.org (see "Clergy Deployment" under "Governance and Administration").

Communication regarding deployment and parish transitions should be directed to the staff officers responsible for deployment: The Rev. Gregory Jacobs (617/482-4826, ext. 404 or [gjacob@diomass.org](mailto:gjacobs@diomass.org)) or The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or chubbard@diomass.org).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **music director** at St. Paul's Church in North Andover; **registrar** for Province I, the dioceses of New England; two positions, **assistant to the rector (lay or ordained)** and **parish administrator**, at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington; **coordinator of children's ministries** at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn; and **Web and publications editor** at Trinity Church in Boston.

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

FALL RIVER, Church of the Ascension
FALL RIVER, St. John's/St. Stephen's Partnership
HYDE PARK, Christ Church/Iglesia de San Juan
NANTUCKET, St. Paul's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

CAMBRIDGE, St. James's Church
HARWICH PORT, Christ Church
LYNNFIELD, St. Paul's Church
WAKEFIELD, Emmanuel Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

MARION, St. Gabriel's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church
NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

DEDHAM, St. Paul's Church: part-time assistant for education.
Contact: The Rev. Michael Hodges, Priest-in-Charge (781/326-4553); mhodges@gis.net.
LEXINGTON, Church of Our Redeemer: part-time assistant to the rector (lay or ordained). Contact: The Rev. Tricia DeBeer, Rector (781/862-6408); tricia@our-redeemer.net.
NEW BEDFORD, St. Martin's Church and FAIRHAVEN, Church of the Good Shepherd: priest for three-quarters' time. Contact: sne853@aol.com or church@goodshepherdfairhaven.com.

With this F.Y.I.:

- ✓ Registration flyer for Oct. 16 MECA workshop
- ✓ Flyer for Samaritans Now medical missions. *Please post.*
- ✓ Schedule and registration form for Safe Church Training

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Submission deadline for the Sept. 5 issue is **Wednesday, Aug. 29 at noon**. Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.