
F.Y.I.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, 2007

NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Urban lay leaders and clergy invited to Urban Strategy Summit

The diocesan Office for Urban Ministry Development and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host an **Urban Strategy Summit** on *Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*, at the cathedral—an opportunity for urban lay leaders and clergy to come together, listen, plan and act as partners in ministry, and then to weave their particular stories and hopes into the wider diocesan vision. Those planning to participate should read in advance the working paper on urban ministry to be made available on the diocesan Web site or by request via mail. More information is also available at www.diomass.org; see “General Calendar.”

RSVP: *Suzette Phillips, Office of Bishop Suffragan Gayle Harris (617/482-4826, ext. 222); shp@diomass.org.*

FOR INFORMATION: *The Rev. Gregory A. Jacobs, Office for Urban Ministry Development (617/482-4826, ext. 404); [gjacobson@diomass.org](mailto:gjacobs@diomass.org).*

Application consultations available Feb. 7 for Congregational Development & Sending Serving Grants

Application materials for **Congregational Development and Support Grants and Sending Serving Grants** will be available on the diocesan Web site by the end of January. **The deadline for 2007 grant applications is Monday, April 30.**

On *Wednesday, Feb. 7*, the chairpersons of the grant committees, Lynn Smith (Congregational Development and Support) and Jim Gammill (Sending Serving), will be available all day at the diocesan offices (138 Tremont Street) in Boston to answer questions, either in person or by telephone, about the grant programs and application process. A time may be scheduled by contacting Clare Moffitt in the Office for Congregational Development (617/482-4826, ext. 495); cem@diomass.org.

FOR INFORMATION: *Lynn Smith, Congregational Development and Support Grants (lynn@diomass.org); Jim Gammill, Sending Serving Grants (jgammill@alewifedeanery.org); or Clare Moffitt, Office for Congregational Development (617/482-4826, ext. 495).*

Coming up:

Events referenced in this F.Y.I. unless marked *

Jan 13: Urban Strategy Summit

Feb. 3: Safe Youth Trainer Certification

Feb. 7: Application consultations available for Congregational Development and Support Grants and Sending Serving Grants; applications due **April 30**

March 10: Special Diocesan Convention at Boston University

March 27: Episcopal City Mission Lobby Day* (www.episcopalcitymission.org)

N O T E S:

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.

■ **Congregational Leadership Report and Lay Delegate Certification forms** were mailed in December to all rectors or other priests in charge of congregations. The forms were preprinted with the information currently held in the diocesan database. Information on the forms should be updated as soon as possible after annual meetings (or by March 1 where annual meetings take place later in the year) and returned as soon as possible to the convention office.

Please note the date and location for the **2007 Special Diocesan Convention: Saturday, March 10** at the George Sherman Union at Boston University. More information will be mailed to clergy and delegates in February.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey (617/482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

■ **A Safe Youth Trainer Certification** session will be held on *Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. This training is intended for clergy members, Christian educators, youth coordinators or leaders and others who work with youth in the church. The session will teach trainers to help youth define their physical, sexual and behavioral boundaries; provide practical strategies youth can use if their boundaries are violated; and provide information about where youth can go for support as they become more independent.

FOR INFORMATION: Grace Elson, Office for Christian Formation and Education (617/482-4826, ext. 205); gelson@diomass.org.

■ **Limited funds** are available in the 2007 diocesan budget **to support lay persons desiring training to enhance their ministries within the church.** Generally such grants would fund up to one-third the cost of the training. Ministries appropriate for support by these grants include training for Godly Play, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Education for Ministry mentors, church musicians, parish nurses and others.

FOR GUIDELINES/APPLICATIONS: Helen Netos (617/482-4826, ext. 402); hnetos@diomass.org.

■ To further the diocesan aim of every congregation growing in mission, a cadre of congregational coaches has been recruited and trained. This group consists of members of the clergy and laity who are experienced congregational leaders and who have a base of skills in congregational development on which to build.

Coaches are now available for assignments such as: leading a half-day or daylong vestry gathering for planning, goal setting, teambuilding or leadership development; preparing for or following up from a bishop's visitation; conducting a mutual ministry review or assisting a congregation with newcomer incorporation or stewardship. There is a charge for the services of a coach.

FOR INFORMATION: Helen Netos (617/482-4826, ext. 402); hnetos@diomass.org.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Dec. 7, 2006, meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Heard a progress report on the Ramallah Housing Project from the Rev. Robert Tobin.
- Received a report from the Treasurer's Office.
- Appointed a task force to gather information and make recommendations on establishing guidelines for congregations and clergy on political action.
- Heard a report from the Congregational Development and Support Committee regarding their work on congregational vitality and viability.
- Approved diocesan clergy staff housing allowances for 2007.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, 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 (see "Employment" under "Who We Are").

Jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site include: **director of music** at Christ Church in Waltham; **church administrator** at St. Paul's Church in Bedford; **nursery caregiver** at St. John's Church in Arlington; **youth minister** at St. Michael's Church in Holliston; **Christian formation assistant for music** at Christ Church in Quincy; **music minister** at Christ Church in Harwich Port; **guest services manager** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; **music/choir director** at Christ Church in Hyde Park; and **electronic media manager** for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

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 [gjacobson@diomass.org](mailto:gjacobs@diomass.org)) or The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or chubbard@diomass.org).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

NANTUCKET, St. Paul's Church
READING, Church of the Good Shepherd

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

CAMBRIDGE, St. James's Church
FALL RIVER, Church of the Ascension
FALL RIVER, St. John's/St. Stephen's Partnership
HARWICH PORT, Christ Church
NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

DANVERS, Calvary Church
COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church
WAKEFIELD, Emmanuel Church

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*Continued from page 3***CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour
 CHELSEA, St. Luke's/San Lucas Church
 DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church
 HYDE PARK, Christ Church/Iglesia de San Juan

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist
 FRAMINGHAM, St. Andrew's Church
 NEWBURYPORT, St. Paul's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

CHESTNUT HILL, Church of the Redeemer: curate/assistant rector/associate rector. Contact: The Rev. Dorsey McConnell, Rector (617/566-7679); dorsey@redeemernuthill.org.

With this F.Y.I.:

✓ Safe Church Training schedule and registration form

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Submission deadline for the Feb. 7 issue is

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at noon.

Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.