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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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Changes in disciplinary canons to be discussed at June 22 open meeting

The Episcopal Church's disciplinary canons (Title IV) were revised by General Convention last summer, and the changes have implications for diocesan canons. **An open meeting to discuss the changes** and related issues will be held on *Tuesday, June 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. All are welcome.

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

New Concord River dean appointed

The bishops have appointed **the Rev. Tony Buquor**, Rector of Trinity Church in Concord, as **dean of the Concord River Deanery**. He succeeds the Rev. Gale Davis Morris, former rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton. In making the announcement, Bishop Bud Cederholm expressed the bishops' appreciation for both priests' leadership and willingness to serve.

New summer hours begin July 6 at diocesan and cathedral offices

Effective July 6, summer hours at the diocesan and cathedral offices at 138 Tremont Street in Boston will be **Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., with the offices closed on Fridays**. This schedule is an attempt to save energy by eliminating one day's commute and powering down the HVAC system for two consecutive days each week. Regular office hours will resume on Sept. 7.

fyi goes electronic in August

The fyi newsletter will be issued by e-mail beginning in August. The deadline and first-Wednesday-of-the-month publication schedule will not change, but instead of a paper copy in the mail, recipients will get an e-mail from news@diomass.org containing a link to the current issue. (The **fyi** also will continue to be posted, as usual, at www.diomass.org under "Publications.") The relatively small group of recipients without e-mail will continue to receive a paper copy by regular mail.

FOR INFORMATION: Tracy Sukraw, Office of Communications (617/482-4826, ext. 493); tjs@diomass.org.

Save these dates:

The annual diocesan **Resource Day** of workshops and networking for parish teams takes place on *Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Bentley University in Waltham.

A **Small Church Summit** for congregations with part-time clergy is being planned for *Saturday, Oct. 16*, to provide a time to come together to share experiences and learn from one another.

Details will be forthcoming.

Diocesan Convention:
Watch for July info by e-mail

In an effort to save paper and money, **the July Diocesan Convention mailing will be sent electronically to all clergy, delegates and lay leadership** for whom there are e-mail addresses on file. Delegates whose e-mail address has changed since their parish's annual meeting and clergy whose e-mail has changed since publication of the diocesan directory in March should e-mail their updated contact information by June 25 to Lois Murphey (as below).

**Resolutions, nominations
due by Sept. 10**

This year's Diocesan Convention will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6 at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn. **All resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed canonical amendments and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council by Friday, Sept. 10.**

**Schedule of pre-convention
delegate forums announced**

Pre-Diocesan Convention delegate forums in October offer an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget. Forums are scheduled to take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *Tuesday, Oct. 19* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 20* at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 27* at St. Mary's Church (258 Concord Street) in Newton Lower Falls; and
- *Thursday, Oct. 28* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth.

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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.

● The **Diocesan Youth Council (DYC)** invites applications from rising 10th through 12th graders who have a passion for welcoming other youth into the Episcopal Church and wish to be part of diocesan and youth retreat leadership. Applications will be available in mid-June at www.diomassyouth.org, where more information about the DYC is also available.

● **Youth Leadership Academy week** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is *July 4-11*. The program invites rising ninth and tenth graders to a week of camp focusing on servant leadership, and offers favorite camp activities as well as intensive small-group work, team building and leadership development. Register at www.bchcenter.org.

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

- The Trustees of Donations, which oversees the Diocesan Investment Trust, is marking its 200th year and, as part of its anniversary activities, is inviting rectors and parish treasurers and investment committee chairs to attend a **special luncheon and learning event** on *Wednesday, June 23, 12-2 p.m.*, at Christ Church (Zero Garden Street) in Cambridge. Professor Harvey Cox of Harvard Divinity School will discuss his new book, *The Future of Faith*, and provide historical perspective on financial and mission challenges that churches face in contemporary society. There is no cost to attend; **RSVP by June 15 to rblakney@diomass.org**. *FOR INFORMATION: Richard Blakney, Trustees of Donations (617/482-4826, ext. 557); rblakney@diomass.org*.
- Sarah Dylan Breuer has been appointed the **new executive director of Province I**, the seven New England dioceses of the Episcopal Church. She begins her duties on July 1. She succeeds Susan Ohlidal, who resigned to become the full-time canon for ministry development in the Diocese of Vermont. A resident of West Roxbury, Dylan Breuer serves on the Episcopal Church's Executive Council. Read more at www.province1.org.
- A **Safe Church Training** session is scheduled for *Saturday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. Peter's Church (4 Ocean Street) in Beverly. 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*.

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **membership coordinator** at All Saints Parish in Brookline; **parish administrator** at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover; three positions, **development/stewardship coordinator; director of children's ministries** and **assistant director of facilities**, at Trinity Church in Boston; **coordinator of youth program volunteers** at St. Stephen's Church in Boston; **head of school** at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; **director of Christian formation** at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester; and **parish administrator** at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

The May 18 meeting of the Diocesan Council was canceled.
Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Tuesday, June 15, 6-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.
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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:

BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

DEDHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd*

NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church*

NORWOOD, Grace Church

SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church

WAREHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd

*Please contact the Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard directly.

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

BEVERLY FARMS, St. John's Church

NEXT fyi:

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