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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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**Get equipped at Sept. 25
Resource Day**

Gather a team and get “Equipped to Answer God’s Call” at the annual diocesan **Resource Day** on *Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Bentley University in Waltham. Workshops on a wide range of topics—from stewardship, youth ministry, education, communications, mission and outreach, congregational development and business practices—will help develop skills and provide spiritual and practical help for joining God’s mission. Cost, which includes lunch, will be \$15 per person. Online registration opens Aug. 16 via www.diomass.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Resource Center (617-482-4826, ext. 645); acook@diomass.org.

**Green Grants Initiative
encourages all churches
to go “green”**

**Observe Creation Care
Sunday on Oct. 3:** See [page 3](#).

A new diocesan [Green Grants Initiative](#) is now being launched to encourage, challenge and support all congregations in environmental stewardship. It has two components: **Simple Acts of Stewardship** and **Green Improvement Grants**. Congregations are invited to participate in one or both.

Simple Acts of Stewardship aims to support and make known locally based projects (whether they cost money or not) that build positive connections with the natural world, conserve natural resources and teach environmentally responsible practices. Idea sharing is an important part of the effort. Simple Acts grants of approximately \$500 are available.

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**“Pray, Serve, Reflect”:
Sept. 11 Day of Service
invites volunteers, sites**

The diocese’s Relational Evangelism and Micah Project young adult intern programs are planning a **second annual diocesanwide Day of Service** to coincide with the National Day of Service on *Saturday, Sept. 11*. Last year approximately 400 people turned out for service projects at various sites, and this year’s event builds on that success.

Projects planned for this year include: environmental actions at Emery House in West Newbury and Grace Church in Medford; an effort out of St. Stephen’s Church in Boston to revamp the Blackstone Elementary School’s library; food pantry work at Christ Church in Quincy and St. Mary’s Church in Dorchester; and a service event at St. Andrew’s Church in Framingham to honor veterans. Other sites will include the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan and the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

Host sites and volunteers are needed. Churches interested in being host sites should contact Mary Beth Mills-Curran (508-414-9321 or marybeth@diomassintern.org). Visit www.diomassintern.org/911 for updates and online registration.

Clergy Day and optional overnight program to be offered in September

The annual fall **Clergy Day** takes place on *Tuesday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.* (sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m.) at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle, an executive coach and licensed psychologist, who will focus on the topic of managing change. Additionally, Voyle will be offering an optional overnight program on *Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 29-30* for those who would like to stay and participate in an “appreciative inquiry” coaching process.

Program and registration information will be sent to diocesan clergy the first week of August.

FOR INFORMATION: Clare Moffitt, Congregations and Clergy (617-482-4826, ext. 495); cem@diomass.org.

Deadline for Diocesan Convention materials is Sept. 10

In July all clergy and delegates were sent [preliminary information regarding Diocesan Convention](#), a one-day event this year, to be held on *Saturday, Nov. 6* at St. Stephen’s Church in Lynn. **All nominations, proposed constitutional amendments, resolutions and committee reports are due in the Convention office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10.**

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.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or FAX: 617-482-8431); loism@diomass.org.

New MIT chaplain named

The Rev. Janie Donohue has been appointed the new Episcopal chaplain at MIT, to serve in the [Lutheran Episcopal Ministry](#) there and coordinate the Technology and Culture Forum.

Since 2007 she has been the assistant rector of St. Ann’s Church in Old Lyme, Conn., and, while in the Diocese of Connecticut, helped form a working group to explore intersections between technology and theology. She holds degrees from Northwestern University, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry and Yale Divinity School. Prior to ordination she held several positions that included project and program management responsibilities.

She began her new ministry at MIT on Aug. 1 and can be reached there at 617-253-2983.

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Green Improvement Grants help congregations identify, fund and accomplish energy efficiency upgrades to their facilities through a process that includes energy audits and workshops. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available.

Simple Acts and Green Improvement grant applications are available at www.diomass.org (see "[Green Grants Initiative](#)" under "Our Mission").

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617/482-4826, ext. 413); kmontagno@diomass.org.

**Bishop Cederholm
calls for Creation Care
Sunday on Oct. 3**

Bishop Bud Cederholm encourages the congregations of the diocese to join in observing **Oct. 3**, the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Francis, as "**Creation Care Sunday.**" He asks congregations to consider holding a "Blessing of the Animals" or other creation-themed liturgy and to take up a collection in support of the new diocesan [Green Grants Initiative](#). Liturgical resources for the occasion will be available at the end of August.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt (508-295-2840 or lisehild@yahoo.com); Dawn Tesorero (617-477-9402 or dawn_tess@hotmail.com); Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@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 **2010-2011 [bishops' visitation schedule](#)** (covering Dec. 4, 2010-Nov. 20, 2011) was e-mailed on July 2 to all clergy in charge of congregations and wardens (and mailed to those without e-mail addresses on file). Any intended recipients who did not receive the material should contact one of the bishops' offices, as below. The visitation schedule is also posted at www.diomass.org (see "[Bishops' Visitations](#)" under "Inside the Diocese").

FOR INFORMATION: Jackie Drapeau, Bishop Shaw's Office (617/482-4826, ext. 407 or jdrapeau@diomass.org) or Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm's Office (617/482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@diomass.org).

- The Church Insurance Company, which is the major insurer of church properties in this diocese, is beginning a routine process of providing churches covered under its policies with **updated appraisals**. Though Church Insurance has been providing annually an inflation-based increase to the insured property value, it has been about eight years since appraised values have been obtained. Church Insurance has hired American Appraisal Associates to conduct these appraisals. Each church insured by Church Insurance will be contacted by an American Appraisal representative to set up an appointment, and once the appraisal is complete, the church will receive a copy. The appraisal process will begin in early August.

FOR INFORMATION: Steve Pierce, Coordinator for Congregational Support (617-482-4826, ext. 501); spierce@diomass.org.

- Free [online Safe Church Training](#), using the curriculum “Safeguarding Our Children,” is now available for use by congregations in this diocese. Those who need to take the training should contact their parish clergy to receive a unique ID and password to access the program. More information is available at www.diomass.org (see “[Training and Learning Opportunities](#)” under “Inside the Diocese”) or from Lynn Clark, Human Resources Manager (617-482-4826, ext. 578 or lclark@diomass.org).

Safe Church Training events will continue to be offered, with the next session 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 (see “[Training & Learning Opportunities](#)” under “Inside the Diocese”).

FOR TRAINING EVENT INFORMATION: Dick Vanderlippe, Safe Church Training coordinator (978-263-1895); rvan@aol.com.

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on two *Saturdays this fall: Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Church of the Messiah (13 Church Street) in Woods Hole (register by Sept. 25) and *Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (register by Nov. 6). 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.

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508-746-3805); conmel@aol.com.

- The North American Association for the Diaconate, along with the Episcopal dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont, will sponsor “[Interpret the Church: Communicating the World and the Word.](#)” a **conference for deacons**, deacons in formation and supporters of diaconal ministries, to take place *Friday-Sunday, Oct. 1-3* at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel (1657 Worcester Road) in Framingham. The conference will help participants explore effective diaconal ministry in a changing church and world, develop new communication and storytelling skills, understand how to use social networking technologies in ministry, learn about ministry projects in Province 1 and develop and nurture relationships with colleagues in ministry.

Cost is \$200 plus hotel accommodations. The registration deadline is Sept. 1.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kyle Pedersen, conference co-convener (203-772-0294); kyle.pedersen@sbcglobal.net.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.*, at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham.
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 currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: [project manager for campaign initiatives](#), a position on the diocesan staff; [parish secretary](#) at Trinity Church in Wrentham; [director of Christian formation](#) at Grace Church in Medford; [director of religious education](#) at All Saints' Church in Chelmsford; [choir director-organist](#) at Trinity Church in Topsfield; two positions, [education minister](#) and [minister of music](#), at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth; [minister of music](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading; [administrative assistant](#) at All Saints' Church in West Newbury; and [membership coordinator](#) at All Saints Parish in Brookline.

PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT

Go to www.diomass.org for details (Inside the Diocese > [Clergy Deployment/Transition Ministry](#)).

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:

ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour
CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church
GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church
RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church

CHURCHES PREPARING PROFILE:

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

DEDHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd*
WAREHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd
**Please contact the Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard directly.*

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church

NEXT fyi:

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