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Cape Wind developer to speak at Green Grants Initiative gathering

Cape Wind developer Jim Gordon will be the guest speaker at a Green Grants Initiative Gathering, hosted by Bishop Bud Cederholm, on *Thursday, Oct. 28, 6-7:30 p.m.*, at First Parish (23 Dedham Avenue) in Needham. The event provides **an occasion to learn about renewable energy, and will raise funds for the diocese's Green Grants Initiative**. Suggested donation is \$25 per person. [RSVP here](#) or at www.diomass.org (see "Green Grants Initiative" under "Our Mission").

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); dianep@diomass.org.

[Green Grants Initiative](#) coordinators report a lot of early interest in the program and invite congregations to visit the initiative's page at www.diomass.org (see "Green Grants Initiative" under "Our Mission") for information on Simple Acts of Stewardship and Green Improvement Grants. Please note that the dates for the Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) workshops, a required part of the Green Improvement application process, have changed. **There will be only one SHOW workshop in October, on [Oct. 23 at Grace Church in Lawrence](#)**. More workshop dates in upcoming months will be posted soon.

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

ECM to issue affordable housing policy paper as religious leaders urge a 'no' vote on Question 2

Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, Bishop Bud Cederholm and Bishop Gayle E. Harris of the Diocese of Massachusetts, together with Bishop Gordon Scruton of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, have joined with other state religious leaders in signing an **interfaith statement supporting the Massachusetts affordable housing law** (Chapter 40B). The law faces repeal via ballot question in November; those who are against repeal are urging a "no" vote on Question Two.

The bishops urge members of the clergy to consider signing the statement at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/protectaffordablehousing>. More information about the campaign to protect the affordable housing law is available at www.protectaffordablehousing.org.

Episcopal City Mission plans to release a policy paper on affordable housing in conjunction with a news conference on the interfaith statement, to be held on *Tuesday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.*, at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Katie Campbell Simons, Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 224); kcsimons@diomass.org.

Small churches called to vitality-focused summit

A **Small Church Summit, “Called to Transformation: From Survival to Vitality in Small Churches,”** will be offered on *Saturday, Oct. 16, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at St. Peter’s Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston. Growing out of the Small Church Summit held in 2008 and the small church workshops at last year’s Resource Day, the upcoming program will include time in the morning for small group work and networking, as well as presentations by the Rev. Liz Magill on EDSConnect courses focused on small churches, and by the Rev. Helen Trainor on developing ministry teams. Afternoon workshops will address topics of hospitality, care of small church ministry, the ministering community, different models for lifelong formation and strategies for reducing workload. Cost is \$15 for the first participant from a congregation and \$10 for each additional team member. Lunch will be provided. [Online registration is available here](#) or via www.diomass.org (go to “Calendar” under “News/Events/Media”). *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard (617-482-4826, ext. 400); chubbard@diomass.org.*

Leadership Development Initiative invites congregations to ‘taste and see’

The Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) will hold an **Information and Discernment Conference for congregations considering work with the LDI** in 2010-2011. It takes place on *Thursday, Nov. 18, 5-8 p.m.*, at St. Peter’s Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston. Small representative teams from all interested congregations are invited. Dinner will be provided.

The LDI was launched in 2009-2010 with a pilot cohort of six parishes, with results from the pilot year indicating that it provides one excellent model for developing leadership and capacity for congregations to engage God’s mission in the world.

Participants in the Nov. 18 conference will meet with people from parishes that participated in LDI programming last year; hear about their mission projects, what they learned and their results; engage in conversation with their own teams and others about urgent needs in their local communities and how LDI training can help address those needs; hear presentations from the LDI team on the program’s substance and values; and receive information on next steps for application and registration.

FOR INFORMATION: Kendyll Hillegas (kendyll.hillegas@gmail.com) or <http://diomassleads.org>.

Cathedral launches new ‘Sacred Time’ podcast

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston launched its new weekly podcast, “Sacred Time,” last month. The half-hour program is modeled on the cathedral’s former Sunday morning radio broadcast, which was discontinued last year when WCRB-FM was bought by WGBH. “Sacred Time” will feature sermons by the cathedral’s clergy, readings, prayer and music performed at the cathedral by its choirs and other groups. **The podcast is available midday each Friday** via www.stpaulboston.org, or as a free [download from iTunes, here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Abigail Runyan, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 580); arunyan@diomass.org.

Get ready for Diocesan Convention at delegate forums this month

Upcoming **pre-Diocesan Convention delegate forums** 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.

It is important that delegate changes made prior to the Diocesan Convention be reported to the Office of Convention and Council. The substitute delegate form will be included in the October convention mailing and also will be available on the [Diocesan Convention 2010 page at www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org). Completed forms for substitute delegates will be accepted by mail or fax until *Friday, Oct. 29*. Substitutes who miss this deadline and attend in place of regular delegates must bring to Convention the substitute delegate form or a letter—signed by a warden or clerk of the vestry—stating the substitute's name and address; the name of the delegate being replaced; and whether this is a permanent replacement or for this convention only. Without written documentation, substitute delegates will be required to wait for Convention's approval to be allowed seat, voice and vote.

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

Camp and conference center director leaves diocese for new position

The board of directors of the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center has announced that the facility's **executive director, John Erdman, will leave his position Nov. 5** to become the director of Camp Wesley Woods, a United Methodist camp in Townsend, Tenn.

"The board of directors received John's resignation and expressed gratitude for all he has accomplished in moving the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center from start-up phase to flourishing ministry," the Rev. Martha L. Hubbard, the board's president, said after the board's Sept. 21 meeting. A celebration of Erdman's ministry is being planned for spring at the camp and conference center.

The camp and conference center's board will work with the consulting firm Criterion Ventures as it moves forward with decisions about long-range vision and sustainability for the center, as well as a search process to replace Erdman and management of the facility in the interim.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary (617-482-4826, ext. 402); mallyl@diomass.org.

Council committee to facilitate discussion on Anglican covenant

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and House of Deputies president Bonnie Anderson [in a Sept. 3 letter](#) called on all congregations to engage in discussion of the proposed Anglican Covenant at some time during the next two years.

“In order for General Convention to reflect the mind of the whole church, the bishops and deputies who participate in General Convention need to know the thoughtful and faithful reactions of the many and varied faith communities represented in this church,” they said.

A covenant first was proposed in 2004 as a way for the Anglican Communion to maintain unity amidst differing viewpoints, especially on issues of human sexuality and biblical interpretation. The Episcopal Church’s Executive Council, at its June 2010 meeting, approved and commended an Anglican Covenant study guide, available in English and Spanish.

In the Diocese of Massachusetts, **a committee of Diocesan Council members and people who have served, or will serve, as General Convention deputies will be convened** to oversee and facilitate study of the covenant in congregations. More information will be forthcoming as the committee’s work gets underway. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary (617-482-4826, ext. 402); mallyl@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.

- **United Thank Offering (UTO) grant applications** for the 2011 grant cycle are available at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto. Before applications can be submitted to the UTO nationally, they must first be submitted to the diocesan screening committee that reviews them for criteria and completeness. Eight copies of completed grant applications should be sent to: UTO Screening Committee, c/o Betty Murray, 102 Cabot Street, Newton MA 02458. Completed applications **must be received by the diocesan screening committee by Tuesday, Nov. 30** (regardless of postmark). *FOR INFORMATION: Betty Murray, diocesan UTO coordinator (617-332-5939); eg.murray@verizon.net.*

- The **new diocesan coordinators for Education for Ministry (EfM)** are the Rev. Lyn Brakeman and the Rev. Dick Simeone, and they welcome inquiries about any matters related to the program. Education for Ministry is a four-year program that prepares people to discover and respond to their call to Christian service. Students meet in local seminar groups with trained mentors for study, prayer and reflection. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Lyn Brakeman and The Rev. Dick Simeone (617-354-1481); lgb3888@earthlink.net (Lyn) or rjs4166@earthlink.net (Dick).*

fyi is online at www.diomass.org (News/Events/Media > [Publications](#)).
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- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Register by Nov. 6 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.*

- 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, Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Registration is required 14 days prior to the training date and can be done [online via www.diomass.org](http://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.*

- The **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem organization is asking congregations to join the spirit of St. Nicholas**, patron saint of needy children, and help shift the commercial focus of the holiday season to a more meaningful one **by supporting children in need in the Holy Land today**. The organization has created a Web site, http://www.afedj.org/StNicholasDay2010_2.html, which provides St. Nicholas Day activities and materials inviting participation in this December observance.

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: [Province I minister for the stewardship of our carbon footprint](#); four positions at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge: [chief financial and planning officer](#); [dean of student and community life](#); [Web conferencing trainer](#); and [director of communications and marketing](#); [administrative assistant](#) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Wayland; [parish administrator](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading; and [organist and choir director](#) at St. John’s Church in Westwood.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Sept. 18 meeting, held at Christ Church in Needham, the Diocesan Council:

- Heard a report from the Assessment Coordinating Committee.
- Voted to approve the 2011 core revenue budget projections; to allocate funds within the core budget expenses for increased compensation paid to diocesan staff, above the increases needed to maintain existing health insurance coverage; and to approve the 2011 core expense budget projections.
- Heard a report from the Treasurer's Office.
- Voted to approve expenditure of funds for a car for use by the bishop.
- Voted to appoint Amy Whitcomb Slemmer to a term, expiring in 2012, on the Financial Advisory Committee.
- Voted housing allowance designation for a clergy diocesan staff member.
- Voted to approve the request of the members of the church formerly known as St. Alban's, Lynn to divide its cash assets between two parishes of the diocese.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, Oct. 21, 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 > [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:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church

RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent

CHURCHES PREPARING PROFILE:

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour (*contact Canon Hubbard directly*)

BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church

DEDHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd (*contact Canon Hubbard directly*)

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church

SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church

WAREHAM, Church of the Good Shepherd

NEXT fyi: *fyi* is issued on the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Nov. 3 issue is **Wednesday, Oct. 27 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.