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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of  
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**Cathedral welcomes all to take part in November holiday observances**

The [Cathedral Church of St. Paul](#) (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host a **service of prayers, music and witness in honor of veterans** on Veterans Day, *Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.* Everyone is welcome to attend.

The cathedral church's **annual service and community dinner on Thanksgiving Day**, *Thursday, Nov. 25 begins at 11 a.m.* Anyone who would like to assist with preparing or serving food should contact the cathedral office.

FOR INFORMATION: *Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617-482-4826, ext. 204); [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org).*

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**Project manager named for comprehensive fundraising campaign**

**The Rev. Samuel S. Rodman has been named project manager for campaign initiatives**, a new position to facilitate the diocese's planned comprehensive fundraising campaign. Rodman will coordinate and manage the development of the projects to be funded, and will help to further define, articulate and execute the vision and strategy for a successful campaign.

"Sam has a heart for the mission areas that our campaign is focusing on, and he brings gifts for leadership that are both new and necessary to the work ahead. I am grateful for his willingness to serve, and ask you to remember him, his family and St. Michael's Church in your prayers as they make this transition," Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE said in an Oct. 22 announcement to deans.

Rodman's last Sunday as rector of St. Michael's Church in Milton will be Nov. 21. He begins his new position on Dec. 1.

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**Watch for redesigned [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) this month**

A redesign of the diocesan Web site has long been underway. Watch for the **phase-one launch of the new and improved [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) this month**, featuring new graphics, streamlined navigation, a customized "Find a Church" section and revamped news and events sections.

Questions and comments about the new site will be welcome, along with users' patience and good humor as inevitable post-launch glitches get worked out.

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*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. **The submission deadlines for the December 2010 and January 2011 issues are earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.** The deadline for the Dec. 1 issue is **Wednesday, November 17 at noon.**

The deadline for the Jan. 5 issue is **Wednesday, Dec. 15 at noon.**

Address e-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

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**Youth and mentors  
invited to annual  
Middle School Retreat**

The Office of Youth Ministries and the Diocesan Youth Council invite youth in grades six through eight, and their adult mentors, to take part in the **annual diocesan Middle School Retreat**, to be held *Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

There will be small group workshops, indoor and outdoor games, a live band, worship to get everyone moving and thinking, a talent show and a chance to take a break from busy daily routines and pay a little more attention to the spirit. Adult mentors will have retreat time on their own, with workshops specifically for adults working with youth.

Cost is \$105 each for youth participants and \$80 each for adult mentors. Scholarships are available. Transportation from the South Shore and the Boston area is a possibility, depending on expressed interest.

Register [here](#) (or go to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) and see “Calendar” under “News/Events/Media”).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office of Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215); [klonergan@diomass.org](mailto:klonergan@diomass.org).*

**Archbishop of York to  
preach at Redeemer,  
Chestnut Hill**

**The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. John Sentamu, 97th Archbishop of York and Primate of England, will preach at the Church of the Redeemer** (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill, in a service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints on *Sunday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m.* A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Archbishop Sentamu is in the area in conjunction with the Boston Theological Institute’s (BTI) 2010 Conference on World Mission and Christianity, and he will deliver the Noble Lectures at Harvard University. To learn more about the Church of the Redeemer’s historical relationship with the BTI conference, click [here](#) (or see “Calendar” under “News/Events/Media”).

*FOR INFORMATION: Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (617-566-7679).*

**Leadership Development  
Initiative invites teams  
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 is an excellent model for developing leadership and capacity for congregations to join God’s mission in the world.

Participants in the Nov. 18 conference will meet with people from last year’s participating parishes; engage in conversation about urgent local needs and how LDI training can help address them; and receive information about the program’s substance and values, as well as next steps for application and registration.

*FOR INFORMATION: Kendyll Hillegas at [kendyll.hillegas@gmail.com](mailto:kendyll.hillegas@gmail.com) or <http://diomassleads.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.

- In an effort to reduce paper use and production costs, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's **annual mailing for renewed and new licenses for lay ministers was sent by e-mail in mid-October** to all churches and chapels of the diocese. Those who did not receive the e-mailing or who have questions may contact the cathedral office.

*FOR INFORMATION: Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617-482-4826, ext. 221); [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org).*

- Technical problems at the United Thank Offering (UTO) Web site have been resolved, and **UTO grant applications are now available at [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://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](mailto:eg.murray@verizon.net).*

- **Applications for 2010 and 2011 Episcopal Church Jubilee Ministry grants are now being accepted** for mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church. Application categories are: Asset Based Community Development workshop funding; summer camp partnership grants; and protecting God's creation. Jubilee Ministries are congregations or agencies with connections to the Episcopal Church whose mission efforts affect the lives of those in need, addressing basic human needs and justice issues. Grants to Jubilee ministries are awarded annually.

For guidelines, additional information or to apply for grants, go to: [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109342\\_125387\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109342_125387_ENG_HTM.htm)

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Christopher Johnson, Episcopal Church Jubilee Officer ([cjohnson@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:cjohnson@episcopalchurch.org)); [www.episcopalchurch.org/jubilee.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/jubilee.htm).*

- **A free tool which charts 11-year trends, "Studying Your Congregation and Community,"** is now available to assist Episcopal congregations and dioceses in their stewardship, short and long-term planning and strategic development. It is available at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/research.htm>. It provides information on membership, average Sunday attendance and plate and pledge giving, from 1999 to 2009. Newly included in these offerings is a community profile, which updates the zip code report formerly offered by the church's research office.

*FOR INFORMATION: Christine Kandic, Episcopal Church Center ([ckandic@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:ckandic@episcopalchurch.org)); [www.episcopalchurch.org/research](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/research).*

- **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](http://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](mailto: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](#) (see “Training & Learning Opportunities” under “Inside the Diocese”).

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

- The Massachusetts Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (**UBE**) is **sponsoring a speaker forum** on *Saturday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.*, at St. John St. James Church (149 Roxbury Street) in Roxbury. The Rev. Karen Coleman will present “An Overview of the Ordained Early Episcopal Black Women.” All are welcome.

*FOR INFORMATION: Marsha Isaacs, chapter president (617-389-5765).*

- **The sisters of the Order of St. Anne—Bethany will conclude their year-long centennial celebration** on *Saturday, Nov. 20 with a service of Holy Eucharist at 3 p.m.*, with Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE as the celebrant and preacher. A reception will follow. All are welcome. [RSVP](#) to the Bethany House of Prayer (see below).

The **drop-in group for mothers continues at Bethany House of Prayer** on *Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., through Nov. 19*. The group is for mothers of all ages who seek refreshment, renewal, community and a sacred space to explore a relevant spirituality for their daily lives as caregivers.

*FOR INFORMATION: Bethany House of Prayer (181 Appleton Street) Arlington (781-648-2433 or [bethanyretreats@verizon.net](mailto:bethanyretreats@verizon.net)); [www.bethanyhousearlington.org](http://www.bethanyhousearlington.org).*

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its Oct. 21 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Heard a report on the results of a feasibility study for a comprehensive fundraising campaign and learned that the Rev. Samuel S. Rodman has been appointed as project manager for the campaign.
- Heard a report from the diocesan treasurer which included the status of assessment payments and a draft of the 2009 audit.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, Dec. 2, 6-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

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

## **JOB POSTINGS:**

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: two positions on the diocesan staff, [senior accountant](#) and [facilities and project coordinator](#); two positions—[parish administrator](#) and [music director](#)—at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington; two positions—[youth minister](#) and [assistant director of youth ministries](#)—at Trinity Church in Boston; [Minister for the Stewardship of Our Carbon Footprint](#) for Province I; four positions—[chief financial and planning officer](#), [dean of student and community life](#), [Web conferencing trainer](#) and [director of communications and marketing](#)—at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge; [administrative assistant](#) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Wayland; and [parish administrator](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading.

## **PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://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](mailto:chubbard@diomass.org)).

### **CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:**

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church

### **CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church

MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent

RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

### **CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church

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

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

### **CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour

CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church

SOUTHBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church