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Bishop Cederholm to retire next November

Bishop Bud Cederholm has announced his retirement, effective in early November of 2011, when he will be marking 40 years of full-time ordained ministry, 10 of them as a bishop. He plans to return in February 2012 to assist up to two days a week with congregations in transition and clergy deployment. Bishop Cederholm's announcement letter is available [here](#) (or go to www.diomass.org and see "News and Publications" page).

Information about oversight in the upcoming year of transition and beyond will be made available early this month.

Diocese marks milestones with Gulf Coast partners

As the post-Hurricane Katrina work of the diocese's Gulf Coast Partnerships Task Force comes to an official close, Bishop Bud Cederholm will lead a small delegation to New Orleans and Biloxi, Dec. 10-13, to spend time with mission partners there and distribute the task force's remaining funds to St. Anna's Parish in New Orleans, for its mobile medical clinic, and to the Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi in the form of a rose window for its newly rebuilt church building. **Contributions to supplement these gifts are welcome, as are prayers of thanksgiving** for all that has been accomplished through these partnerships. Read more [here](#) (or go to www.diomass.org and see "News and Publications" page).

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

Actions of Diocesan Convention available at www.diomass.org

A summary of the **Nov. 6 Diocesan Convention** at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn is available [here](#) (or go to www.diomass.org and see "News and Publications" page). Resolutions in final form, election results and a transcript of Bishop Shaw's meditation are available at www.diomass.org [here](#) (About Us > Governance > Diocesan Convention 2010). See photos at www.facebook.com/diomass.

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

A thank you message from Ecclesia Ministries:

"Thank you, Diocesan Convention delegates, clergy and participants, for your generous offering for the work of Ecclesia Ministries common cathedral at the convention Eucharist this year. The needs of unhoused people, as well as opportunities for housed and unhoused people to be in relationship with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, have never been greater. Your generosity helps us carry on the work begun by the Rev. Debbie Little Wyman some 15 years ago. Thank you!"

The Rev. Stephen Voysey, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Ecclesia Ministries common cathedral

Community invited to service of thanksgiving as St. Paul's Church, Brockton closes

St. Paul's Church (80 Pleasant Street) in Brockton is in the process of closing, and the diocesan community is invited to take part in a **final service of remembrance and thanksgiving** on *Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.*

An advisory group will soon be convened to begin discerning what an Episcopal presence and ministry in Brockton might be, including the possibility of a collaborative ministry with other faith communities.

FOR INFORMATION: Bishop Bud Cederholm's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); 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.

● A variety of **resources for the Advent season** are available from the Episcopal Church via www.episcopalchurch.org. They include:

- An [Advent video message from the presiding bishop](#);
- [Daily Advent meditations written by young adults](#);
- A [bulletin insert featuring an Advent meditation](#); and
- [Lectionary-based lesson plans for use with children](#).

● The **diocesan and cathedral offices will be closed for the holidays, Dec. 24-31**, reopening for regular business hours on *Monday, Jan. 3, 2011*. During the holiday week, all scheduled services and Monday Lunch programs at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul will take place as usual.

● The **Ministry Discernment Conference** offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry will be held on *Saturday, Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. (The snow date is Feb. 12; check www.diomass.org for notice.) The day is intended to provide an in-depth look at the 2011 Ministry Discernment Handbook and to give potential applicants to the ordination process an opportunity to explore their sense of call and whether that call is to ordained ministry or committed lay ministry.

Persons considering ordained ministry are required to attend the conference, along with their sponsoring priest and at least one member of their Parish Discernment Committee. Discernment committees are chosen by the sponsoring priest and should be named before the conference so that as many members as possible may attend. One member of the committee must be a vestry member. It is strongly encouraged that inquirers bring their spouses or partners.

[Register online here](#) by Jan. 21, 2011, (or go to www.diomass.org and click on "Events"). Cost per person is \$20 and includes registration, materials and lunch.

FOR INFORMATION: Judith Lidberg, Officer for Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 494); jlidberg@diomass.org.

- All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the **annual diocesan High School Retreat**, *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 4-6, 2011*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. It's an opportunity to meet other high school-age Episcopalians from around the diocese, participate in worship that promises to be phenomenal, listen to and sing with the live band Attaboy, play games, relax and perhaps even enjoy some snow.

Cost is \$105 per youth participant, \$80 for adult members. Scholarships are available. Registration will be available online in early January at www.diomassyouth.org.

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

- The **annual Pre-Lenten Retreat for diocesan clergy** takes place *Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 8-10, 2011*, at the Notre Dame Mission Center in Ipswich (4 p.m. on Tuesday through 11 a.m. on Thursday). The retreat leader will be the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Los Angeles. Registration details will be sent to the clergy.

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

- Applications are being accepted for **Micah Project and Relational Evangelism internships in the Life Together young adult program** for the 2011-2012 program year. Relational Evangelists serve in Episcopal parishes or chaplaincies and are trained as faith-based community organizers with the intention of engaging more young adults in God's mission. Each Relational Evangelist builds a leadership team of young adults in his or her local community and leads a social action campaign. Micah Project interns live together in community, discerning their own vocational calls while serving in Boston-area social justice-related internships. Both are 11-month internships, beginning on Aug. 22, 2011.

Interns serve 30 hours per week at their site placements and 10 hours per week in leadership training and reflection. They receive a stipend, full healthcare coverage and a monthly transportation pass. Micah interns receive housing; Relational Evangelists have the option of living in community with other interns in project-provided housing.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with priority given to those received before Feb. 15, 2011. To apply send a resume and cover letter to: apply@diomassintern.org.

FOR INFORMATION: apply@diomassintern.org or visit www.diomassintern.org.

● **Sites for group Safe Church training events are being sought** for spring and fall of 2011. Information about the requirements for hosting a Safe Church training is available at www.rvan.org/SC_Host_Info.htm. The intention is to schedule dates in different parts of the diocese to make the training events accessible to as many people as possible.

New in 2011: A tuition discount is available for all participants who are members of the host parish.

FOR INFORMATION: Richard Vanderlippe, Safe Church Training coordinator (978-263-1895); rvan@aol.com or rvanderlippe@diomass.org.

● Registration is open for January, March and April sessions in 2011 for **Ecclesia Ministries' CityReach program**. CityReach is an overnight outreach program offered several times per year to educate young people and adults about homelessness. Participants arrive at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston on Friday night, where they meet teachers who are themselves unhoused. Together they walk through the city guided by these members of common cathedral. Following the walk, they share a liturgy and then sleep in the cathedral sanctuary. On Saturday morning, CityReach participants offer clothing and a simple meal to poor and homeless guests. They also form teams to go out to offer sandwiches and clothes to people at South Station, Copley Square and other sites. On Saturday afternoon, they reflect upon their experiences and prepare presentations that become part of the worship service at home churches.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: www.ecclesia-ministries.org.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Next Diocesan Council meetings:

- *Thursday, Dec. 2, 6-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and
- *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, 2011*, Annual Diocesan Council Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

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JOB POSTINGS:

Go to www.diomass.org
(Resources for Congregations &
Clergy > [Employment](#)).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: [parish secretary](#) at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth; [director of Christian education](#) at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls; [director of children's formation](#) at St. James's Church in Groveland; [senior accountant](#), a position on the diocesan staff; two positions, [parish administrator](#) and [music director](#), at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington; two positions, [youth minister](#) and [assistant director of children's ministries](#), at Trinity Church in Boston; [minister for the stewardship of our carbon footprint](#) for Province I; three positions, [chief financial and planning officer](#), [dean of student and community life](#) and [Web conferencing trainer](#), 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 for
details (Resources for Congrega-
tions & Clergy > Congregation &
Clergy Support > [Clergy Deploy-
ment/Transition Ministry](#)).

Communication regarding
deployment and parish transi-
tions should be directed to the
Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard
(617/482-4826, ext. 400 or
chubbard@diomass.org).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

MILTON, St. Michael's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent
RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

CHURCHES PREPARING PROFILE:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church
GLOUCESTER, St. John's 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

NEXT *fyi*:

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