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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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### **Prepare for March 5 Learning Event with Epiphany study**

The **diocesan Spring Learning Event** on Saturday, March 5 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will be part of a larger Episcopal Village Mission event ([www.episcopalvillage.org](http://www.episcopalvillage.org)) focusing on reaching new communities, church planting and sharing the Gospel in new ways. Registration information is available at <http://epvboston.eventbrite.com>.

For preparation, a [five-week Epiphany study](#) for individual and group use is available for download at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) (see "Document Library" under "Resources for Congregations and Clergy"). The study includes readings and questions from the book *Ancient Faith, Future Mission: Fresh Expressions in the Sacramental Tradition*, edited by Steven Croft, Ian Mobsby and Stephanie Spellers.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org)) or Amy Cook, Resource Center (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or [acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org)).

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### **Deputies invite response to proposed Anglican Covenant**

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and House of Deputies president Bonnie Anderson have called on all congregations to engage in discussion of the proposed Anglican Covenant: "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 in a [Sept. 3 letter](#) to the church.

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.

At Diocesan Council's request, **this diocese's General Convention deputies have designed an engagement process and invite congregations, on their own or in deanery-based groups, to spend some time during the Epiphany season studying and discussing the proposed covenant.** Congregations or deanery groups are then asked to forward a brief summary of their conversations and responses to Lois Murphey ([loism@diomass.org](mailto:loism@diomass.org)) in the Office of Convention and Council by the first week of Lent.

The proposed covenant is available at:  
(English) <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/covenant/final/text.cfm>  
(Spanish) <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/covenant/docs/The Anglican Covenant Spanish.pdf>.

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A study guide is available at:

(English) <http://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/1510>

(Spanish) <http://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/1508>.

Early in Lent the deputation will host three regional conversations on the covenant, open to all. Dates and locations are still being determined. By April 24, the deputation will submit a summary of diocesan conversations so that the diocese's input can be part of Executive Council's report to the General Convention. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary (617-482-4826, ext. 402); [mallyl@diomass.org](mailto:mallyl@diomass.org).*

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**Grow 'greener' in 2011:  
SHOW workshops and  
Green Grants deadlines  
coming up**

For congregations wanting to know how to reduce their churches' carbon footprints, **Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) workshops** will be offered on *Saturday, Jan. 22* at Grace Church in North Attleborough and *Saturday, Feb. 12* at St. Mary's Church in Dorchester. These workshops are required of those applying to the Green Grants Initiative; all are welcome. **The deadline for applications for Simple Acts of Stewardship and/or Green Improvement grants through the Green Grants Initiative is Tuesday, March 1.** [Workshop registration, program information and grant applications](#) are available at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) (see "Green Grants Initiative" under "Our Mission").

Additionally, donations to support the Green Grants Initiative are welcome and can be made via the link above.

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**Register by Jan. 21 for  
Ministry Discernment  
Conference**

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](http://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, 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.

[Online registration is necessary and is open through Jan. 21 at \[www.diomass.org\]\(http://www.diomass.org\).](#)

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

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**Upcoming youth events:**

FOR INFORMATION:

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

**July in January:** On *Sunday, Jan. 23, 5-7:30 p.m.*, join the Office of Youth Ministries and the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham for a night of camp games and songs, a concert by Attaboy and a presentation on diocesan summer camp programs. They promise that if you bring your kids (grades 6-12), they will bring the fun, the funk and dinner. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. Youth groups and Confirmation classes are encouraged to come. Online registration will be available soon.

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the annual diocesan **High School Retreat**, *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 4-6* 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 mentors. Scholarships are available. Register online [here](http://www.diomassyouth.org) (or go to [www.diomassyouth.org](http://www.diomassyouth.org)).

**Diocesan Pre-Confirmation Retreat dates** have been set: *Friday-Saturday, March 18-19* (with a visit by Bishop Tom Shaw) and *Friday-Saturday, April 8-9* (with a visit by Bishop Bud Cederholm), both at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Attendance is not required but strongly encouraged. These are first-registered, first-served retreats, both open to congregations in all deaneries. Online registration will open in mid-January. Check [www.diomassyouth.org](http://www.diomassyouth.org) for more details.

**Save the date: Youth Mentor Symposium**, with workshops, speakers and a chance to meet other adult youth leaders, *Saturday, March 26*. More information to come.

**Online special needs survey open for response**

Many congregations have made changes to their buildings or in their practices and procedures in order to welcome and fully include individuals or families with special needs or disabilities. To help facilitate conversation, make connections between congregations and seek out the best resources for the future, a **diocesan survey about special needs is being conducted online**. Anyone is invited to participate: clergy, teachers, parents, youth leaders, wardens, vestry members and others. More than one response from a congregation is fine. The survey is available [here](http://www.diomassyouth.org). FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Resource Center (617-482-4826, ext. 645); [acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org).

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### **Applications welcome for young adult intern programs**

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 with orientation on Aug. 22, 2011.

**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](mailto:apply@diomassintern.org). FOR INFORMATION: [apply@diomassintern.org](mailto:apply@diomassintern.org) or visit [www.diomassintern.org](http://www.diomassintern.org).

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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 diocese's Congregational Business Consultants are sponsoring **Congregational Practices/Audit Workshops** again this spring to give parish leadership—especially new parish leaders and treasurers—an exposure to the basics of good business practices in general, and Episcopal Church business practices in particular. The workshops will consist of four modules on general business practices; compensation and benefits; compliance and reporting; and bookkeeping and safeguarding of assets. There also will be an optional module on small church audits. The workshops will take place on the following *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (the optional audit session concluding at 2 p.m.)*:
  - Feb 12 at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable;
  - March 12 at St. Paul's Church (127 Summer Street) in Lynnfield;
  - March 26 at St. Paul's Church (1135 Walnut Street) in Newton Highlands.

A nominal fee will be charged. Further information and online registration will be available soon via [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org). FOR INFORMATION: Chris Meyer, Congregational Business Consultants coordinator (617-527-2739); [cmeyer@diomass.org](mailto:cmeyer@diomass.org).

- Fifty-six partner congregations and about 900 volunteers made it possible for St. Stephen's Church in Boston to sponsor B-SAFE (Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment program) last summer, serving 540 city youth at six Boston and Chelsea sites. **B-SAFE seeks partners for summer 2011.** An orientation meeting for new and returning partners will be held on *Sunday, March 13, 1-3 p.m.*, at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill. FOR INFORMATION/TO RSVP: Jane Tierney (617-262-9070, ext. 13); [jltier@aol.com](mailto:jltier@aol.com).
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- The Northeast Ecumenical Stewardship Council is sponsoring a **two-day conference, “Money Follows Mission: Stewardship Practices for the Body of Christ,”** *Friday-Saturday, March 18-19* at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough. The conference will feature a guest speaker, the Rev. Mike Slaughter, as well as networking opportunities, resources (including a bookstore) and 14 workshops to inspire and provide practical tools to support stewardship ministry. Registration information is available [here](#).

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

- Free **online Safe Church Training**, using the curriculum “Safeguarding Our Children,” is 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” under “Resources for Congregations and Clergy”) 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, March 19, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. Barnabas’s Church (91 Main Street) in Falmouth. [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” under “Resources for Congregations and Clergy”).

**Sites for group Safe Church training events are being sought for spring and fall.** Information about the requirements for hosting a Safe Church training is available at: [http://www.rvan.org/SC\\_Host\\_Info.htm](http://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. 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](mailto:rvan@aol.com) or [rvanderlippe@diomass.org](mailto:rvanderlippe@diomass.org).*

- The **new co-chairs of the Chaplains to Retired Clergy** are the Rev. Victoria Wells Hunt and the Rev. Marshall W. Hunt. They can be reached at 508-432-2612.

- The diocesan **Episcopal Church Women requests that congregations send their United Thank Offering (UTO) checks, payable to UTO, to new treasurer Susan Butler** at 176 Coolidge Street, Brookline, MA 02446 (617-232-4135).

*FOR INFORMATION: Betty Murray, diocesan UTO coordinator (617-332-5939); [eg.murray@verizon.net](mailto:eg.murray@verizon.net).*

- The Episcopal Church's **Joint Standing Committee on Nominations is now accepting nominations for positions to be elected at the General Convention** in July 2012. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 22. Positions up for election are:
  - Disciplinary Board for Bishops (two lay persons and two priests or deacons and 10 bishops);
  - Executive Council (six lay persons, two priests or deacons and two bishops);
  - General Board of Examining Chaplains (three lay persons, three faculty members of seminaries or other educational institutions; three priests or deacons and two bishops);
  - Secretary of the House of Deputies;
  - Treasurer of the General Convention;
  - Trustees of the Church Pension Fund (12 positions); and
  - Trustees of General Theological Seminary (two lay persons and two priests or deacons).

Nominees do not need to be current or former General Convention deputies. Specific criteria for each position and nomination forms are available at: <http://generalconvention.org/gc/gc2012-nominations>.

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## ***DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:***

At its Dec. 2, 2010, meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Accepted the audit for the year ending Dec. 31, 2009.
- Heard a report from St. Mary's Church in Dorchester on its strategic plan for the future.
- Approved the appointment of the Rev. Malia Crawford and Tonika Farrell to serve on the committee determining the future of ministry in Brockton.
- Reappointed the current Executive Committee members to serve through December 2011: Rebecca Alden, Starr Anderson, The Rev. Elizabeth Berman, James Gammill, the Rev. Edgar Gutierrez-Duarte, John Iredale, the Rev. Jeffrey Mello and Beverly Joy Morrison.
- Referred to Executive Committee a request regarding disposition of cash assets from St. Andrew's Church of the Deaf.
- Heard a report from the Treasurer's Office.
- Approved diocesan staff clergy housing allowances for 2011.
- Approved a staff compensation proposal that includes non-base-building payments over the course of the year as provided for in the 2011 diocesan budget.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

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**JOB POSTINGS:**

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: [Christian education director for children and youth](#) at St. Paul's Church in North Andover; [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](#) for the Diocese of Massachusetts; and two positions, [youth minister](#) and [assistant director of children's ministries](#), at Trinity Church in Boston.

**PARISH SEARCH  
& CALL REPORT**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://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](mailto: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:**

GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church  
CHARLESTOWN, St. John'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  
BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church

**NEXT *fyi*:**

*fyi* is issued on the first Wednesday of each month. The sub-  
mission deadline for the Feb. 2 issue is **Wednesday, Jan. 26 at  
noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).