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**2012 budget process gets underway with open hearings on March 15, 16, 30 & 31. See page 2.**

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**Register for Episcopal  
Village Mission Event  
on March 5**

[Register here](#) for the **diocesan Spring Learning Event** on Saturday, March 5, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, this year part of a larger [Episcopal Village](#) mission event drawing Episcopalians from around New England for learning, resource sharing and inspiration for mission. Read more about the event [here](#) (or go to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) and see "News & Publications").

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**Good Friday Offering  
materials now available**

The **Good Friday Offering** to assist churches in Jerusalem and the Middle East is an 89-year-tradition in the Episcopal Church. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has sent a letter to all congregations asking for their continued support. The Good Friday offering, she writes, "offers us the opportunity to join in deepening the bond we have with the churches and people in the land of the Holy One." Resources for understanding and implementing the Good Friday Offering in local congregations are available at [www.episcopalchurch.org/gfo](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gfo).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. David Copley, Episcopal Church Mission Personnel Office (800-334-7626); [dcopley@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:dcopley@episcopalchurch.org).

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**All are welcome:  
Ash Wednesday at the  
Cathedral Church of  
St. Paul**

The [Cathedral Church of St. Paul](#) (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will offer three services with distribution of ashes on *Ash Wednesday, March 9*: 8 a.m. Eucharist, with the Very Rev. John P. Streit Jr. presiding; 12 p.m. Eucharist, with Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, presiding; and 6 p.m., evening service led by The Crossing, the cathedral's emergent worship community.

**Confirmations at Easter Vigil:** Bishop Shaw will be present at the cathedral's nontraditional "Soulful Easter Vigil," presented by The Crossing, on *Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m.* **Churches with candidates for Confirmation or Reception are welcome.** They should let the cathedral office know no later than April 15 if they are bringing candidates.

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

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**New dean appointed for  
the South Shore**

The bishops have appointed **the Rev. Beth Wheatley-Dyson**, Rector of St. Andrew's Church in Hanover, as **dean of the South Shore Deanery**, effective April 1. She succeeds the Rev. George Welles, who is retiring as the rector of the Church of Our Saviour in Milton. The bishops offer their gratitude for both of these priests' leadership and their willingness to serve.

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### **2012 budget process gets underway with open hearings**

The Budget Committee of Diocesan Council will offer **four regional hearings in March, open to all**. Attendance according to deanery is encouraged, but anyone is welcome to attend any hearing. The program at each location will include presentation of key financial matters of the diocese regarding congregations, including development of the 2012 budget and assessments, with time for open discussion. All questions will be welcome.

The hearings take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *Tuesday, March 15* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (Boston Harbor, Neponset River and South Shore);
- *Wednesday, March 16* at the Church of Our Saviour (in the parish hall at 60 Union Street) in Middleboro (Cape and Islands, Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay and Taunton River);
- *Wednesday, March 30* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston (Alewife, Charles River and Concord River);
- *Thursday, March 31* at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield (Merrimack Valley, Mystic Valley and North Shore).

In addition, a **Strategic Ministries hearing** is set for *Tuesday, March 29, 7-9 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Representatives of diocesan-funded Strategic Ministries will update the Budget Committee on their progress and present plans and a budget for 2012.

*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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### **Forums invite feedback on proposed Anglican Covenant**

The diocese's General Convention deputies will host the last of three **conversation forums on the proposed Anglican Covenant** on *Tuesday, March 22, 7-9 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The proposed covenant is available in [English](#), with [study guide](#), and [Spanish](#), with [study guide](#). Congregations that have studied the draft, on their own or in deanery groups, may send summaries of their responses to the Office of Convention and Council ([loism@diomass.org](mailto:loism@diomass.org)) for inclusion in this diocese's report to the church's Executive Council.

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

**Additionally, the Alewife Deanery will sponsor a workshop and discussion program on the covenant** on *Wednesday, March 16, 7-9 p.m.*, at All Saints Church (17 Clark Street) in Belmont. Questions about the Alewife event can be directed to the Rev. Holly Antolini (617-547-4070); [rector@stjames-cambridge.org](mailto:rector@stjames-cambridge.org).

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### **Delegates & clergy invited to take part in ECM Discernment Day**

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) invites its parish delegates and members of the clergy to participate in a **Discernment Day** on *Saturday, March 26, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham to learn about available funds and help shape the future of ECM's work. Register at [www.episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org) or by e-mail to [ldaley@diomass.org](mailto:ldaley@diomass.org).

*FOR INFORMATION: Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 206); [ldaley@diomass.org](mailto:ldaley@diomass.org).*

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**Upcoming programs  
for children, youth and  
young adults:**

- 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, B-SAFE partner church coordinator (617-262-9070, ext. 13); [jltier@aol.com](mailto:jltier@aol.com).*

- The schedule of **summer camp** programs at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., has been announced and registration is open for the six one-week sessions from *June 26 to Aug. 6*, along with specialized camp programs that include the popular Family Camp weekend with Bishop Bud Cederholm, *June 23-26*. Camp catalogs have been mailed to churches and camp families; the schedule and complete registration and financial aid information also are available at [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org).

- It's not too early to begin recruiting potential new members for the diocesan **Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)**. The YLA, for rising 9th and 10th graders, is a 14-month program to develop young leaders within the context of spiritual formation and service to their congregations. The program begins with a week at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., this year scheduled for *July 3-9*.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [klonergan@diomass.org](mailto:klonergan@diomass.org)) or the Rev. H. Mark Smith ([mark@hmarksmith.com](mailto:mark@hmarksmith.com)).*

- 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.

*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 take place on the following *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (optional audit session ends at 2 p.m.):*

- [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.

Click on the dates above to register.

*FOR INFORMATION: Chris Meyer, Congregational Business Consultants coordinator (617-527-2739); [cmeyer@diomass.org](mailto:cmeyer@diomass.org).*

- In a continued effort to develop bonds with brothers and sisters in Christ in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a **pilgrimage encounter to Palestine/Israel** is being organized for July 18-29. The pilgrimage will include visits to holy sites as well as churches, schools, projects and hospitals in the Diocese of Jerusalem.

There will be an **initial meeting** on *Saturday, March 12, 1-3 p.m.*, at St. Mary's Church (258 Concord Street) in Newton Lower Falls for all participants and anyone interested in additional information.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Ted Gaiser (617-782-1577); [tgaiser@diomass.org](mailto:tgaiser@diomass.org).*

- **Safe Church Training sessions** are scheduled on these *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:* *March 19* at St. Barnabas's Church (91 Main Street) in Falmouth; *April 2* at the Church of the Advent (28 Pleasant Street) in Medfield; and *Sept. 17* at St. Paul's Church (390 Main Street) in North Andover. [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").

*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 annual **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Day** will be held on *Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. All clergy who are canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts should attend a Safe Church training once every three years. There is no fee to attend; morning refreshments and lunch are provided. [Register here](#) (or see May 17 on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) "Events" calendar).

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

- The next **Eucharistic Visitor Training** session will be offered on *Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. -4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Individuals may register by sending name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address 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](http://www.rvan.org). Registration is required by March 12.

This course meets the training portion of the requirements established by the diocese for licensing as a Eucharistic Visitor. *FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508-746-3805); [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com).*

- Teacher, historian and theologian Fredrica Harris Thompsett will lead a workshop, **“Thoughtfully Refreshing the Conversation about the Ministry of the Baptized,”** on *Thursday, March 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston. The overall intention of the conversation will be to encourage imaginative participation in God's mission in and outside of congregations. The workshop is co-sponsored by the diocese and the Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association (MECA); cost is \$25 for MECA members and \$35 for non-members. See the registration flier [here](#) (or see March 24 on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) "Events" calendar).

*FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION: The Rev. Margaret K. Schwarzer (781-275-262); [margaret.schwarzer@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.schwarzer@gmail.com).*

- The **Clergy Sabbatical Program** sponsored by the bishops provides clergy of the diocese with opportunity for a time of sabbath, for a renewal of spirit and a reaffirmation of life with God. All clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts who have been in active, ordained ministry for a minimum of 10 years and in their current congregation for a minimum of five years are eligible to apply. [Materials](#) posted at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) provide specific information (see “Resources for Congregations and Clergy”).

The **application deadlines for sabbaticals to be taken in 2012** are: *March 31, 2011*, for the vestry letter of support, and *May 31, 2011*, for the final application.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Maggie Geller (617-482-4826, ext. 351); [mgeller@diomass.org](mailto:mgeller@diomass.org).*

- Children of clergy canonically resident or licensed in this diocese (and of their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for **scholarship grants**. Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2011-2012 academic year. The **application deadline is May 13**; notifications will be made by June 30. The “Statement of Policy and Procedure,” which is the basis for making awards, and a “Statement of Personal and Financial Profile,” which all applicants

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must complete, are available at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) (see “Grants & Loans” under “Resources for Congregations & Clergy”).

All completed [application materials](#) should be sent to: Diane Pound, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston MA 02111.

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

- Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a **“Jazz for Peace” benefit concert** on *Sunday, March 27, 6 p.m.*, at Anthony’s of Malden (105 Canal Street). Tickets are two for \$35, or \$45 at the door. More than 20 Episcopal congregations in the diocese partner with RIM, an interfaith organization whose programs include community-based resettlement for asylum seekers and refugees, chaplaincy services to immigrant detainees and job preparation through English and computer classes.

*FOR INFORMATION: Refugee Immigration Ministry (781-322-1011, ext. 302); [www.r-i-m.net](http://www.r-i-m.net).*

- The **Parish Historians Society Annual Meeting** takes place on *Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at Grace Church (150 High Street) in Medford. All are welcome.

This year’s annual meeting offers a day of historical interest and practical archiving advice, along with the opportunity to learn and share from the experiences of other parishes. Participants will get to hear a presentation on the work of 19th-century American architect H.H. Richardson in one of his earliest churches. A practical discussion on caring for photograph collections (paper and digital) will teach key preservation issues and how to address them. Parish historians, parish administrators and interested others are encouraged to attend. Please register by March 28.

*FOR INFORMATION: Lynn Smith, Parish Historians Society (617-482-4826, ext. 888); [PHS\\_Exec@hotmail.com](mailto:PHS_Exec@hotmail.com).*

- The Global Episcopal Mission Network and the Episcopal Church Center are sponsoring **“From Called to Sent: Finding Your Way into Global Mission,”** a New England conference for anyone who feels called to go somewhere in mission and is looking for help to take the next steps. The conference takes place *Thursday-Saturday, May 19-21* at the Marist House (518 Pleasant Street) in Framingham. The keynote speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut. More information is included in a save-the-date flier posted [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Ted Gaiser (617-782-1577); [tgaiser@diomass.org](mailto:tgaiser@diomass.org).*

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

At its Feb. 17 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Heard an Executive Committee report that included a vote to modify Council's Jan. 22 action regarding the use of proceeds from the now-closed St. Andrew's Church in Belmont for a project in Ndumberi, Kenya, increasing the designation by \$5,000 and adding formal involvement of the diocesan Jubilee Ministry as a condition.
- Voted to establish a Fund for Congregational Vitality, a new unrestricted endowment fund to which 50 percent of net proceeds from closed churches will be dedicated, in keeping with "Guidelines for the Allocation of Proceeds from the Sale of Diocesan-Owned Property and Closed Churches" (summary below\*; in full [here](#)).
- Voted to take a normal spending policy draw from the new Fund for Congregational Vitality for the 2012 core budget.
- In accordance with the aforementioned "Guidelines," authorized that three stewardship committees be established, and their membership promptly appointed, to undertake discernment and make recommendations regarding the allocation of the remainder of net proceeds not designated for endowment from these closed churches: St. Andrew's Church in Belmont; the Church of the Holy Trinity in Marlborough and St. George's Church in Maynard (one committee); and the Church of St. Matthew and the Redeemer in South Boston.
- Heard a treasurer's report which included an analysis of assessments receivable, and discussed the proposed 2012 formula.
- Heard a report on Percept demographics services for churches.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, March 17, 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).*

***\*Brief summary of "Guidelines for Allocation of Proceeds from the Sale of Diocesan-Owned Properties and Closed Churches":***

The guidelines are based on the assumptions that: there is no mandated allocation formula; proceeds are to be evaluated with reference to the situation that predicated the sale; future generations have a claim on these resources and efforts should be made toward a significant allocation to a diocesan endowment; and, there is a responsibility to maintain diocesan facilities at 138 Tremont Street in Boston. For each property, a task force appointed from Diocesan Council by the bishop, along with additional appointed representatives, form a stewardship committee to undertake discernment and make recommendations. Stewardship committees consider net amounts and work within a framework of saving for the future and investing in congregational vitality and viability today, with a bias toward allocating 50 percent to an endowment fund and 30 percent of every dollar back to congregations. Remaining amounts may be allocated to seed new ministries and to fund capital improvements to diocesan facilities. Executive Committee hears recommendations first, then they go to the full Council for final approval.

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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: [senior accountant](#), a position on the diocesan staff; [organist-choir director](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Hanover; [Christian education director for children and youth](#) at St. Paul's Church in North Andover; and [director of Christian education](#) at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls.

**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 IN SELF-STUDY**

RANDOLPH, Trinity Church  
MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent

**CHURCHES PREPARING PROFILE**

MARBLEHEAD, St. Andrew's Church  
MILTON, St. Michael's Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES**

CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church ([contact Canon Hubbard directly](#))  
GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church  
ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES**

ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour  
BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church  
CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church

**NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is issued on the first Wednesday of each month. The  
submission deadline for the April 6 issue is **Wednesday, March 30  
at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).