



**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of  
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**Diocesan community to celebrate together on Pentecost Eve, June 11**

Check [June 11](http://www.diomass.org) on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) "Events" calendar for updates.

**Join the bishops and the whole diocesan community on Pentecost Eve, Saturday, June 11, 7 p.m.**, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston for "Voices United!"—a liturgical celebration of the diversity of people, communities, cultures and generations in the diocese. The preacher will be the Rev. Edwin Johnson, Urban Resident and Assistant Rector at St. James's Church in Cambridge.

[Read and share Bishop Shaw's invitation, available here.](#)

Anyone who would like to participate by taking a role in the service or the planning is invited to contact the Rev. Leslie Sterling. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Leslie Sterling, St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge (617-249-0537, ext. 1); [ammalestie@gmail.com](mailto:ammalestie@gmail.com).*

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**Presiding bishop to speak at ECM Annual Meeting**

**Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will be the guest speaker at Episcopal City Mission's Annual Meeting**

*Tuesday, June 7*, joining with delegates, clergy and supporters for an evening of learning about and celebrating Episcopal City Mission's work. The event will be held at Boston University's George Sherman Union (775 Commonwealth Avenue), beginning with a 5 p.m. reception followed by the dinner program at 6 p.m. All are welcome; purchase tickets by May 13 for \$35 each (\$20 for youth) at [www.episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org).

*FOR INFORMATION: Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 206); [www.episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org).*

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**Join 'Jubilee Celebrates Africa' to raise money for mission partnerships**

Celebrate and support the diocesan Jubilee Ministry's mission partnerships in East Africa on *Saturday, May 21* at the third annual "**Jubilee Celebrates Africa**" event, an evening of food, music, storytelling, fellowship and live and silent auctions. It takes place at the Church of Our Redeemer (6 Meriam Street) in Lexington, beginning at 5 p.m. with conversation with Nan and Gerry Hardison, longtime Jubilee partners in Maseno, Kenya, followed at 6 p.m. by the evening's festivities. [RSVP here](#).

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

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**New dean appointed for Charles River Deanery**

The bishops have appointed **the Rev. Jeff Mello**, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Brookline, as dean of the Charles River Deanery. He succeeds the Rev. Miriam Gelfer, who is leaving her position as rector of Grace Church in Newton to become the new dean of student and community life at Episcopal Divinity School. The bishops offer their gratitude for the leadership of both and for their willingness to serve.

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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 **Congregational Development Grants Committee invites applications** for grants to support programs that build the vitality and viability of individual congregations and congregational partnerships. The application deadline is *Tuesday, May 17*. Application materials are available at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) [here](#) (or see “Grants & Loans” under “Resources for Congregations & Clergy”). *FOR INFORMATION: Lynn Smith, Congregational Development Grants Committee (617-482-4826, ext. 488); [lynn@diomass.org](mailto:lynn@diomass.org).*
- Bishop Bud Cederholm invites anyone interested in environmental leadership and interfaith collaboration to consider joining a **Christian delegation to the Teva Seminar on Jewish Environmental Education** on *Thursday, June 2* in Cold Spring, N.Y. One day of this year’s seminar is dedicated to Christian-Jewish collaboration on environmentalism and spirituality, with the goal of introducing educators and activists from both faiths to one another for conversation, study and sharing of best practices. Anyone interested in attending on behalf of the Diocese of Massachusetts should contact Bishop Cederholm’s office. *FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm’s Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@diomass.org).*
- **Spring gatherings for retired clergy, their spouses and widows and widowers** will take place from *10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10* at St. Peter’s Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston and *Tuesday, May 17* at St. David’s Church (203 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth. At each event there will be morning refreshments, a presentation by Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik on the topic of elder abuse, noonday prayers and lunch, followed by time with Bishop Gayle E. Harris. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Mike Shirley, chaplain to retired clergy (978-683-1636); [michaelshirley@peoplepc.com](mailto:michaelshirley@peoplepc.com).*
- Children of clergy canonically resident or licensed in this diocese (and of their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for **scholarship grants** 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 must complete, are available at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) [here](#) (or see “Grants & Loans” under “Resources for Congregations & Clergy”). All 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).*

- **Parish administrators are invited to gather for a workshop** on *Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the diocesan offices (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. It will be an occasion to review procedures and get to know one another as colleagues.  
*RSVP/FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@diomass.org).*

- A youth group (12 youth with three adults) from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Chapin, S.C., is making a summer mission trip to Calais, Maine, and is looking for **overnight accommodations in a Boston-area church** the weekend of July 22-24. Contact the group's youth director, Nick Anderson, to make arrangements (803-760-4975 or [ander1nh@gmail.com](mailto:ander1nh@gmail.com)).

The diocesan Office for Youth Ministries receives a number of these requests, especially at this time of year, and would like to hear from churches, particularly in the Boston area, that are able to offer overnight accommodations to visiting youth groups.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215); [klonergan@diomass.org](mailto:klonergan@diomass.org).*

***Safe Church Training opportunities make the church safer for all***

The annual **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Day** will be held on *Tuesday, May 17, 8:45 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).*

**Safe Church Training sessions** are schedule on these *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*: **Sept. 10** at Trinity Church (81 Elm Street) in Concord; **Sept. 17** at St. Paul's Church (390 Main Street) in North Andover; and **Oct. 1** at St. Peter's Church (838 Massachusetts Avenue) in Cambridge. Registration is required 14 days prior to the training date and can be done online via [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) [here](#) (or see "Training & Learning" under "Resources for Congregations & 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).*

**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) [here](#) (or see "Training & 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)).

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its April 28 meeting the Diocesan Council:

- Heard a report from the Executive Committee that included votes to transfer ownership of the Hines REIT in the name of the now-closed St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of the Deaf to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; and to appoint Lynn Smith, Clark Warner and Libby Berman to serve on the 2012 Assessment Coordinating Committee.
- Heard a presentation from Lynn Smith on information gleaned from 2009 Parochial Report data.
- Discussed clergy and lay employee health insurance cost coverage.
- Heard a report from the treasurer, including information on the supplemental budget and reporting procedures, as well as proposals regarding financial and investment advisory committees.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, May 19, 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)  
(Resources for Congregations & Clergy > [Employment](#)).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are:

[administrative assistant](#) at St. John's Church in Westwood; [organist-choirmaster](#) at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth; [schola director and youth music minister](#) at All Saints Parish in Brookline; [Web site maintenance position](#) for the Emmanuel Center at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [administrative assistant](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Framingham; [Christian education director for children and youth](#) at St. Paul's Church in North Andover; and [assistant director of children's ministries](#) at Trinity Church in Boston.

The Episcopal Church is accepting applications through May 20 for two positions: [officer for intercultural ministries](#) (currently located in Seattle, but consideration will be made for basing the office in New York City, Washington, D.C., or Los Angeles) and [officer for interreligious ministries](#), based at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.

## **PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) for details (Resources for Congregations & Clergy > Congregation & Clergy Support > [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:**  
AUBURNDALE, Parish of the Messiah

**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**  
RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**  
ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour ([Contact Canon Hubbard directly.](#))  
GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church  
MARBLEHEAD, St. Andrew's Church  
MILTON, St. Michael's Church

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**  
CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church  
MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent  
ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

**OTHER CLERGY POSITIONS:**  
ANDOVER, Christ Church: Assistant. Contact the Rev. Jeff Gill ([jgill@christchurchandover.org](mailto:jgill@christchurchandover.org)).  
SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church: Assistant (half-time).  
Contact the Rev. Barbara Williamson ([barbara\\_williamson@st-elizabeths.org](mailto:barbara_williamson@st-elizabeths.org)).

## **NEXT fyi:**

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