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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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***Episcopal Church's
new clergy disciplinary
process is now in effect***

The Episcopal Church's revised clergy disciplinary canons (Title IV) went into effect on July 1. Clergy disciplinary matters were formerly brought to the bishop or the Standing Committee. Now, all matters are reported to an intake officer, initiating a process toward resolution through pastoral care, mediation, an agreement with the bishop, an investigation that may lead to a hearing or any combination of these. Anyone may contact the diocesan intake officer to report concerns about the behavior of a member of the clergy (priests, deacons, bishops). **The intake officer for the Diocese of Massachusetts is the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd**, Canon to the Ordinary (617-482-4826, ext. 402 or mallyl@diomass.org). The new canon for congregations, once hired, will join her as the second intake officer. When neither is available, human resources manager Lynn Clark will serve (lclark@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 578). An overview of Title IV and links to the canons, training materials and a summary of standards of conduct are available at www.diomass.org here (or see "Clergy Disciplinary Process" under "Resources for Congregations and Clergy").

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has appointed Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE to the Episcopal Church's Disciplinary Board for Bishops established by the Title IV canons now in effect. That board comprises 10 bishops, four members of the clergy and four members of the laity.

***There's still time to sign
up for summer camp***

Summer camp is underway through Aug. 6 at the diocese's Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., and **there are still spaces and financial aid available**, particularly during the final weeks. Bishop Barbara C. Harris herself spent two days with staff members as they prepared for the season opening and urges congregations to send their youth to camp: "They will really benefit from the camping experience itself as well as from the counseling ministry of this year's excellent staff," she said.

FOR INFORMATION: Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603-547-3400 or camp@bchcenter.org); www.bchcenter.org.

***Save the date: Sept. 11
Evening Prayer service***

On *Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.*, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, together with the bishops, will host an **interfaith service of reflection, healing and prayer as a way to mark the 10th anniversary** of the events on that day in 2001 that have so deeply affected all. In early August liturgical and educational resources will be posted and made available to congregations to help those who may be planning services or events of their own.

July workshop offers prep for creation care season this fall

The 2010 Diocesan Convention urged congregations to use late Pentecost as a **creation care season**, and to designate offerings during that time for the [Green Grants Initiative](#). A training event is planned for *Thursday, July 14, 6-8 p.m.*, at the Church of Our Redeemer (6 Meriam Street) in Lexington to help congregations get ready.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413); kmontagno@diomass.org.

Clergy Family Picnic postponed to July 16

The annual **Clergy Family Picnic**, postponed from June because of rain, will be held on *Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*, at the Bethany House of Prayer (181 Appleton Street) in Arlington. Bishop Bud and Ruth Ann Cederholm, Bethany House of Prayer colleagues and the sisters of the Order of St. Anne-Bethany invite clergy families, especially those with young children, to enjoy this time with family and friends. Food and beverages are provided. *RSVP/FOR INFORMATION: Bethany House of Prayer (781-648-2433 or info@bethanyhouseearlington.org); www.bethanyhouseearlington.org.*

Diocese welcomes new youth ministries director in August

Sam Gould, assistant chaplain at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center this summer, **has been appointed by Bishop Shaw as the new director of youth ministries** for the diocese, effective in mid-August. He succeeds the Rev. Kit Lonergan, who has served as director of youth ministries for nearly three years and has been called as assistant rector of Christ Church in Andover beginning Aug. 15. “Kit’s steady leadership, fresh outlook and deep sensitivity to the spiritual needs of young people have been wonderful gifts to our diocese,” the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary, said in a June 21 e-mail announcement. “We look forward to new ways of working together with her in her new role and wish her the very best.”

Diocesan Youth Council applications due Sept. 2

Diocesan Youth Council applications are available at www.diomassyouth.org and are due in the Office of Youth Ministries by Friday, Sept. 2. The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) seeks applicants who are in grades 10-12, can speak candidly about their faith, like working with a group of their peers and have leadership potential or skills. The DYC has voice and vote at Diocesan Convention, hosts diocesan youth retreats and participates in deanery activities.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, until Aug. 15 (klonergan@diomass.org) or Sam Gould, after Aug. 15 (sgould@diomass.org); 617-482-4826, ext. 215.

**Diocesan Convention
nominations, resolutions
due Sept. 9**

**Delegate forums scheduled
for Oct. 12, 13, 18 & 19**

This year's Diocesan Convention will take place *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. **All resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed constitutional and canonical amendments and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council by Friday, Sept. 9.** Preliminary materials, including positions to be filled by election and the nomination form, are posted at www.diomass.org [here](#) (or go to "About Us" and see "Diocesan Convention 2011" under "Governance").

Pre-Diocesan Convention forums will be held in October, offering an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget. Forums are scheduled to take place from **7 to 9 p.m. on: Wednesday, Oct. 12** at St. Mary's Church (258 Concord Street) in Newton Lower Falls; **Thursday, Oct. 13** at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth; **Tuesday, Oct. 18** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and **Wednesday, Oct. 19** at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield.
FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406); loism@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.

- **Summer hours** are in effect at the diocesan and cathedral offices at 138 Tremont Street in Boston: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with staff members working extended hours those days. The offices are closed on Fridays. Regular Monday-Friday office hours resume on Sept. 6.
 - The Antiracism Team of Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston is sponsoring **an evening with Governor Deval Patrick** who will speak about his new memoir, *A Reason to Believe: Lessons from an Improbable Life*, on *Wednesday, July 27 at 6 p.m.* The event is free and open to all. A book signing opportunity follows. *FOR INFORMATION: Trinity Church, Boston (617-536-0944); www.trinitychurchboston.org.*
 - After some delay, the **report from the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons about the proposed Anglican Covenant** has been released by the D020 Task Force of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. The report outlines changes to the church's constitution and canons that might be necessary if the proposed covenant were to be adopted by the Episcopal Church. The report and the task force's statement about it are available [here](#) (or see "Task force releases report on Anglican Covenant" under "News" at www.episcopalchurch.org).
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● **Safe Church Training sessions** are scheduled 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 [here](#) (or see "Training & Learning" under "Resources for Congregations & Clergy").

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

Free online Safe Church Training also is available. 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 [here](#) (or see "Training & Learning" under "Resources for Congregations & Clergy") or from Lynn Clark, Human Resources Manager (617-482-4826, ext. 578 or lclark@diomass.org).

● **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth. Individuals may register by sending name, mailing address, phone number 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 and the full schedule are available at www.rvan.org. Registration is required by Sept. 10. This course meets the diocesan training requirements for licensing as a Eucharistic Visitor.

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508-746-3805); conmel@aol.com.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its June 9 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a report from the Executive Committee which included updated information on the finances and ministries of St. Mary's Church in Dorchester.

Voted to approve the revised charter of the Financial Advisory Committee dated May 19, 2011.

Voted to direct the Financial Advisory Committee to develop a social responsibility in investments policy which defines selection criteria so that diocesan investments will reflect diocesan values; allows for screening out investments inconsistent with those values; and supports the expression of those values through proxy voting.

Voted to authorize the Assessment Coordinating Committee to offer up to \$90,000 in adjustments for congregations with special circumstances.

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Voted to empower Executive Committee to hear petitions from the Assessment Coordinating Committee and authorize it to grant up to \$30,000 in additional adjustments if necessary.

Heard information about the proposed mission institute component of the comprehensive fundraising campaign.

Heard a report from the treasurer which included an update on the 2012 budget process and a review of the 2010 year-end financial reports.

Voted to approve a housing allowance for a new clerical member of the diocesan staff.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit (160 Rock Street) in Fall River.

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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: [interim executive director](#) of the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; [youth minister](#) at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham; [youth minister](#) at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion; [organist-choir director](#) at the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor in Provincetown; [choir director-organist](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Ayer; [minister for youth, families and children's Sunday school](#) at St. Luke's Church in Scituate; [Christian education coordinator](#) at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover; [worship coordinator](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [church school coordinator](#) at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms; [Christian education coordinator](#) at All Saints' Church in Stoneham; [parish administrator](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [organist-choir director](#) at St. Mark's Church in Westford; [choirmaster and organist](#) at St. Cyprian's Church in Boston; [administrative assistant](#) at St. John's Church in Westwood; and [organist-choirmaster](#) at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth.

PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT

Go to 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).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

FOXBORO, St. Mark's Church
NEWTON, Grace Church
WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

AUBURNDALE, Parish of the Messiah
RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

MILTON, St. Michael's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour
GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church
MARBLEHEAD, St. Andrew's Church
MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent

OTHER POSITIONS OPEN TO CLERGY:

SCITUATE, St. Luke's Church: Youth minister. Contact the Rev. Grant Barber (revgrant@comcast.net).

SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church: Assistant (part-time). Contact the Rev. Barbara Williamson (Barbara_Williamson@st-elizabeths.org).

NEXT fyi:

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