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Diocesan Convention to celebrate a bishop and launch a bold campaign

Five of the worshipping congregations of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston will welcome the 600 Episcopalians expected to convene there Nov. 4-5 to take up the annual business of the diocese, this year to also include a big farewell to Bishop Bud Cederholm as he retires and the public kick-off of the diocese's \$20-million comprehensive fundraising campaign. [Read a preview here](#). Photos and coverage will be posted at www.diomass.org and www.facebook.com/diomass.

New welcome folders ready for pick-up at Convention

New welcome folders for use by congregations in their outreach to newcomers will be available for pick-up at Diocesan Convention on *Saturday, Nov. 5* (in the reception area outside the Lawrence Room), or after the convention by request to the Office of Communications.

FOR INFORMATION: Tracy Sukraw, Office of Communications (617-482-4826, ext. 493); tjs@diomass.org.

Green Grants Initiative SHOWs go on

Even though the [Green Grants Initiative](#) application deadline has been postponed, three **Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) workshops, a required part of the Green Improvement Grant application process**, have been scheduled on these **Saturdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.): Nov. 12** at St. Andrew's Church (7 Faulkner Street) in Ayer ([register here](#)); **Jan. 14, 2012**, at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford; **and Feb. 11, 2012**, at Epiphany Parish (62 Front Street) in Walpole.

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Calling all middle school youth and their mentors: Register for annual retreat by Nov. 14

The diocesan Office of Youth Ministries and the Diocesan Youth Council invite **middle school youth and their adult mentors** to the **annual retreat, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20**, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. There will be small group workshops, games, worship, with the live band Attaboy, and time away to pay more attention to the Spirit. Adult mentors will have the opportunity to take part in a continuing education program. Scholarships and transportation options are available. [Register by Nov. 14 here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Sam Gould, Office of Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215); sgould@diomass.org.

Save these dates:

- **2012 Ministry Discernment Conference** for potential applicants to the ordination process, to take place **Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012**, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.
FOR INFORMATION: Judith Lidberg, Office for Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 494); jlidberg@diomass.org.
 - **Spring Learning Event**, this year on the topic of global mission and partnerships, to take place on **Saturday, March 3, 2012**, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.
FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Resource Center (617-482-4826, ext. 645); acook@diomass.org.
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Participants will learn how to track energy use, cost and carbon footprint; how to find no-cost and low-cost projects that can have a big impact on electricity and heating bills; how to evaluate major energy-using equipment and systems to know if they should be upgraded; incentives, rebates and other financial help available through utility companies; how to apply for a grant through the Green Grants Initiative; and what green initiatives other congregations have planned or started.

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

- As mandated by General Convention, the **Episcopal Church's Congregational Vitality Office is compiling a handbook on small church growth strategies and is seeking stories from congregations** that self-identify as small describing extraordinary ministries (community gardens or food ministries; innovative worship and music; outreach and social justice; new ways to engage children, youth, young adults and seniors; evangelism with groups beyond young families; ministry with military personnel and families; inventive building or facility usage; interfaith cooperation; creative stewardship or evangelism initiatives; forward-looking technology usage; and any other distinctive and hopeful efforts). Information about resources for small congregations offered by organizations and dioceses will also be included to draw attention to all that is available to support congregational vitality. One-sided, one-page PDF submissions in black and white (for easy duplication) should be submitted **by Nov. 28** to the Rev. Dr. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook at skujawa-holbrook@cst.edu.

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** sessions will be offered on these *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Jan. 21, 2012*, at St. John's Church (322 South Franklin Street) in Holbrook (register by Jan. 14); and *March 10, 2012*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (register by March 3). Send name, address, phone and sponsoring parish name and town, along with tuition (\$40 for trainees, \$25 for clergy) payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, to: Eucharistic Visitor Training, 15 Fremont Street, Plymouth MA 02360.

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508-746-3805 or conmel@aol.com) or see <http://www.rvan.org>.

- **United Thank Offering (UTO) grant applications** for the 2012 grant cycle are available at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto. Applications are due to the diocesan committee by *Dec. 5* for review before they can be submitted to the UTO nationally.

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

- **Safe Church Training** will be offered on *Saturday, March 17, 2012, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth. 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 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 (617-482-4826, ext. 578 or lclark@diomass.org). March 17, Christ Church, Plymouth

The MARKETPLACE:

Guitar needed: St. Paul’s Church in Peabody seeks a donation of an acoustic guitar for use during its Sunday afternoon Brazilian community service.

FOR INFORMATION: St. Paul’s Church, Peabody (978-531-2732).

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [Sunday custodian](#) at Christ Church in Cambridge; [minister of spiritual care](#) at St. James’s Church in Groveland; [affordable senior housing manager](#) at Havenside, Vineyard Haven; [educator](#) at the Church of Our Saviour in Arlington; [middle school youth coordinator](#) at Christ Church in Needham; [youth minister](#) at St. Michael’s Church in Holliston; [mission hub program director](#) in the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery; [director of family ministries](#) at St. Mary’s Church in Barnstable; two positions, [director of music](#) and [Christian education coordinator](#), at St. Dunstan’s Church in Dover; [organist-choir director](#) at the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor in Provincetown; [choir director-organist](#) at St. Andrew’s Church in Ayer; [organist-choir director](#) at St. Mark’s Church in Westford; and [choirmaster and organist](#) at St. Cyprian’s Church in Boston.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Voted to allocate \$250,000 from the comprehensive campaign’s mission tithe to the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation to help build a new district hospital in Kasese, Uganda.

Heard a report from the Executive Committee that included:

- Bishop Shaw’s appointment of the Rev. Chris Wendell to fill the Rev. Libby Berman’s unexpired Council term.

- A vote to approve the treasurer’s proposal to merge the unrestricted endowment funds sourced in 1992 from the closing

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of the Church of Our Saviour, Roslindale into the new Fund for Congregational Vitality, as motivated by the February 2011 Council motion creating that new fund.

- A vote to authorize the treasurer to offer an amendment of an existing promissory note from Bishop Gayle Harris and to advance to Bishop Harris an amount no greater than \$7,100, as part of this amendment.

Voted a change in housing allowance for a clergy member of the diocesan staff.

Voted to approve the expenditure of \$50,000 from funds of the closed St. Paul's Church, Brockton to provide financial resources for Grace Chapel in Brockton in 2012.

Voted to appoint James Gammill to the Financial Advisory Committee.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, Dec. 1, 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.

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:

BARNSTABLE, St. Mary's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

AUBURNDALE, Parish of the Messiah
 NEWTON, Grace Church
 RANDOLPH, Trinity Church
 STONEHAM, All Saints' Church
 STOUGHTON, Trinity Church
 WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

MILTON, St. Michael's Church

OTHER POSITIONS OPEN TO CLERGY:

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

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Dec. 7 issue is **Wednesday, Nov. 30 at noon**. Also note: The deadline for the January 2012 issue is earlier than usual because of the holidays: *Wednesday, Dec. 14 at noon*. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
