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**Spring Learning Event
on March 3 goes “glocal”**

Plan to join with others from around the diocese and, this year, sister and brother Lutherans as well, for the annual diocesan Spring Learning Event on *Saturday, March 3, 2012, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

This year’s event will be a mission gathering, with a program that will explore **mission formation and how local and global partnerships are merging** to become “glocal.” Sunitha Mortha, Director of Global Formation and Missions for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will introduce an “accompaniment model” which encourages fuller, more authentic collaboration between groups.

**‘Epiphany Papers’ series
in the works to help
congregations prepare**

For advance preparation and to enrich the shared experience at the Spring Learning Event, the annual **“Epiphany Papers” series will be available as a congregational resource** soon via www.diomass.org (to be posted in the Document Library under Resources for Congregations & Clergy).

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

**New visitation schedule
in effect; Cathedral to
host Confirmations in
2012**

The bishops’ offices remind congregations of changes to the visitation schedule that began Advent I and in the Confirmation schedule for 2012. Starting Dec. 4, Bishop Shaw and Bishop Harris will be making two visitations on some Sundays (9 a.m.- 1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.). Beginning in 2012, all Confirmation services will take place at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, with the exception of the Sept. 22, 2012, service at St. Paul’s Church in Nantucket.

The **visitation schedule** is available [here](#) and the **Confirmation schedule** [here](#) (or go to www.diomass.org and see Bishops’ Visitations and/or Confirmations under Resources for Congregations & Clergy).

FOR INFORMATION: Bishop Shaw’s Office (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or jdrapeau@diomass.org) or Bishop Harris’s Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@diomass.org).

**New to diomass.org:
Advent reflections &
Convention multimedia
resources**

Weekly Advent reflections are available from the home page of www.diomass.org and continue the theme of hope and healing on which Bishop Shaw focused his Diocesan Convention meditations.

Audio and video of Convention sermons and presentations, including the Together Now comprehensive fundraising campaign video, are available from the site’s [Multimedia](#) menu.

Bishop Bud Cederholm’s thank-you letter to the diocesan community also is posted, [here](#).

2012 Ministry Discernment Conference takes place in February

**Online registration begins
Dec. 12**

The **Ministry Discernment Conference** offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry will be held on *Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, 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. 11, 2012. Check www.diomass.org for notice.) The day provides an in-depth look at the 2012 Ministry Discernment Handbook and gives potential inquirers to the ordination process an opportunity to explore their sense of call.

Persons considering ordained ministry are required to attend the conference, 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 member of the vestry. It is strongly encouraged that inquirers bring their spouses or partners.

Registration via www.diomass.org, open Dec. 12, 2011, through Jan. 20, 2012, is necessary. Cost per person is \$20 and includes registration, materials and lunch. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Checks payable to the Diocese of Massachusetts, designated "Discernment," should be mailed to: Judith Lidberg, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111, to be received no later than Jan. 25, 2012.

FOR INFORMATION: Judith Lidberg, Office for Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 494); jlidberg@diomass.org.

Bishop Harris invites pilgrims to join June Holy Land trip

Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris, the Rev. Beth Grundy of Christ Church in Swansea and other members of the diocese for a **[mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, June 2-12, 2012](#)**. The group will visit holy sites as well as institutions and churches to explore how this diocese might support their ministry and strengthen bonds with brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Jerusalem. **The deadline for registering is Feb. 1, 2012.** Participants commit to attending four preparatory sessions. Estimated cost is \$3,700 per person, with space for 30 travelers. *FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Harris's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); dianep@diomass.org.*

Get ready for some Feb. 11 family fun at the cathedral

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, will be Family Day (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston—a time of celebration and learning for children, youth, parents and educators that marks the beginning of the cathedral's 100th anniversary year. Plan to come shake off the mid-winter doldrums with a day of interactive fun for all, including:

- A children's gathering with Bishop Barbara C. Harris (on the anniversary of her 1989 consecration);
- An introduction to "The Abundant Garden" children's program by Episcopal Relief and Development; and
- Learning about cathedrals through art and song.

Share the invitation with families to mark their calendars now and watch for more details in early January.

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.

- **Welcome folders** for use by congregations in their outreach to newcomers are available from the Office of Communications; a Spanish-language version will be available in the new year.
FOR INFORMATION: Tracy Sukraw, Office of Communications (617-482-4826, ext. 493); tjs@diomass.org.
- **Attending General Convention and in need of lodging?:** The Diocese of Massachusetts has been assigned a block of rooms at the JW Marriott, Indianapolis for the Episcopal Church's General Convention, *July 5-12, 2012*. Single and double rooms are available at a cost of \$119 plus tax per night.
FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.
- The **Report to the Church**, outlining mission and ministry work of the Episcopal Church Center in 2010, is available online [here](#).
- **Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) workshops**, part of the [Green Grants Initiative](#), take place on these Saturdays in the new year: [Jan. 14, 2012](#), at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford and [Feb. 11, 2012](#), at Epiphany Parish (62 Front Street) in Walpole (click on the event dates to register).
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.
- The **Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) is hosting its second training** of the year on *Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill. LDI is a rigorous, hands-on, six-month learning lab that aims to develop the spiritual leadership of congregations. It supports teams to develop justice projects in their local communities. At the December training, teams will hone their relationship-building skills and the focus of their social justice projects. This will be the final event before the official launch of LDI 3.0 at a *Jan. 27-28, 2012*, training. There is still time for teams to get involved before the January training.
FOR INFORMATION: Duncan Hilton, LDI program director (duncan@diomassleads.org); www.diomassleads.org.

- The Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association will offer a **workshop and dinner for clergy and clergy spouses and partners** on *Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, 3-7:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham. In discussion and emphasis on clergy wellness, often the partners and spouses of clergy feel their concerns and challenges are rarely addressed. Dr. Johnna Fredrickson, co-author of the recent book *How the Other Half Lives* and married to an Episcopal priest, will lead this exploration and discussion. Register by Jan. 8; the form is available [here](#) (or see Jan. 22 on the www.diomass.org Events calendar).

- **Applications are being accepted for fellowships in the Life Together young adult program** for the 2012-2013 year that begins in August 2012. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with priority given to those received before *Feb. 1, 2012*.

Life Together is an 11-month fellowship and leadership development project in the Diocese of Massachusetts that matches emerging young leaders (21-35 years of age) with mission-based nonprofit organizations and churches, and then trains these fellows through spiritual practice, shared leadership models and community organizing tools. Fellowships are full-time, paid positions, with each fellow serving 30 hours per week in a site placement and 5-10 hours a week in leadership training, spiritual formation and reflection with the other fellows in the program. Fellows also live in community together.

Compensation includes a living stipend with full benefits—including health insurance, housing, a transportation pass and extensive leadership training throughout the program year.

FOR INFORMATION: apply@diomassintern.org or visit www.lifetogethercommunity.org.

- **Applications for 2012 Episcopal Church Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) placements are due Jan. 9, 2012.**

Possible placement sites for 2012 include Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Papua New Guinea. The application is available at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/yasc>.

FOR INFORMATION: Lisa Denaro, Episcopal Church Center (212-716-6114); ldenaro@episcopalchurch.org.

- **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).

- **Safe Church Training** will be offered on these Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in 2012: *March 17* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth and *March 31* at St. Peter's Church (421 Wianno Avenue) in Osterville. 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.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Dec. 1 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Voted to allocate \$80,000 from the Together Now comprehensive fundraising campaign's mission tithe to the St. Andrew Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center in Ramallah to fund an industrial teaching kitchen for hotel, restaurant and hospitality careers, and \$70,000 to the Health Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Heard a report from the directors of the Life Together young adult intern program.

Voted to appoint Starr Anderson, Rebecca Alden and Bishop Shaw to the Nominating Committee for Diocesan Council Executive Committee.

Voted to approve clergy staff housing allowances for 2012.

Heard a report from the group working with Grace Church in North Attleborough with regard to past due assessments and other financial obligations to the diocese.

Received a report on how the denominational health plan compares to other plans in the state.

Heard a report from the assistant treasurer on financial statements for the nine months ending Sept. 30.

Heard a report from the Executive Committee.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21, 2012*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

The MARKETPLACE:

Hand bells: The Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton has a set of hand bells available, free of charge, to any church that would like to start a hand bell choir.

FOR INFORMATION: Church of the Good Shepherd (978-263-5782); admin@goodshepherdacton.org.

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [director for children, youth and family ministries](#) at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms; [administrative assistant](#) at Ecclesia Ministries in Boston; [coordinator of ministry](#) at St. Anne's Church in Lowell; [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; [director of family ministries](#) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable; and [director of music](#) at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover.

**PARISH SEARCH
& CALL REPORT**

Go to 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).

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
WEST NEWBURY, All Saints' Church
WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

MILTON, St. Michael's Church

OTHER POSITIONS OPEN TO CLERGY:

CHESTNUT HILL, Church of the Redeemer: Assistant. Contact the
Rev. Dorsey McConnell (dorsey.mcconnell@yahoo.com).
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church: Assistant. Contact the
Rev. Kate Malin (kate@stanneslincoln.org).
ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit: Assistant. Contact the Rev.
Adam Linton ([holyspiritoreansrector@verizon.net](mailto:holyspiritorleansrector@verizon.net)).
SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church: Assistant (half-time). Contact
the Rev. Barbara Williamson
(barbara_williamson@st-elizabeths.org).
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany: Assistant. Contact the
Rev. Thomas Brown (tbrown@3crowns.org).

NEXT fyi:

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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.

The regular deadline schedule resumes for the February 2012
issue: Wednesday, Jan. 25 at noon.

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