



**Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012**

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**Epiphany Papers  
anticipate Learning  
Event on global, local  
mission**

The annual series of **Epiphany Papers, offered as a resource to help individuals and groups prepare for the diocesan Spring Learning Event**, are available via [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) [here](#) (or go to the Document Library under Resources for Congregations & Clergy).

The Spring Learning Event takes place on *Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. This year's program will be a partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and will focus on local and global mission partnerships. Sunitha Mortha, Director of Global Formation and Missions for the ELCA, will introduce a model for mission based on the theology of accompaniment. Online registration will open soon.

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

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

**Saturday, Feb. 11 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 church's 100th anniversary year. Plan to come shake off the midwinter doldrums with a day of interactive fun for all, including:

- A gathering and photo opportunity with Bishop Barbara C. Harris (on the anniversary of her 1989 consecration);
- Time with Bishop Tom Shaw;
- An introduction to "The Abundant Garden" children's program by Episcopal Relief and Development; and
- Learning about cathedrals through art, song and scavenger hunting;
- Special activities for middle and high school students; and
- Festive worship to culminate the day.

**Family Day is free and no advance registration is required. Please put Family Day on parish calendars and extend this invitation to families.**

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

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**Save these dates for  
spring budget hearings**

The Budget Committee of Diocesan Council will hold four regional **budget hearings in March as part of the 2013 diocesan budget drafting process**. Locations are still being determined for the hearings, to take place from **7 to 9 p.m. on March 6, 7, 28 and 29**, with a fifth hearing for presentations from representatives of diocesan-funded strategic ministries scheduled for **March 27**.

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**Registration for Ministry Discernment Conference is open through Jan. 20**

The **Ministry Discernment Conference** offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry will be held on *Saturday, Feb. 4, 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. Check [www.diomass.org](http://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.

[Register here by Jan. 20](#). Cost per person is \$20 and includes registration, materials and lunch.

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

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**Pre-Lenten Retreat for clergy is Feb. 7-9**

The **Pre-Lenten Retreat for diocesan clergy** takes place *Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 7-9* at the Notre Dame Mission Center in Ipswich. This year's retreat leader will be the Rev. Tom Ehrich, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and president of Morning Walk Media. The theme for his three retreat talks is "Serving in the Wilderness: Tests, Impermanence, Risks." Online registration information will be sent directly to clergy; the registration deadline is Thursday, Jan. 25.

FOR INFORMATION: *Clare Moffitt, Congregations and Clergy* (617-482-4826, ext. 495); [cem@diomass.org](mailto:cem@diomass.org).

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**Film project invites congregations to capture & share their stories**

Congregations are invited to capture their stories on video and share them with the wider community through the DioMass Film Project being launched from the diocesan Congregational Resources and Training area. The project offers **workshops** to get congregations going on their film projects **and a May 19 film festival** to showcase them at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. Read more about the project [here](#) or visit the project's blog site at [www.diomassfilmproject.wordpress.com](http://www.diomassfilmproject.wordpress.com).

FOR INFORMATION/TO SET UP A WORKSHOP: *Katie Ernst, Resource Center* (617-482-4826, ext. 645); [kernst@diomass.org](mailto:kernst@diomass.org).

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**New missioner for Hispanic ministries named**

**Ema Rosero-Nordalm has been named missioner for Hispanic ministries**, to serve four hours per week at the diocesan offices. Her work will include Spanish language and cultural translation for trainings and materials. She will also be gathering and documenting best practices in congregations where there are Hispanic ministries, acting as a liaison with the diocesan Hispanic Ministries Committee and working with that committee and others to develop and implement strategy for Hispanic ministry in the diocese. She can be reached at the diocesan offices on Thursday and Friday mornings at 617-482-4826, ext. 414 or [erosero@diomass.org](mailto:erosero@diomass.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 Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music has released educational materials and other information toward its plan to ask General Convention to authorize a three-year **trial use of a proposed rite for blessing same-gender unions**. The materials are available in English and Spanish [here](#). They are part of the commission's 18 months of work in response to General Convention's mandate (via Resolution C056) that it work with the House of Bishops to collect and develop theological resources and liturgies for blessing same-gender relationships, and report to the 77th General Convention meeting July 5-12 in Indianapolis.

- Online sign-up is open [here](#) for the **2012 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast**. Those who sign up get daily e-mail suggestions for activities that reduce carbon footprint, beginning *Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 through Easter Day, April 8*.

- **Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) workshops**, part of the [Green Grants Initiative](#), take place on these upcoming Saturdays: [Jan. 14](#) at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford and [Feb. 11](#) 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](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org).*

- The Massachusetts Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) invites congregations of the diocese to participate in the **Absalom Jones Celebration** on *Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m.* at St. Cyprian's Church (1073 Tremont Street) in Roxbury. This service honors persons of color from all congregations of the diocese who have done exemplary work to enhance the ministries and life of their congregations. Choirs are encouraged to participate. Contact the Rev. L. Nelson Foxx (617-547-1805) to confirm choir participation and so that service music can be sent in advance.

- A **B-SAFE program 2012 Partner Orientation meeting** for new and returning church partners will be held on *Sunday, Feb. 26, 1-3 p.m.*, at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill. Lunch will be provided. Together with 50 partner congregations, B-SAFE provides some 600 children and youth in low-income neighborhoods a safe and learning-filled summer. *RSVP/FOR INFORMATION: Jane Tierney (617-262-9070, ext. 202); [jltier@aol.com](mailto:jltier@aol.com).*

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

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](mailto:apply@diomassintern.org) or visit [www.lifetogethercommunity.org](http://www.lifetogethercommunity.org).

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** sessions will be offered on these *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.:* *Jan. 21* at St. John's Church (322 South Franklin Street) in Holbrook (register by Jan. 14); and *March 10* 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); [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com)*.

- **Safe Church Training** will be offered on these *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:* *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](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)*.

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21* 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](mailto:loism@diomass.org)*.

**The MARKETPLACE:**

**Pew torches:** St. Andrew's Church in Framingham has a set of pew torches with chimneys available to give to a church that can use them.

FOR INFORMATION: Judy Artley (508-788-0732);  
[artleyj@yahoo.com](mailto:artleyj@yahoo.com).

**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: [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; [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; and [director of family ministries](#) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable.

**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:**

CHELMSFORD, All Saints' Church

**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

AUBURNDALE, Parish of the Messiah  
NEWTON, Grace Church  
RANDOLPH, Trinity Church  
STOUGHTON, Trinity Church  
WEST NEWBURY, All Saints' Church

**CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

BARNSTABLE, St. Mary's Church  
STONEHAM, All Saints' Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA, Emmanuel Church

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

MILTON, St. Michael's Church  
WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

**OTHER POSITIONS OPEN TO CLERGY:**

LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church: Assistant. Contact the Rev. Kate Malin ([kate@stanneslincoln.org](mailto:kate@stanneslincoln.org)).  
ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit: Assistant. Contact the Rev. Adam Linton ([holyspitorleansrector@verizon.net](mailto:holyspitorleansrector@verizon.net)).  
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany: Assistant. Contact the Rev. Thomas Brown ([tbrown@3crowns.org](mailto:tbrown@3crowns.org)).

**NEXT fyi:**

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