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The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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Petitions received for potential additional bishop nominees

Are your delegates certified for the electing convention? See page 2.

The Standing Committee announced on Feb. 1 that, in addition to its slate of nominees for election as bishop (announced on Jan. 15 and listed below), **it has received materials for additional potential petition candidates.** The two-week petition period closed Jan. 31.

The names of the potential petition candidates will remain confidential while the Standing Committee verifies the required signatures and otherwise ensures that the petitions are in order. The Standing Committee also has commenced documentary background checks on the petition candidates. The Standing Committee will announce the names of qualifying petition candidates on March 3, and those candidates will join the slate of nominees on the ballot at the electing convention on April 5.

The Standing Committee and its election Transition Committee are formulating detailed plans for a series of **open meetings around the diocese March 14-19**, at which the people of the diocese will have an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees; details will be released on or before March 3.

The nominees on the slate announced Jan. 15 are the Rev. Holly Antolini, Rector of St. James's Church in Cambridge; the Rev. Ronald Culmer, Rector of St. Clare's Church in Pleasanton, Calif.; the Rev. Alan Gates, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio; the Rev. Ledlie Laughlin, Rector of St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia; and the Rev. Sam Rodman, Project Manager for Campaign Initiatives, Diocese of Massachusetts.

More information about the current slate of nominees and the election process is available at the Transition Committee's independently maintained site: www.mabishopsearch.org.

Join 25th anniversary celebration for Bishop Barbara C. Harris

The diocese will **celebrate the 25th anniversary of Bishop Barbara C. Harris's consecration** as the Anglican Communion's first female bishop with a special Gospel Vesper Service on *Sunday, Feb. 16, 4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The gospel choir of St. Paul's AME Church in Cambridge, which sang at the 1989 consecration service, will perform. All are invited and welcome to join the celebration. *FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or elc@diomass.org).*

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Certification of Diocesan Convention delegates due Feb. 28

Electing convention info will be sent to clergy and delegates on Feb. 7.

Congregational leadership report and lay delegate certification forms for 2014 have been mailed to all rectors or other priests in charge of congregations. The forms are pre-printed with the information currently in the diocesan database. Congregations are asked to update the information on these forms and return them to the Office of Convention and Council within 10 days of their annual meeting, as required by diocesan canons, but no later than the **deadline of Feb. 28**. These delegates will serve at both the April 5 special convention to elect a bishop and the November annual Diocesan Convention.

Electing convention material will be sent to clergy and delegates on Feb. 7.

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org).

Hearings in March and May invite input for 2015 budget

Two budget hearings for diocesan strategic ministries will be held this year: *Monday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 12, each from 7 to 9 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Representatives of diocesan-funded strategic ministries give their required reports and budget requests at these hearings; all are welcome to attend.

An **additional open budget hearing** will take place on *Thursday, May 1, 7-9 p.m.* (location to be determined). This is an opportunity for members of the diocese to offer input and questions as part of the 2015 budget drafting process.

FOR INFORMATION: Canon to the Ordinary's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dpound@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.

- Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Beth Grundy will be leading a **mission pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Nov. 9-21**, and invite members of the diocese to join them. The trip is an opportunity to connect with the mission of God in the Diocese of Jerusalem, and will include visits to holy sites as well as diocesan institutions and churches. The registration deadline is July 15.

FOR INFORMATION: Marsha Searle, Bishop Harris's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or msearle@diomass.org).

- The Massachusetts Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians will hold its annual **Absalom Jones Day celebration** on *Sunday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.* at St. Cyprian's Church (1073 Tremont Street) in Roxbury. The Rev. Darryl James of Grace Church in Jamaica, N.Y., is the featured speaker, and Frederick Douglass Isaacs Outstanding Lay Leadership Awards will be presented during the service. All are invited and all are welcome to join the festival Eucharist and celebration.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Leslie Sterling, UBE Massachusetts chapter president (617-354-8582 or ammalestlie@gmail.com).

● **Upcoming youth events** include: **Feb. 17-22 Winter Camp** for 7th-9th graders at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. ([register here](#)), and an **April 21-26 New York City Mission Experience** for 9th-12th graders. Applications are also available for the **Episcopal Youth Event for 9th-12th graders, July 8-13** at Villanova University in Philadelphia. Applications are available at www.diomassyouth.org.
 FOR INFORMATION: Sam Gould, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or sgould@diomass.org).

● **B-SAFE summer program partners—new and returning—are invited to gather** on Sunday, March 9, 1-3 p.m., at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill **to begin planning B-SAFE 2014**. Lunch will be provided. Together with 55 partner congregations, B-SAFE provides a safe and learning-filled summer for more than 600 children and youth in low-income neighborhoods. Contact Betsy Walsh, as below, to RSVP or learn more about becoming a partner church.
 FOR INFORMATION/RSVP: Betsy Walsh, B-SAFE partner church coordinator (781-249-6554 or betsy@ststephensbos.org).

● **Mission Tithe Matching Grants:** New concept papers are due Feb. 15, with concepts and applications accepted until the 15th of each month thereafter. Staff assistance with congregational discernment and document preparation is available. Contact Laura Walta (617-482-4826, ext. 422 or lwalta@diomass.org).

Applications for 2014 Deanery (Sending Serving and House of Mercy) Grants, Creation Care Initiative (Green Improvement and Simple Acts) Grants and Congregational Development Grants will be posted on Feb. 14. Due dates are as follows:

- **Deanery Grants:** Accepted on a rolling basis following approval of deanery assemblies, but no later than Oct. 15.
 - **Creation Care Initiative Grants:** Due on Earth Day, April 22.
 - **Congregational Development Grants:** Due on May 15.
- Find a document outlining the diocesan grant programs [here](#).

Congregations considering applying for a Green Improvement Grant are urged to attend a Sustainable House of Worship (SHOW) workshop, which is a requirement of the grant application. Attendance at a past SHOW workshop fulfills this requirement. **Upcoming SHOW workshops** will be held [Feb. 22](#) at St. Paul's Church in Natick and [March 1](#) at Trinity Church in Topsfield.

“Green” project technical assistance is now available through a new partnership with Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light: Colby May will be available to assist with energy management and conservation issues within diocesan congregations. Any congregation considering “green” improvements or in need of assistance on a current project may contact Esther Powell (as below) to be connected with consultant assistance.

FOR GENERAL GRANT INFORMATION/GREEN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).

● **Episcopal Relief & Development's 2014 Lenten Meditations** guide is now available, this year focused on creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities, with a particular focus on empowering women. The daily readings are co-authored by a group of leaders from across the Anglican Communion, who bring a range of perspectives as they reflect on Scripture and other sources of spiritual wisdom. Materials should be ordered by Feb. 15 to ensure delivery by Ash Wednesday; the devotions are also available as daily e-mails. Ordering and sign-up information is available [here](#), or by calling 866-937-2772.

● **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on these upcoming **Saturdays: Feb. 15** at St. Michael's Church in Milton; **March 8** at St. Peter's Church in Osterville; and **April 26** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. This course meets the training portion of the requirements for licensing as a Eucharistic Visitor. Find more information [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor training coordinator (508-746-3805 or conmel@aol.com).

● **Safe Church Training** will be offered on *Saturday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket. Registration is required and is online [here](#). **Churches interested in hosting** a training, or **individuals interested in becoming a trainer**, are invited to contact the Rev. Karen Montagno.
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or kmontagno@diomass.org).

● The Episcopal Church Building Fund's "**Buildings for a New Tomorrow**" **symposium** will be offered April 28-30 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., aiming to provide information and inspiration for using church real estate assets to their full potential. Visit www.ecbf.org to register and see videos from the 2013 event.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Jan. 25 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Heard a report from treasurer Jim Gammill, including implementation steps on the recently voted Investment Policy Statement.
- Voted to re-elect the Rev. Chris Wendell and Chris Trahan to the Executive Committee.
- Voted to approve the budget for the Plymouth, Cape and Islands Mission Hub.
- Heard an update on the project plans for the property of the former Church of St. Luke and St. Margaret in Allston.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, Feb. 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

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JOB POSTINGS:

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Clergy > [Employment](#)).

Among the jobs currently posted: [chief business officer](#) for the Diocese of Massachusetts; [parish administrator](#) at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover; [keyboardist](#) at All Saints' Church in Attleboro; [parish administrator](#) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans; [interim organist/choir director](#) at St. John's Church in Arlington; [sexton](#) at Emmanuel Church in Wakefield; and [youth mission coordinator](#) for the Plymouth, Cape and Islands Mission Hub.

**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 tran-
sitions should be directed to
the Rev. Dr. Jean Baptiste
Ntagengwa (617/482-4826,
ext. 400 or [jbntagengwa@
diomass.org](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org)).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

JAMAICA PLAIN, St. John's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

AMESBURY, St. James's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

BOSTON, The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul
(contact priestsearch@thecrossing.org)
CHESTNUT HILL, Church of the Redeemer
NEWTON, Grace Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

ANDOVER, Christ Church
NEEDHAM, Christ Church

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Marya DeCarlen, Priest-in-Charge, All Saints' Church of
the North Shore, beginning April 27.

NEXT fyi:

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submission deadline for the March 5 issue is **Wednesday, Feb. 26
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