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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of  
**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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**Meet the candidates  
for election as bishop,  
March 14-18**

A series of open public forums March 14-18 is the opportunity to **meet and learn about the candidates** on the slate for election as bishop. All are welcome. The forums will take place on:

- *Friday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (79 Denton Road) in Wellesley;
- *Saturday, March 15, 1 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston;
- *Sunday, March 16, 4 p.m.*, at St. Stephen's Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn;
- *Monday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.*, at Grace Church (422 County Street) in New Bedford; and
- *Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover.

The candidates, including those added to the slate via petition and announced on Feb. 24, are:

- **The Rev. Holly Antolini**, Rector, St. James's Church, Cambridge;
- **The Rev. Timothy E. Crellin**, Vicar, St. Stephen's Church, Boston;
- **The Rev. Ronald Culmer**, Rector, St. Clare's Church, Pleasanton, Calif.;
- **The Rev. Alan Gates**, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio;
- **The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin**, Rector, St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia;
- **The Rev. Canon Margaret (Mally) Ewing Lloyd**, Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; and
- **The Rev. Sam Rodman**, Project Manager for Campaign Initiatives, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

More information about each of the candidates is available via the Transition Committee's Web site at [www.mabishopsearch.org](http://www.mabishopsearch.org).

The **election takes place on Saturday, April 5** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, with *Saturday, April 12* set aside for reconvening should business not be completed on April 5. More information is available [here](#).

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**Presiding bishop makes  
annual Good Friday  
Offering appeal**

In her **annual Good Friday Offering** appeal to congregations, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori writes, "I continue to be inspired by the Christians who are a small fraction of the population of most of the nations throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East." Funds collected from the Good Friday Offering are distributed to support the church's ministries there. More information is available [here](#).

**Find a growing list of homegrown and locally recommended Lenten resources [here](#).**

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## **Diocese to honor Bishop Shaw during Season of Service & Celebration**

**What will your service project be? Share it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bishoptomshaw](http://www.facebook.com/bishoptomshaw)**

A **Season of Service and Celebration honoring Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE** will be observed **April 9-June 21**. All congregations and organizations of the diocese are invited to plan a service event during these weeks in his honor, or participate in one already established. Season activities will also include a **Gratitude Sunday on April 27**, when a letter from Bishop Shaw is to be read in congregations. The season culminates with a **diocesan family picnic and eucharistic celebration on Saturday, June 21** (location to be announced). For more information visit the Season of Service and Celebration Web page [here](#), and share plans and photos of service projects via Facebook [here](#). Questions may be e-mailed to [celebration@mabishopsearch.org](mailto:celebration@mabishopsearch.org).

Bishop Shaw has requested that any financial gifts made in his honor be directed to the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, to ensure its continued vitality and long-term financial stability. Click [here](#) for more information about the Fund for the Second Decade and how to offer a gift, and watch your mail for an invitation to participate in these service and giving opportunities.

**Join Bishop Shaw at ECM's Lobby Day on April 9**

The kick-off event for the Season of Service and Celebration is **Episcopal City Mission's Lobby Day** on *Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m.* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The event will be an opportunity to learn more about the Raise Up campaign, join with other Episcopalians from across the diocese to rally in support of low-wage workers and celebrate Bishop Shaw's ongoing commitment to advocacy and social action. The morning will culminate with Bishop Shaw leading a march to the State House to meet with legislators and urge support for fair wages and equal treatment for workers. To register visit [www.episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org). *FOR INFORMATION: Joseph Sheeran, Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 227).*

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## **Hearings in March and May invite input for 2015 budget**

The second of two **budget hearings for diocesan strategic ministries** takes place on *Wednesday, March 12, 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](mailto:dpound@diomass.org)).*

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## **New interim dean for Taunton River**

**The Rev. Natasha Stewart**, Rector of Trinity Church in Bridgewater, has been appointed interim dean of the Taunton River Deanery. She is filling in for the Rev. David Milam who will be on sabbatical from March 23 through July 4. Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE expresses his gratitude for her willingness to serve.

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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.

- **Pre-Confirmation retreats** will be offered on two weekends, *March 28-29 and April 11-12*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. More information and registration are available [here](#).  
*FOR INFORMATION: Sam Gould, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [sgould@diomass.org](mailto: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](mailto:betsy@ststephensbos.org)).*
- The **Church Home Society** has established a \$10,000 annual award in memory of longtime board member and treasurer William V. Tripp III. The **award is given each June** to an organization or program that serves young people between the ages of 12 and 25 and is judged to be doing exceptional work to empower youth. It is limited to established programs that have Episcopal Church affiliation and are geographically located within the Diocese of Massachusetts.  
*FOR INFORMATION/TO APPLY: Roberta Tripp, Church Home Society (617-482-5328 or [rtripp@diomass.org](mailto:rtripp@diomass.org)).*
- Join this year's **New England Anglican Studies Conference** *Friday-Saturday, April 11-12* at Harvard Divinity School to hear from a range of interested academics, practitioners, pastors, students and others as they explore "**Christianity and Capitalism**" with presentations of papers, plenary discussions, workshops and worship. For more information and to register for the event go to [www.hdsepisc.org](http://www.hdsepisc.org).
- **Eucharistic Visitor training** will be offered on these upcoming **Saturdays: 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 established by the Diocese of Massachusetts 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](mailto:conmel@aol.com)).*

- **Safe Church Training** will be offered on these **Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: March 22** at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket and **May 3** at St. James's Church in Cambridge. Registration can be done online [here](#). Hosting a Safe Church Training makes it convenient for a congregation's vestry and church school leadership to attend, and all participants from the host congregation receive a discounted registration rate. In addition to host sites, individuals interested in becoming Safe Church group trainers are being sought; the training process starts this spring.

*FOR INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or [epowell@diomass.org](mailto:epowell@diomass.org)).*

- The annual **Safe Church Refresher Training for diocesan clergy** will be held on *Tuesday, May 6, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. It is expected that all clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts will attend Safe Church Training once every three years. The diocese is committed to healthy church environments and needs the shared wisdom and experience of everyone to make them so. There is no fee for the training; coffee, continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register online [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Canon to the Ordinary's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@diomass.org)).*

- **Mission Tithe Matching Grants**: New concept papers are due March 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](mailto: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 are now posted and available via the links below.

- **Deanery Grants**: Accepted on a rolling basis following approval at deanery assemblies, but no later than Oct. 15. Submit applications to [deanerygrants@diomass.org](mailto:deanerygrants@diomass.org).

- **Creation Care Initiative Grants**: Due on Earth Day, April 22. Submit applications to [greengrants@diomass.org](mailto:green grants@diomass.org).

- **Congregational Development Grants**: Due on May 15. Submit applications to [cdgrants@diomass.org](mailto:cdgrants@diomass.org).

Find an outline of the various diocesan grant programs [here](#).

**"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](mailto:epowell@diomass.org)).*

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***DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
ACTIONS:***

At its Feb. 27 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a presentation from members of the Trustees of Donations regarding concerns about the Investment Policy Statement approved by Diocesan Council on Dec. 5, 2013.

Heard a report from the chair of the Compensation and Benefits Committee, Jeff Tyrakowski, and voted to elect the Rev. Andy Stoessel to the Compensation and Benefits Committee.

Heard a report from treasurer Jim Gammill regarding the 2015 assessment formula and 2013 year-end financials.

Voted to approve the Merrimack Valley Hub budget for the 2014-2015 program year.

Voted to encourage the Executive Committee to make time on the Council agenda for monthly deanery representative reports.

Voted to approve a new process for allocating proceeds from the sale of closed churches that allows for proposals which will be considered by the Executive Committee and given final approval by the full Diocesan Council.

Following discussion in executive session, voted the following:

*with respect to the loan from the Diocese to Bishop Gayle E. Harris, dated 8/31/2009 and amended 10/13/2011, ("the Note") secured by a mortgage on 44 Fifer Lane, Lexington ("the property"), the Council authorizes the Treasurer to make payment to the Town of Lexington up to \$40,000 for the purpose of satisfying any and all outstanding claims and liens that the Town has on the property, and to add the amount paid to the outstanding principal balance of the Note.*

Heard an Executive Committee report which included a vote to approve housing allowances for the Rev. Dorothea Littlepage and the Rev. Moses Sowale.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, March 27, 6-8:30 p.m., in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.*

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

***The MARKETPLACE:***

**Clearance Bazaar:** *Friday, March 21, 2-6 p.m., and Saturday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. In preparation for renovations beginning after Easter, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul is holding a "Clearance Bazaar" to clear the spaces being renovated and make room for storage during the work. Items for give-away include furniture, vestments, liturgical linens, vessels, hymnals and more. Come prepared to take away items (special arrangements may be necessary for large items).*

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

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**JOB POSTINGS:**

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

Among the jobs currently posted: [finance HR assistant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [parish administrator](#) at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill; [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 [chief business officer](#) for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

**PARISH SEARCH  
& CALL REPORT**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://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  
SWANSEA, Christ Church

**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

AMESBURY, St. James's Church

**CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

None at this time

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

BOSTON, The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
(contact [priestsearch@thecrossing.org](mailto:priestsearch@thecrossing.org))  
CHESTNUT HILL, Church of the Redeemer  
HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

ANDOVER, Christ Church  
NEEDHAM, Christ Church  
NEWTON, Grace Church

**NEXT fyi:**

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submission deadline for the April 2 issue is *Wednesday, March 26*  
*at noon*. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

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