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**Prayer and participation
invited as diocese elects
new bishop on April 5**

The special convention to elect a new diocesan bishop takes place on *Saturday, April 5* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. **Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 9:30 a.m.** Convention details are posted at www.diomass.org/electing-convention-2014.

Public transportation update: Those traveling to the convention via the Red Line from Alewife Station should note that, because of a construction project, buses will replace train service between Alewife and Harvard Square on April 5, and that extra travel time may be needed in order to arrive before registration closes at 9:30 a.m. Additionally, the Government Center Station (Green and Blue lines) is closed for construction. Visit www.mbta.com for more information.

Ballot results will be posted at www.diomass.org as they are announced during the course of the convention. There will be a link on the home page.

The Standing Committee asks for **continued prayer** for the candidates, for all who will be participating in the election and for the diocesan community:

Loving Creator, You call us together and send us forth to be your disciples in all places. We are grateful for your leading, accompanying and directing as we discerned the candidates to be our next bishop. Now guide the hearts and minds of Holly, Tim, Ronald, Alan, Ledlie, Mally and Sam as they each discern a new call to be with us as a faithful pastor and teacher in Christ's name. Give them courage, joy and vision as we continue to draw closer to you. Continue to abide in us as we remain prayerfully open to the call of these candidates to serve as you lead. Make us all open to your divine call so that together, our spirits may be transformed. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Oh Dios Creador de cielo y tierra, Tú nos has llamado y nos has enviado a ser tus discípulos y discípulas en el mundo. Te agradecemos el que nos hayas guiado, dirigido y acompañado mientras discerníamos los candidatos y candidatas para nuevo obispo. Con humildad te pedimos que guíes los corazones y las mentes de Holly, Tim, Ronald, Alan, Ledlie, Mally y Sam mientras que, en lo profundo de su ser, discernen su propio llamado a servir en nuestra diócesis como fiel pastor y maestro, pastora y maestra en nombre de Cristo Jesús. Te imploramos que les prodigies fortaleza, alegría y visión mientras todos nos acercamos cada vez más a ti en este proceso. Mantente junto a nosotros y a nosotras mientras contemplamos y oramos con espíritus abiertos al llamado de estos candidatos al servicio que tú diriges. Haz que cada persona en este proceso estemos abiertos a tu divina llamada para que juntos como un solo cuerpo, podamos ser transformados de espíritu. Todo esto te lo pedimos en nombre de Cristo, Amén.

Lobby Day kicks off Season of Service & Celebration

The kick-off event for the Season of Service and Celebration honoring Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE 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.

FOR INFORMATION: Joseph Sheeran, Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 227 or jsheeran@episcopalcitymission.org).

What will your service project be? Share it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bishoptomshaw

The **Season of Service and Celebration honoring Bishop Shaw continues through June 21**. All congregations and organizations of the diocese are invited to plan a community service event during these weeks, or participate in one already established. Season activities will also include a **Gratitude Sunday on April 27**, when a letter of gratitude from Bishop Shaw is to be read in congregations. The season culminates with a **diocesan family picnic and eucharistic celebration on Sunday, June 21** (location to be announced). For more information visit www.diomass.org/season-service-and-celebration. Questions may be e-mailed to celebration@mabishopsearch.org.

Join Bishop Shaw and B-PEACE at Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE and the B-PEACE Campaign of the Jorge Fuentes Antiviolence Task Force invite the diocesan community's **participation in and support of the Mother's Day Walk for Peace** on *Sunday, May 11*. The walk is a fundraiser for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and last year drew 650 Episcopalians to walk with Bishop Shaw as a witness for peace.

Following the walk and closing ceremonies on May 11, Bishop Shaw plans to hold a service of Holy Eucharist in Town Field Park (1520 Dorchester Avenue), where the walk begins and ends.

To register or pledge for this year's B-PEACE team, go to www.mothersdaywalkforpeace.org/register, and choose "B-PEACE for Jorge" from the team list. (Congregations are also welcome to create their own teams if they wish to keep their reservations and fundraising efforts separate.) Team captains from congregations bringing groups are encouraged to attend a **pre-walk open house** held by the Peace Institute on *Thursday, April 10, 6-8 p.m.* More information is available at www.mothersdaywalkforpeace.org.

Help B-PEACE create 100 summer jobs

The B-PEACE Campaign's youth jobs initiative continues its efforts to **recruit employers in order to create 100 teen jobs** for summer 2014. Read more about the effort [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Charlie Emple, B-PEACE Campaign (charlie@ststephensbos.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.

- Registration is open for **summer camp** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., and a **bulletin insert is available [here](#) to help congregations spread the word.** For schedule and financial aid information, visit www.bchcenter.org.
- An **open budget hearing** will take place on *Thursday, May 1, 7-9 p.m.*, at Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury Street) in Boston. This is an opportunity for members of the diocese to offer input and ask questions as part of the 2015 budget drafting process, and all are welcome.
FOR INFORMATION: Canon to the Ordinary's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dpound@diomass.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 located within the geographical limits of the Diocese of Massachusetts that have affiliation with the Episcopal Church.
FOR INFORMATION/TO APPLY: Roberta Tripp, Church Home Society (617-482-5328 or rtripp@diomass.org).
- Join this year's **New England Anglican Studies Conference**, *April 11-12* at Harvard Divinity School to hear from a range of 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.
- **Green Improvement and Simple Acts grant applications** are due on *Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22*. Applications, along with more information, are available [here](#), and may be submitted to greengrants@diomass.org or via mail.
"Green" project technical assistance is available through a partnership with Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light: Colby May is 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 INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).

- **Eucharistic Visitor training** will be offered on *Saturday, 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, May 3, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. James's Church in Cambridge. Registration can be done online [here](#).

Congregations interested in **hosting a Safe Church Training** and individuals interested in **becoming a Safe Church group trainer** may contact Esther Powell (as below).

FOR INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or 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).

- Applications are being accepted for [Mission Tithe Matching Grants](#): New concept papers are due April 15, with concepts and applications accepted until the 15th of each month thereafter. **Second-year grant applicants** need not submit a concept paper unless the partnership has changed, and must have submitted final reports for the first grant before submitting a second application. 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 and Congregational Development Grants** are available via the links below. Due dates are as follows:

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

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

A document outlining the various diocesan grant programs is available [here](#).

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

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its March 27 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a presentation from Dean Jep Streit on renovation plans for the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

Heard a report from the Diocesan Loan Committee and voted to approve the 2014 Diocesan Loan/Green Loan Application.

Heard a report from the chair of the Audit Committee, John Woodward, and voted to accept the audit of 2012 financial statements dated Feb. 20, 2014.

Heard a report from the vice chair of the Transition Committee, Angela McConney Scheepers.

Heard a report from the treasurer, Jim Gammill, and voted the 2015 parish assessment formula:

assessment due = 15.5 percent * BASE - \$6,000 (subject to a floor of 0) where the BASE for 2015 is equal to line 14 ("all other operating expenses") from the 2012 parochial report, less line 7 ("assistance from diocese"). For a mission, the 2015 assessment is two-thirds the amount that would be assessed if the congregation were a parish.

Voted to authorize the diocesan treasurer, diocesan assistant treasurer, canon to the ordinary and vicar for St. Stephen's Church in Boston, acting singly, to execute on behalf of the diocese any and all documents related to the construction of a small addition to the rear of the parish hall, relocate and expand the kitchen and enlarge the parish hall, subject to periodic reporting to the satisfaction of the diocesan treasurer.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, May 15, 6-8:30 p.m., location to be determined.*

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

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [chief business officer](#) for the Diocese of Massachusetts, [sexton](#) at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms, [lead organizer](#) for the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign, [parish administrator](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown, [parish administrator](#) at St. Mark's Church in Foxboro, two positions, [director of music](#) and [organist](#), at Trinity Church in Haverhill, [parish administrator](#) at St. Paul's Church in Natick, [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 and [interim organist/choir director](#) at St. John's Church in Arlington.

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. Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or jbntagengwa@diomass.org).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

JAMAICA PLAIN, St. John's Church
SWANSEA, Christ Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

None at this time

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

None at this time

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

AMESBURY, St. James's Church
BOSTON, The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul
(contact 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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