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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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**Service and celebration continues in honor of Bishop Shaw**

**Bring a picnic to Jamaica Pond on June 21 and join the celebration: [RSVP here](#)**

The Season of Service and Celebration honoring Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE continues through June 21. All congregations and organizations of the diocese are invited to plan a community service event during these weeks in his honor, or to participate in one already established. Share plans and photos of service projects at [www.facebook.com/bishoptomshaw](http://www.facebook.com/bishoptomshaw).

The season culminates with a **diocesan family picnic and eucharistic celebration on Saturday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., rain or shine, at the Pinebank Promontory on Jamaica Pond** (corner of Perkins Street and the Jamaica way) in Jamaica Plain. The celebration will include remarks by Bishop Barbara C. Harris, with Bishop Frank Griswold preaching. Please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy; ice cream and beverages will be provided. **To help the celebration committee with its planning, [RSVP here](#).**

Carpooling and use of public transportation are strongly encouraged; shuttle buses from public transportation will be provided (details will be posted on the [Season of Service and Celebration Web page](#)). Congregations are reminded to bring their memory books to present to Bishop Shaw during the worship service. It will be a tribute to Bishop Shaw to have every congregation of the diocese represented at this joyful and fun celebration. Questions may be e-mailed to [celebration@mabishopsearch.org](mailto:celebration@mabishopsearch.org).

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**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. **To register or pledge for this year's B-PEACE team, go to [www.mothersdaywalkforpeace.org](http://www.mothersdaywalkforpeace.org), and choose "B-PEACE for Jorge" from the team list.** 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. Questions may be directed to Charlie Emple at [charlie@ststephensbos.org](mailto:charlie@ststephensbos.org).

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**Old South Church to honor Bishop Shaw on Pride Day**

Old South Church (645 Boylston Street) in Boston will honor Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE with an award in recognition of his "courageous and tender advocacy of marriage equality and LGBT rights in both church and society." The recognition will take place during **Old South's Pride Day worship service** on *Saturday, June 14 at 10 a.m.* All are welcome.

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***Episcopal City Mission  
to honor Bishop Shaw at  
annual dinner***

Episcopal City Mission's **annual fundraising dinner** takes place on *Tuesday, June 10, 6-9 p.m.*, at Boston University's George Sherman Union (775 Commonwealth Avenue). This year's event celebrates the episcopate of Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE and his dedication to social and economic justice. The evening includes a reception to meet ECM's partners and grant recipients, followed by dinner, an awards presentation and remarks by Bishop Shaw. Tickets are available at [www.episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org).  
*FOR INFORMATION: Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 206).*

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***Youth ministry staff  
transition announced***

Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE has appointed **the Rev. H. Mark Smith as the new director of youth ministry** for the diocese, to begin June 16. He will succeed the current director of youth ministry, Sam Gould, who has completed his three-year commitment and will leave the position after the Youth Leadership Academy's Aug. 9-16 El Salvador trip.

"We are grateful to Sam for his strong leadership, for his building up not only of youth leaders but also of the capacity for congregations to provide youth programming," the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd said in an April 28 announcement. "Sam has transformed the way youth experience mission trips to focus more on building relationships than completing projects. He helped the Camp transition between executive directors, even serving a stint as camp director himself. We will miss his energy and deep faith and his ability to invite youth to share their faith with each other."

She noted that Smith, a deacon currently serving at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan, is well known to the youth, youth mentors and parishes of the diocese, and that he brings 18 years of experience working with community-based youth programs across the state through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. "I hope you will join me in thanking Sam and welcoming Mark over the next few months," Lloyd said.

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***Calling all summer  
campers: Registration is  
open***

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](http://www.bchcenter.org).

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***Clergy children scholar-  
ship applications due  
May 16***

**Children of clergy** canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers) **are eligible to apply for scholarship grants**. Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2014-2015 academic year. Application materials are available [here](#). The application deadline is *Friday, May 16*; all materials should be sent to: Diane Pound, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. Notification of grants will be made by June 27.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Canon to the Ordinary's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@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 Mission Institute is hosting an online discussion on *May 9, 5-6:30 p.m.*, via Google Hangouts, about **basic technological literacy for congregational leaders** and how the Mission Institute might help them develop that literacy. Members of the diocese who would like to take part in the discussion, or submit ideas on the topic, should e-mail Liz Magill at Episcopal Divinity School ([lmagill@eds.edu](mailto:lmagill@eds.edu)).
  
- The congregations of the Diocese of Massachusetts are among those selected to participate in a **national survey of Episcopal churches** that is being conducted by the Episcopal Church's congregational research staff. The survey will be mailed to all congregations in early May, and also offers an online response option. The survey will collect information about worship, programs and activities, mission and identity, leadership, membership and finances. A report of Diocese of Massachusetts findings will be made available to the diocese, and, since greater participation will yield more valuable results, all congregations are encouraged to watch for the survey and participate.  
*FOR INFORMATION: C. Kirk Hadaway, Episcopal Church Office for Congregational Research (212-922-5331 or [khadaway@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:khadaway@episcopalchurch.org)).*
  
- With spring being a good time to be thinking ahead and preparing for fall stewardship campaigns, the diocesan Office of Development highlights the following resources:
  - The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) has released its **2014 Walking the Way Stewardship Series**, designed to complement and support annual giving campaigns. The Diocese of Massachusetts is a member of TENS, which allows congregations to access the full array of TENS online resources. Visit the TENS Web site ([www.tens.org](http://www.tens.org)). After clicking "resources," enter the requested information for members (username: giving; password: glory).
  - The **2014 TENS Conference**, featuring theologian and author Joan Chittister, takes place *June 6-7* at Emory University in Atlanta. Registration information is available at [www.tens.org/2014-conference](http://www.tens.org/2014-conference). A Webcast of the conference's opening worship service, three keynote presentations and four selected workshops will make it possible for stewardship ministry teams to gather and view the conference together. ***The diocesan Office of Development is seeking several representatives to host Webcast viewing sites, with financial assistance available.***
  - **Fall Stewardship Workshop, Sept. 6:** The diocesan development and congregational resource offices will host this stewardship workshop, designed to help launch or support fall stewardship campaigns. The workshop presenter will be the Rev. Laurel Johnston, Executive Director of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. Details to come.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or [lmatt@diomass.org](mailto:lmatt@diomass.org)).*

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

The Diocesan Council did not meet in April. The next meeting takes place on *Thursday, May 15, 6-8:30 p.m.*, at the Church of the Advent (30 Brimmer 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)).*

## **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: two positions, [chief business officer](#) and [development coordinator](#), for the Diocese of Massachusetts; two positions, [office coordinator](#) and [sexton](#), at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms; [development assistant](#) at Old North Church in Boston; [youth minister](#) at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury; two positions, [Sunday school director](#) and [parish administrator](#), at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill; [lead organizer](#) for the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign; [parish administrator](#) at St. Mark's Church in Foxboro; [parish administrator](#) at St. Paul's Church in Natick; and [finance HR assistant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston.

## **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:**

WESTWOOD, St. John's Church

### **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](mailto:priestsearch@thecrossing.org))  
HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

### **CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

ANDOVER, Christ Church  
CHESTNUT HILL, Church of the Redeemer  
NEEDHAM, Christ Church  
NEWTON, Grace Church

## **NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the June 4 issue is **Wednesday, May 28 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).