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**Join the celebration
honoring Bishop Shaw
on June 21**

[RSVP here](#) for the **diocesan family picnic and eucharistic celebration honoring Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE 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 Jamaicaway) in Jamaica Plain. Please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy; ice cream and beverages will be provided. It will be a tribute to Bishop Shaw to have every congregation of the diocese represented at this joyful and fun celebration.

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**Prayer and participation
invited as consecration
planning gets underway**

Preparations are underway for the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Alan M. Gates as the 16th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Everyone is welcome at this momentous occasion in the life of the church. Pending consent from the wider Episcopal Church, the consecration will take place on *Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m.* at Boston University's Agganis Arena (925 Commonwealth Avenue) in Boston, with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, presiding. The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, will be the preacher. A reception will follow the service.

The service and reception are open to all, but everyone who plans to attend (including participants and volunteers) must register for a free ticket by Aug. 15. Online registration for tickets will be available via www.diomass.org by June 15.

Those who need to register for tickets by phone may call 617-482-4826, ext. 687; please leave a name and phone number so that a staff or committee member can return the call.

Check www.diomass.org, where additional details and updates will be posted as they become available over the summer months.

**Register for tickets by
Aug. 15**

Join the consecration choir

The committee designing the liturgy and music for the consecration service is assembling a massed choir to lead the congregational singing and to sing several anthems. There will be a required rehearsal on the morning of the service. **All current choir members, choir directors, organists and other singers within congregations of the diocese are invited to join this choir.** In order to include as many people as possible, choirs and singers will be able to nominate participation in one of three choirs, according to the amount of music they are able to prepare before Sept. 13: congregational leadership; congregational leadership plus one anthem; or all massed choir music.

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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. Questions may be e-mailed to celebration@mabishopsearch.org.

Season of Service to include tree planting in Bishop Shaw's honor

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 in his honor, or to participate in one already established. Share plans and photos of service projects at www.facebook.com/bishoptomshaw.

Creation care advocates in the diocese invite congregations and individuals to **plant and bless a tree** (or trees) in Bishop Shaw's honor on any Sunday in June after church services. They also encourage individuals and families to plant a tree at home, work or school. Justice for the earth is served when carbon emissions are absorbed by trees and reduced by other means of conservation and clean energy use. Share word of projects via the Season of Service and Celebration Facebook page (link above).

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Registration can be made as an individual or for an entire group by contacting the choir registrar, Jeffrey Mills, by June 30 via e-mail to jeffreymillsboston@gmail.com. He will reply with a list of questions and information about repertoire and rehearsal times. Other questions may be directed to music director and organist Stuart Forster at stuartforster@cccbridge.org or 617-876-0200, ext. 215 or choral director Ryan Turner at ryan@emmanuelmusic.org. ***Please share this announcement with choir directors and others who may be interested.***

Clergy to gather with presiding bishop on Sept. 12

All clergy of the diocese are invited to gather with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori for conversation as the diocesan community prepares to welcome its new diocesan bishop: *Friday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.* at Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury Street) in Boston. A concurrent clergy partner and spouse gathering with Dr. Richard Schori is tentatively scheduled, pending confirmation that he will be present as well. Details will be forthcoming.

Mission Institute launches Web site

The Mission Institute has launched a new Web site at www.themissioninstitute.org. The Mission Institute is a new collaboration between the Diocese of Massachusetts, Episcopal City Mission and Episcopal Divinity School that aims to provide innovative learning opportunities that nurture leaders, advance spiritual growth and support the flourishing of just, healthy communities. It was designated \$1 million, over five years, from the diocese's Together Now campaign.

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.

- 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 9:30 a.m. (please note time change)*. All are welcome.

- 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 its congregations to access the full array of TENS online resources. Visit the TENS Web site (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, will take place **June 6-7** at Emory University in Atlanta. The conference theme “Walking the Way” underscores the understanding that to follow the way of Jesus means having choices to make about faithfulness in regard to money, giving and generosity. 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. More information about the Webcast and workshops can be found at www.tens.org. **The Concord River Deanery will host a viewing site at the Church of the Holy Spirit (169 Rice Road) in Wayland**, and invites members of the diocese to join them. Drinks and snacks will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch on Saturday. Viewing of the Webcast at the Church of the Holy Spirit is free, but to facilitate planning, **RSVP to chswayland@chswayland.org**.

- **Fall Stewardship Workshop on 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).

- **Summer hours** at the diocesan and cathedral offices at 138 Tremont Street in Boston, beginning July 1, will be: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with staff members working extended hours those days. The offices will be closed on Fridays. Regular Monday-Friday office house resume Sept. 2.

- The **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** seeks input from the wider church as it reviews the function and structure of its national board and the mission and purpose of the organization overall. An [online survey is available here](#) through the end of June and the ECW invites responses.

- The Cristosal Global School, in partnership with the Anglican Alliance for Development, Relief and Advocacy, is offering a **course in El Salvador entitled “Public Theology: The Voices for Justice in Society,” July 19-26**. A matching grant allows the diocesan Lift Every Voice Committee (which works to increase leadership from underrepresented groups) to send up to 10 clergy members to participate in the course at a 50 percent discount (\$750 per person, including airfare). Clergy from small churches, and those with little experience in mission, are especially encouraged to apply. **The deadline for applications is June 11.**

The course will look at the historical role of the church as an advocate for justice and how it can have a powerful impact on contemporary issues, and will gather a diverse group of international clergy, seminarians, lay people and faith-based development organizations to explore how the church can play an active, positive role in rights issues in El Salvador and the Americas.

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Walta, Global Missions (617-482-4826, ext. 422 or lwalta@diomass.org).

- The Lifelong Learning program at Episcopal Divinity School, in collaboration with the dioceses of Atlanta and Alabama, has organized an **Aug. 6-10 pilgrimage in honor of the life and work of Jonathan Daniels**. The pilgrimage offers spaces to eat and travel together, to learn from and with hosts and fellow travelers, to experience the grace of hospitality and to share stories and a commitment to dismantle racism and other oppressions and build beloved community together. More information about joining the pilgrimage is available on the EDS Web site, [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Diane D’Souza, Lifelong Learning at EDS (617-682-1505 or ddsouza@eds.edu).

- A **Safe Church training** will take place on *Saturday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at Epiphany Church (62 Front Street) in Walpole. Registration can be done online [here](#).

Churches are invited to host a Safe Church training.

Hosting makes it convenient for the staff, vestry and/or church school leadership to attend, and all participants from the host congregation receive a discounted registration rate. Safe Church training is required of all diocesan and congregational staff, and recommended for all lay leaders.

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

- A group of “solar champions” is available to talk with **congregations considering solar-generated electricity**. Going solar is a visible sign of caring for creation and can reduce electricity bills, too. Champions from nine solar churches in the diocese are available to talk about the process and their experience. *FOR INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).*

- Green Loans are a new program in 2014 and make available low-interest loans of up to \$100,000 that will enable congregations to make energy-efficient changes to their buildings. The program is administered by the Diocesan Loan Committee with representation from the Creation Care Initiative. *FOR INFORMATION/APPLICATIONS: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org) or Dana Courtney, Treasurer’s Office (617-482-4826, ext. 553 or dcourtney@diomass.org).*

- Applications for **2014 Deanery (Sending Serving and House of Mercy) Grants** are available online at www.diomass.org/deanery-grants. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis following approval at deanery assemblies, but no later than Oct. 15. Submit applications to deanerygrants@diomass.org.
Mission Tithe Matching Grants: New concept papers are due June 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).
 A brochure outlining the various diocesan grant and loan programs is available [here](#).
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- A **Church Pension Group “Planning for Tomorrow” conference**, hosted in Worcester by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, is open to active lay employees and non-pensioned clergy from the Diocese of Massachusetts. Sessions will take place *Nov. 12-13* (for active lay employees) and *Nov. 14-15* (for non-pensioned clergy). The conference is an opportunity for both clergy and lay employees to learn and plan for their financial future. The Church Pension Group subsidizes most of the cost for meals and lodging, as well as parking and child or elder care expenses, so cost to participants is minimal. Spouses and partners are also invited to attend. The lay employee session will include a combination of both financial and health components; the clergy session primarily focused on finance. More information will be forthcoming. *FOR INFORMATION: Canon to the Ordinary’s Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@diomass.org).*

- Diocesan Council is charged with determining the **use of the proceeds from the sale of closed church properties** to further the mission of God through Diocesan Convention's mission strategy. Those seeking funding for a new or ongoing ministry consistent with the diocesan mission strategy may make a proposal to Diocesan Council for funding consideration. Information about eligibility, the funding process and priorities and initial proposal materials are available [here](#). Requests are considered on an ongoing basis, though available funding varies considerably. Questions may be directed to Diocesan Council deanery representatives or to Laura Simons, Administrator of Convention and Council, at 617-482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its May 15 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard an update about the plans for the consecration of the bishop-elect, the Rev. Alan M. Gates, and a transition budget report.

Heard an update about the construction project at St. Luke's/San Lucas Church in Chelsea.

Heard a report from Laura Walta, the project director for global mission, and the Rev. Holly Hartman, deacon for global partnerships, on the proposed Global Mission Network.

Heard a report from the treasurer, Jim Gammill, and voted to authorize the Assessment Coordinating Committee to receive and consider requests from congregations for adjustments to the 2015 scheduled assessments (not to exceed a total of \$50,000). The Assessment Coordinating Committee will present its recommendations to Council for final action.

Voted to endorse and accept the "Charter of Collaboration and Partnership Between the Trustees of Donations and the Diocesan Council," dated May 2014.

Heard an update about the Use of Proceeds Fund application process.

Heard a report from Alewife Deanery representatives Ted Ts'o and the Rev. Joe Robinson.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, June 19, 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; [director of children's formation](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; [Sunday school teacher](#) at St. John's Church in Holbrook; [religious education coordinator](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Methuen; [Godly Play teacher](#) at St. John's Church in Charlestown; [parish administrator](#) at St. Luke's Church in Hudson; [administrative assistant](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [organist-choirmaster](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough; two positions, [office coordinator](#) and [sexton](#), at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms; and [development assistant](#) at Old North Church in Boston.

**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 trans-
itions 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
SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SWANSEA, Christ Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

MARSHFIELD, Trinity Church
WESTWOOD, St. John's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

AMESBURY, St. James's Church
BOSTON, The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul
(contact priestsearch@thecrossing.org)
HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

NEEDHAM, Christ Church
NEWTON, Grace Church

OTHER POSITIONS OPEN TO CLERGY:

BEVERLY FARMS, St. John's Church: Curate. Contact the Rev.
Stephanie Chase Bradbury (978-927-0229 or stephanie@sjcb.org).

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Maggie Arnold, Assistant Rector of Grace Church in
Medford.
The Rev. Michael B. Dangelo, Rector of the Church of the
Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, beginning Aug. 1.
The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, Rector of Christ Church in Andover,
beginning Aug. 1.
The Rev. Kathleen G. Lonergan, Priest-in-Charge of St. James's
Church in Groveland, beginning July 21.

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July 2 issue is **Wednesday, June 25 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.