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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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**Standing Committee
consents received; plans
for consecration are
underway**

**Register for tickets by
Aug. 15**

Preparations are underway for the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Alan M. Gates as the 16th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. As of June 26, consents have been received from the required majority of diocesan Standing Committees. Pending consent from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction in the Episcopal Church, the consecration will take place on *Saturday, Sept. 13* at Boston University's Agganis Arena (925 Commonwealth Avenue). Seating is at 10 a.m., with the processions beginning at 10:30 a.m. 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. Please register for tickets online [here](#). Tickets will be mailed by Aug. 29. (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.)

Visit the [consecration Web page](#), where updates will be posted as they become available over the summer months.

**Clergy to gather with
presiding bishop on
Sept. 12**

All clergy of the diocese are invited to gather with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and the bishop-elect, the Rev. Alan M. Gates, for a time of conversation: *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 has also been scheduled. [RSVP here](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 3. *FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Canon to the Ordinary's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@diomass.org).*

**Sept. 5 is deadline for
Diocesan Convention
materials**

This year's annual **Diocesan Convention** will be held on *Saturday, Nov. 8* at St. Stephen's Memorial Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn. Preliminary materials were sent to delegates and clergy on June 30 and also are posted [here](#).

All resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed constitutional and canonical amendments and committee reports are due by *Friday, Sept. 5.*

Pre-Diocesan Convention forums in October offer an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget. Forums will take place from 7 to 9 p.m.:

- *Tuesday, Oct. 14* at All Saints' Episcopal Church of the North Shore (46 Cherry Street) in Danvers;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 15* at St. Andrew's Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham;

**October forums set for pre-
Convention preparation**

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- *Wednesday, Oct. 22* at the Church of the Good Shepherd (74 High Street) in Wareham; and
- *Thursday, Oct. 23* at Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury Street) in Boston.

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

Sign up by Aug. 1 for Holy Land pilgrimage

Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and a group of pilgrims from the diocese for a **mission pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, Nov. 9-21. 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 Aug. 1. Read more [here](#).

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

Youth leaders invited to join YLA & DYC

The launch week for the 2014-2015 **Youth Leadership Academy** (YLA) is *July 27-Aug. 2* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Designed for young leaders entering 9th or 10th grade this fall, this special week at the camp provides a leadership development and faith formation program, plus all that summer camp has to offer. At the end of the week, participants are introduced to the year-long Youth Leadership Academy program. Registration is required.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org); www.diomassyouth.org/diocesanyouthprograms.htm.

Applications for the 2014-2015 **Diocesan Youth Council** (DYC) will be available mid-July on the diocesan youth ministry Web site, www.diomassyouth.org. Those who would like to receive notice as soon as applications are available may contact the Rev. H. Mark Smith at hmsmith@diomass.org.

Members of DYC represent the youth of the diocese with voice and vote at Diocesan Convention. They also serve the youth of the diocese by planning and running diocesan youth events and working to make the church a nurturing environment for the spiritual growth of young people in the Christian community. Young people entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to apply.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).

October Confirmation service open to all

There will be a **diocesanwide Confirmation service** open to all churches with candidates for Confirmation, reception or renewal of vows on *Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m.* at St. Cyprian's Church (1073 Tremont Street) in Roxbury. All churches planning to bring candidates must notify the cathedral office by Friday, Sept. 12.

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

NOTES:

- **Summer hours at the diocesan and cathedral offices** at 138 Tremont Street in Boston are: 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 hours resume Sept. 2.

RESOURCES:

- As part of its charge from General Convention in 2012, the Episcopal Church's Task Force on the Study of Marriage has released "Dearly Beloved," **a resource for study and discussion about marriage**. It provides three different formats that cover theology, history, Scripture and current trends, with guidelines for presentation and questions for group discussion. The document is available online [here](#). Information about the task force is available [here](#).
- 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).*

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- Jump-start fall stewardship campaigns by coming to the **Stewardship Workshop** on *Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, and learn how the Walking the Way Stewardship Narrative Series from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) can be a guide in carrying out the 2014 annual giving campaign in a way that is congruent with discipleship formation. The Rev. Laurel Johnston, former executive director of TENS, will walk participants through a step-by-step process that integrates best practices in raising funds and deepening spiritual life. Topics will include: A Theology of Stewardship; Power of Personal Testimonials; 10 Best Practices for Your Toolbox; Year-Round and Holistic Stewardship; and Fall Pledge Campaigns.

Presented free of charge, this workshop is ideal for clergy, wardens, stewardship team members and anyone else involved in a congregation's annual fundraising. Continental breakfast will be provided. Register online [here](#).

The workshop takes place at Trinity Church (11 Homer Street) in Newton Centre, accessible via the D branch of the Green Line. On-street parking is also available.

The Diocese of Massachusetts is a diocesan member of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. To view the Walking the Way Series go to www.tens.org/resources/member-resources and enter (all lowercase): username: giving; password: glory.

FOR INFORMATION: Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or lmatt@diomass.org).

- Group **Safe Church Training** will be offered on these upcoming *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*: **July 15** at Christ Church (1220 River Street) in Hyde Park; **Aug. 23** at St. Peter's Church (421 Wianno Avenue) in Osterville; and **Sept. 20** 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 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.

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GRANTS & LOANS:

- **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 July 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](#).

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

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its June 19 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Voted to approve the proposal from the Jubilee Committee, dated June 5.

Heard a report from the Rev. Sam Rodman about 2014 mission hub applications and voted to approve Metrowest and North Shore sites as new mission hubs.

Heard a report from the treasurer, Jim Gammill, and voted to approve a grant agreement with Episcopal City Mission for the purpose of funding mission redevelopment at the property of the former Church of St. Luke and St. Margaret in Allston.

Voted to approve the sale of the property of the former St. David's Mission in Pepperell.

Heard an update on the 2015 budget process to date.

Heard an update about the Use of Proceeds Fund applications which were reviewed by the Executive Committee on June 12, and decided to postpone all application decisions until September. All materials and information can be found here: www.diomass.org/funding-church-property-sale-proceeds.

Heard a Boston Harbor Deanery report from the Rev. Tom Mousin.

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

Heard an update about plans for the Sept. 13 consecration of the new bishop.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-3 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: [minister for Christian formation](#) at St. Peter's Church in Weston; [minister of music](#) at St. Paul's Church in Bedford; [minister of music](#) at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge; [communications assistant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [youth minister](#) at St. Michael's Church in Holliston; [Sunday school director](#) at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill; [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; [administrative assistant](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; and [organist-choirmaster](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough.

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
SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

SWANSEA, Christ Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

MARSHFIELD, Trinity Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

BOSTON, The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul
(contact priestsearch@thecrossing.org)
WESTWOOD, St. John's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

AMESBURY, St. James's Church
HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church
NEEDHAM, Christ 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. Christopher J. Fike, Priest-in-Charge of St. Elizabeth's Church in Wilmington.
The Rev. Rachael Pettengill-Rasure, Deacon-in-Charge of the Church of Our Saviour in Milton.
The Rev. Dr. Regina L. Walton, Rector of Grace Church in Newton, beginning Aug. 18.

NEXT fyi:

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