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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
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All are welcome at new bishop's ordination and consecration on Sept. 13

Register for tickets by Aug. 15

Youth groups invited to participate in consecration

Clergy: RSVP by Sept. 3 for presiding bishop's gathering

Sept. 5 is deadline for Diocesan Convention materials

October forums set for pre-Convention preparation

Everyone's prayer and presence are invited for the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Alan M. Gates as the 16th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, to take place on *Saturday, Sept. 13* at Boston University's Agganis Arena (925 Commonwealth Avenue) in Boston, with processions beginning at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow the service.

Everyone who plans to attend (including participants and volunteers) must register for a free ticket by Aug. 15. Please [register for tickets online by clicking on this link](#). 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.

Additional details and updates will be posted on the [consecration event page at www.diomass.org](#) as they become available.

Diocesan youth groups have been invited to play a special role in the ordination and consecration service on Sept. 13. The Office of Youth Ministry needs to hear by Aug. 10 from those interested in participating, and asks congregations to recruit young people and join others from across the diocese in helping to launch the ministry of the diocese's new bishop.

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

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. [RSVP here](#) no later than Wednesday, Sept. 3.

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

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

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the proposed budget. Forums will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *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;
- *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).

October Confirmation service open to all

There will be a diocesanwide 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 no later than *Friday, Sept. 12.***

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

Youth leaders: DYC & YLA application deadlines approach

Applications for the 2014-2015 Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) and Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) are now available at www.diomassyouth.org/resources.htm. **DYC applications are due *Wednesday, Sept. 3* and YLA applications are due *Tuesday, Sept. 16.***

Young people entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to apply for DYC, which represents the youth of the diocese with voice and vote at Diocesan Convention and serves the youth of the diocese by planning and running diocesan youth events. YLA is a leadership training and spiritual formation program for young people entering 9th or 10th grade. Through YLA, each participant creates and leads a self-chosen project to connect her or his home parish and the wider community.

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

2014-2015 youth ministry offerings announced

The **Office of Youth Ministry has published its calendar of offerings for the coming year**, available at www.diomassyouth.org/upcomingevents.htm. Included are the seasonal favorites such as the pre-Confirmation and other retreats and regional gatherings. Also announced were new offerings, including a Jan. 17, 2015, gathering co-hosted by the Office of Youth Ministry and Hispanic Ministries, a Good Friday overnight for youth and a new series, "Talking Shop," for paid and volunteer youth ministers, youth leaders, mentors and other youth workers.

Church leaders are encouraged to share these calendars with others in the congregation as they plan their own youth programs for the coming year.

NOTES:

- **Creation Care Season is approaching:** Watch for a link to events and resources for the 2014 season, starting on St. Francis of Assisi Day, Oct. 4, and running through the end of November. The newly formed diocesan Creation Care Task Force, whose mission is to facilitate the response of congregations to the creation care resolutions passed by the 2013 Diocesan Convention, will be planning events for the season.

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

- The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Health has a **subcommittee devoted to full inclusion of people with developmental disability**, and it **is seeking input** from the wider church via an online survey, available [here](#). The survey is open through Aug. 17.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Stannard Baker, Subcommittee on Full Inclusion (stannard.baker@btrpsychotherapy.com).

- The Episcopal Church's **Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop** continues its work in preparation for the election of the next presiding bishop at General Convention next summer. The committee **has published three essays designed to begin a discussion about the election** (click on links to access essays): one on the [timeline and steps in the election process](#); another on the [current role and responsibilities of the presiding bishop](#); and a third on the [evolving role of the presiding bishop and the changing selection process](#).

Questions or comments about the essays or the work of the Joint Nominating Committee may be sent to the committee at pbnominatingcommittee@gmail.com.

- The Episcopal Church's **clergy disciplinary canons (Title IV)** stipulate that each diocese provide for and publicize methods and means of reporting information concerning offenses.

Under Title IV all matters are reported to an intake officer, initiating a process toward resolution through pastoral care; mediation; an agreement with the bishop; an investigation that may lead to a hearing; or any combination of these. Anyone may contact the diocesan intake officer to report concerns about the behavior of a member of the clergy (bishops, priests, deacons).

The intake officer for the Diocese of Massachusetts is the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary (617-482-4826, ext. 402 or mallyl@diomass.org). An overview of Title IV and links to the canons, training materials and a summary of standards of conduct are available at www.diomass.org [here](#) (or see "Clergy Disciplinary Process" under "Resources for Congregations & Clergy").

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- Come to the **Stewardship Workshop** on *Saturday, Sept. 6* 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.

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. Find more information and **register online [here](#)**.

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

- There are three upcoming group **Safe Church Training** events:
 - *Saturday, Aug. 23* at St. Peter's Church in Osterville;
 - *Saturday, Sept. 20* at Epiphany Church in Walpole; and
 - *Saturday, Oct. 25* at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton.
 Registration can be done online [here](#).

Would your congregation like to host a Safe Church Training? Planning for the 2015 schedule is underway. Hosting makes it convenient for a congregation's 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/TO BECOME A HOST SITE: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).

- A **Godly Play core training** will be hosted at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford, *Sept. 19-21* (Friday 3-9 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.). Early registration fee for those received four or more weeks prior to the training is \$295; standard registration is \$365 (dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday and Sunday is included). Register online [here](#) or visit www.godlyplayfoundation.org for more information; e-mail registration@godlyplayfoundation.org for registration assistance.

- Save The Date: **"The Church's One Foundation" Building Workshop** will be held on *Saturday, Oct. 18* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston. This half-day workshop will cover a wide range of building issues, from "greening" your church for both environmental and financial benefits, to the basics of buildings and grounds upkeep, building safety and accessibility. Registration information will be available soon, [here](#).

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

GRANTS & LOANS:

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

- The **2014 Mission Tithe Council Grant** guidelines and applications for up to \$25,000 are now available [here](#). Applications are due Sept. 15; the recipient will be announced at the Diocesan Convention in November. Please note that the application has changed from last year, and only the 2014 version will be accepted. Applications must be sent as an e-mail attachment to lwalta@diomass.org.

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

- Applications are being accepted monthly for **Mission Tithe Matching Grants**, and there are new, separate applications available for youth mission trips and second-year grants for work with continuing mission partners. New concept papers and applications from congregations with previously approved concepts are due Aug. 15, and on a rolling basis by the 15th of each month thereafter. Staff assistance with congregational discernment and document preparation is available, and all application materials are available [here](#).

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

- Applications for 2014 **Deanery (Sending Serving and House of Mercy) Grants** are available [here](#). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis following approval at deanery assemblies, but no later than Oct. 15. Submit applications to deanerygrants@diomass.org.

- This fall, there will be a **second round of applications for Congregational Development Grants**, due Oct. 1 via e-mail to cdgrants@diomass.org. The application will be the same as the spring application; congregations that applied in the first round are not eligible to apply again. Decisions will be communicated in mid-November. Read more and download the application [here](#).

- **Green Loans** are a new program in 2014 and make available low-interest loans of up to \$100,000 to enable congregations to make energy-efficient changes to their buildings. The program is administered by the Diocesan Loan Committee in coordination with 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).

The MARKETPLACE:

Several items from a recently closed church are in need of a new home: an altar, a baptismal font, a Baldwin electric organ (in fair condition but needing work) and a Corelle dish service for 100.

FOR INFORMATION: Steve Pierce, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 501 or spierce@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy.*
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:
[executive assistant to the diocesan bishop](#); [children/youth minister](#) at Christ Church in Andover; [youth leader](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Marblehead; [youth ministry coordinator](#) for St. Anne's Church and St. John's Church in Lowell; [minister for Christian formation](#) at Grace Church in Newton; [director](#) of the Plymouth, Cape and Islands Mission Hub; three positions, [communications manager](#), [minister for welcome and growth](#) and [youth minister](#), at Trinity Church in Boston; [director of children and youth](#) at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset; two positions, [music director](#) and [director of children's formation](#), at Christ Church in Waltham; [parish administrator](#) at St. David's Church in South Yarmouth; [minister of Christian formation](#) at St. Peter's Church in Weston; and [minister of music](#) at St. Paul's Church in Bedford.

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:

DEDHAM, St. Paul's Church
 LYNNFIELD, St. Paul's Church
 SANDWICH, St. John's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

NANTUCKET, St. Paul's Church
 SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church
 SWANSEA, Christ Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

JAMAICA PLAIN, St. John's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

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

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

AMESBURY, St. James's Church
 HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Nicholas M. Morris-Kliment has been called as rector of Christ Church in Needham.

NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Sept. 3 issue is **Wednesday, Aug. 29 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.