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Diocese prepares for new bishop's consecration

Bishop Lane to serve as chief consecrator

**Still need a ticket?
Tickets available for pick-up
Sept. 8-10**

**Live Webcast: Check
www.diomass.org for link**

**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. Seating begins at 9:30 a.m., with processions beginning at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow the service.

The diocese will welcome, with gratitude, the Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane, Bishop of Maine and President of Province I of the Episcopal Church, as chief consecrator. He will take the place of Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, who will not be able to attend because of a family memorial. Bishop Jefferts Schori will be present as planned for the clergy gathering on Sept. 12 at Emmanuel Church in Boston.

Everyone attending the consecration service must have a ticket. Tickets ordered online were mailed on Aug. 28. **Remaining tickets will be available for pick-up** at the reception desk at the diocesan offices at 138 Tremont Street in Boston **on Sept. 8, 9 and 10, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.** Any remaining tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at a will-call table at Agganis Arena on the morning of the consecration.

A **live Webcast** of the consecration service will be available via www.diomass.org for those who are not able to attend in person. A link will be provided on the consecration event page, [here](#), where additional details are posted.

Friday, Sept. 5 is the deadline for submission of all Diocesan Convention resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed constitutional and canonical amendments and committee reports. 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.

Pre-Diocesan Convention forums in October offer an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention. 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).

**Regional youth events
set to “RE-IGNITE”
program year**

Online registration for RE-IGNITION, the first offering of the new program year from the Office of Youth Ministry, is now up and ready, [here](#). This activity-oriented youth event is meant to help jump-start the program year with middle and high-school-aged youth groups. Geared to get young people comfortable with each other and their adult mentors, and as a chance for adult mentors to get reacquainted with their groups, the gatherings will include games, dinner and worship. RE-IGNITION will be offered at three locations, each from 3 to 7 p.m., on:

- *Saturday, Sept 27* at All Saints’ Church of the North Shore (46 Cherry Street) in Danvers;
- *Saturday, Oct. 18* at St. Andrew’s Church (17 Church Street) in Hanover; and
- *Saturday, Oct. 25* at St. Mary’s Church (258 Concord Street) in Newton Lower Falls.

A registration fee of \$5 per participant is requested, but cost should not be a barrier and financial assistance is available.

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.

**Cederholm Cottage now
open to clergy on retreat**

The new Cederholm Retreat Cottage at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is now available for booking by members of the clergy. The cottage may be reserved by clergy or clergy spouses, up to one year in advance, for one to a maximum of seven nights, with occupancy limited to two overnight guests. Until July 31, 2015, there will be no formal charge to diocesan clergy for use of the cottage for retreat time; retreatants are invited to make a freewill offering to defray costs. Dining hall meals may be added at the standard rate. At its May 2015 meeting, the camp and conference center board will establish a reasonable fee schedule to take effect Aug. 1, 2015, based on what it learns from the first year of usage.

FOR INFORMATION/RESERVATIONS: Jennifer Boyd, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603-547-3400 or jennifer@bchcenter.org).

**Disaster preparedness
guidelines available**

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, and Episcopal Relief & Development has prepared reproducible hand-outs for congregational leadership groups ([here](#)) and for families and individuals ([here](#)) that share information on how to access preparedness guides. Local contacts for parish preparedness and planning are listed below.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Jane Bearden (978-372-4244 or janebbearden@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Jordan (jjjordan1@aol.com).

NOTES:

- Episcopal Divinity School (99 Brattle Street) in Cambridge will celebrate the **matriculation of incoming students** on *Monday, Sept. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*, in St. John's Memorial Chapel on campus. The bishop-elect of the diocese, the Rev. Alan M. Gates, will deliver the matriculation address. A reception at the Deanery will immediately follow the service. RSVP online [here](#).

 - **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).

 - **“People’s Climate March” on Sunday, Sept. 21 in New York City:** Anyone interested in going with a group of people from Episcopal dioceses across New England may contact Esther Powell (as below) to get information about travel, what to bring, and where and when to gather prior to and after the march. Organizers in the diocese hope to have a group from the Diocese of Massachusetts join sister and brother Episcopalians and other faith-based groups.
FOR INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).

 - The chaplains to **retired diocesan clergy, spouses and surviving spouses** will host **two fall luncheons:** *Tuesday, Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth and *Thursday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston. The diocese's new bishop, Alan M. Gates, will be the honored guest. Registration information will be included in the fall issue of the retired clergy newsletter, “Now What?”
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Marshall Hunt and The Rev. Victoria Hunt (508-237-4130).

 - Women from the Episcopal dioceses of New England (Province I) are welcome to attend the **Episcopal Church Women Province I annual meeting**, featuring the Rev. Canon Linda Grenz as keynote speaker on the topic of “Empowering Women.” The meeting takes place on *Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at St. George's Church (407 York Street) in York Harbor, Me.
FOR INFORMATION: Barbi Tinder, Diocese of Maine (b5tinder@gmail.com).
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- The Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop has issued its **“Call for Discernment and Profile” for the election of the 27th presiding bishop** of the Episcopal Church. The document is available [here](#) (and in Spanish [here](#)). Any member of the Episcopal Church may submit a bishop’s name to the committee by Sept. 30 using the procedure explained in the Call for Discernment and Profile. The committee will inform bishops whose names have been presented and advise them that if they wish to engage the discernment process, they must submit their materials, as specified in the Call for Discernment and Profile, between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31. The committee will announce its nominees in early May 2015.

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. 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](#).

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

- Upcoming group **Safe Church Training** events are scheduled on the following *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*:
 - *Sept. 20* at Epiphany Church (62 Front Street) in Walpole; and
 - *Oct. 25* at the Church of the Good Shepherd (164 Newtown Road) in Acton.

Registration can be done online [here](#).

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

- A **Sustainable House of Worship (SHOW) Workshop** will be offered on *Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at St. Peter’s Church (165 Main Street) in Buzzards Bay. Attending a SHOW is required of at least two members of a congregation in order to obtain a diocesan “green” grant or loan. Register online [here](#).

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

- The Diocesan Altar Guild is presenting **“Fall Flower Arranging”** on *Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9:30 a.m.* at St. Stephen’s Church (16 Highland Avenue) in Cohasset. Chris England of Hartstone Flower, Inc. of Weymouth will demonstrate how to arrange flowers in difficult vases or for odd-shaped sanctuary spaces. Registration information is available [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Grondin, Diocesan Altar Guild (781-335-2198 or dmgrondin@comcast.net).

- **“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. The diocese’s new bishop, Alan M. Gates, will give the opening address. Free registration is requested and can be done online [here](#).

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

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on these upcoming *Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.:*

- *Oct. 25* at the Church of the Good Shepherd (9 Russell Avenue) in Watertown; and

- *Nov. 22* at St. Mary’s Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable. This course meets the training portion of the requirements for licensing as a Eucharistic Visitor. Registration information is available online [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508-746-3805 or conmel@aol.com).

- 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* (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 will be primarily focused on finance.

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

GRANTS & LOANS:

- Clergy who intend to take a sabbatical leave in 2015 are invited to apply for a **diocesan clergy sabbatical grant**. Eligible to apply are all clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Massachusetts who have been in active, ordained ministry for a minimum of eight years (in their current congregation for a minimum of five years), or interim clergy who will take sabbatical leave between calls and who have served as an interim for a total of at least five years since a prior sabbatical. Clergy who are interested in engaging in a process of communal, collegial discernment, whose congregation is also willing to engage in such a process and who are not able to fund fully a sabbatical together are invited to apply. More information and the application forms can be found [here](#). The application deadline is Oct. 1.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Michael Hodges (978-475-0529 or mhodges@christchurchandover.org).

- 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. Concept papers and applications from congregations with previously approved concepts are due Sept. 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).

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](#); [organist](#) at the Church of Our Saviour in Middleborough; [organist](#) at St. Luke's Church in Hudson; [Sunday school coordinator](#) at the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth; [event sexton](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [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; [communications manager](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; 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; [minister of music](#) at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge; [youth minister](#) at St. Michael's Church in Holliston; and [Sunday school director](#) at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill.

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

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

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

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

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

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

None at this time.

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Sarah D. Kelb has been appointed as the priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Church in North Andover.
The Rev. Christen Mills has been appointed as the curate at St. Peter's Church in Weston.
The Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole has been called to be the next rector of St. Michael's Church in Holliston.
The Rev. Sarah van Gulden has been appointed as the assistant to the rector at St. Stephen's Memorial Church in Lynn.
The Rev. Harry Walton has been appointed as the deacon/priest-in-charge of Trinity Church in Stoughton.

NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Oct. 1 issue is **Wednesday, Sept. 24 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.