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**Diocesan Convention is
Nov. 8 in Lynn**

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

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. Materials and registration information will be sent to delegates and clergy on Oct. 9 and posted on the Diocesan Convention Web page, [here](#). The form for reporting substitute delegates is available on the convention page now.

Four pre-Diocesan Convention forums 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. 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 the Canon to the Ordinary* (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org).

**ECM to co-host forums
on Nov. ballot questions**

Episcopal City Mission and the Ecumenical Advocacy Coalition are hosting three forums on the statewide ballot questions. All are welcome to come hear what each question proposes, as well as discussion of the differing positions on gas tax indexing, bottle deposit expansion, extending prohibitions on gaming, and earned sick time for employees. Forums will be held, 6:30-8:30 p.m., on:

- *Oct. 14* at First Unitarian Church (90 Main Street) in Worcester;
- *Oct. 16* at St. Elizabeth's Church (1 Morse Road) in Sudbury; and
- *Oct. 22* at Old South Church (645 Boylston Street) in Boston.

Register to attend [here](#), and follow at #faithandballot.

FOR INFORMATION: *Lydia Strand, Episcopal City Mission* (617-482-4826, ext. 227 or lydia@episcopalcitymission.org).

**Diane Pound named
executive assistant to
Bishop Gates**

Diane Pound has been appointed as the executive assistant to Bishop Alan M. Gates, effective immediately. A diocesan staff member since 2006, Pound has served as administrative assistant to Bishop Bud Cederholm and Bishop Gayle E. Harris, and for the past year, to the Rev. Canon Mally Lloyd, Canon to the Ordinary.

Laura Simons, Administrator of Convention and Council, will assume Pound's duties in the Office of the Canon to the Ordinary. Diane Pound can be reached at 617-482-4826, ext. 407 or dianep@diomass.org. Laura Simons can be reached at 617-482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org.

NOTES:

- The fifth annual observance in the Diocese of Massachusetts of a **Creation Care Season** begins on St. Francis of Assisi Day, Oct. 4, and runs through the end of November. The newly formed Creation Care Task Force, whose mission is to facilitate the response of congregations to the creation care resolutions adopted by the 2013 Diocesan Convention, is planning events for the season.
FOR INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).

- RE-IGNITION, a series of activity-oriented youth events, is underway. The events are meant to help **jump-start the program year with middle and high-school-aged youth** groups and their mentors. The gatherings include games, dinner and worship. RE-IGNITION will be offered, from 3 to 7 p.m., on:

- 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. To register, see www.diomassyouth.org/upcomingevents.htm.

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

- The chaplains to retired diocesan clergy, spouses and surviving spouses will host two fall luncheons with Bishop Alan M. Gates:
 - 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.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 10.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Marshall Hunt and The Rev. Victoria Hunt (508-237-4130 or vwmwhunt@gmail.com).

- The **Phillips Brooks Club invites members** of the clergy to come by for wine and cheese and dinner, followed by a short presentation on varied church-related topics by a member of the club. The first visit as a guest is complimentary, and should there be mutual interest in membership, annual dues covering dinners are modest. Composed of clergy of varied ages, orientations and outlooks, the club meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30-9 p.m., at Trinity Church (11 Homer Street) in Newton Center, where parking is available.

FOR INFORMATION/TO RESERVE FOR DINNER: The Rev. Douglas Bond, Vice President, Phillips Brooks Club (bond@post.harvard.edu).

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- **“The Church’s One Foundation” Building Workshop** will be held on *Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*, 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. Bishop Alan M. Gates will give the opening address. Free registration is requested, [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Esther Powell, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or epowell@diomass.org).
- The **Antiracism Ministry Team’s** next training opportunity, intended as a journey of personal discernment and using materials principally taken from the Episcopal Church’s “Seeing the Face of God in Each Other” manual, will be held at Trinity Church in Boston on *Thursday, Oct. 23, 5-9 p.m.*, and *Friday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*, ending with Eucharist. Refreshments and meals are provided. There is a fee of \$40 per person, which includes training materials. Participants will receive a certificate of completion. Registration can be done online [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or kmontagno@diomass.org).
- A group **Safe Church Training** event will be offered on *Saturday, 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).
- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will take place 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. Register online [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508-746-3805 or conmel@aol.com).
- The Mission Institute will present **“Eat and Share: Next Steps in Food Ministries”** on *Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at St. Mark’s Church (75 Cold Spring Road) in Westford. “Eat and Share” is designed for churches and community groups running community meals, food banks and other direct service ministries, and will offer experiential exercises and facilitate development of concrete next steps. No experience is necessary. It is recommended that participants come with a group from their existing or new food ministry program. Cost is \$70 per person or \$140 for groups of three to five from a particular food program. Register online at www.themissioninstitute.org.

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Additionally, the Mission Institute is looking for church or deanery partners to host workshops on several topics: church Web sites; using Google online tools for collaboration and community; and fostering resiliency in the face of tragedy and oppression.

The Mission Institute is a collaboration between the Diocese of Massachusetts, Episcopal City Mission and Episcopal Divinity School. Learn more at www.themissioninstitute.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Liz Magill (regarding "Eat and Share" and Web site workshops, at lmagill@eds.edu) or Diane D'Souza (regarding online tools and resiliency workshops, at ddsouza@eds.edu).

GRANTS & LOANS:

- **Episcopal City Mission (ECM) is accepting grant proposals** through Oct. 31 for its fall round of funding to parishes. ECM Parish Grants are intended to help parishes in the work of structural change for social and economic justice in their communities. This year there is \$50,000 available to be distributed to parishes. Grant size will depend on the number of applicants, but will likely range from \$2,500 to \$15,000.

FOR INFORMATION/ TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL: Mary Beth Mills-Curran, Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 207 or marybeth@episcopalcitymission.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 Nov. 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.

- **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:**

At its Sept. 6 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a review of the proposed 2015 budget from the Budget Committee chair, the Rev. Stephen Voysey.

Voted to approve the first-year budgets for the North Shore and Metrowest mission hubs.

Voted to appoint to the Jubilee Global Mission Committee Douglas Huber and Elisabeth Keller (for one-year appointments); the Rev. Dr. Kate Cress and the Rev. Noble Scheepers (for two-year appointments); and the Rev. Thomas Brown and Lydia Strand (for three-year appointments).

Voted to approve the 2015 assessment adjustments as presented by the Assessment Coordinating Committee.

Voted that the monthly payments for the past-due assessments for Grace Church in North Attleboro be reduced from \$1,667 per month to \$735 per month, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and that the total annual payments due for past-due assessments be \$14,410 each year for calendar years 2014 and 2015.

Voted that the Diocesan Council commends the work of the Standing Committee and the subcommittees for the episcopal discernment, election and transition process, and advises the Standing Committee to conduct or oversee a thorough review of that process and keep a record of best practices.

Voted to approve housing allowances for the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates and the Rev. H. Mark Smith.

Heard an overview about the upcoming Diocesan Convention and charged itself with finding nominees for any vacant positions up for election.

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

Voted to allocate the following from the Use of Proceeds Fund: \$60,000 to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown; \$50,000 to the Church of the Holy Nativity in Weymouth; and \$100,000 for St. Stephen's Memorial Church in Lynn for the purpose of improving its physical plant.

Voted to table indefinitely the motions for Use of Proceeds Fund allocations for the former Church of St. Luke and St. Margaret property in Allston, and for St. Stephen's Church in Boston.

Voted to approve the proposed 2015 diocesan budget for recommendation to Diocesan Convention.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, Oct. 16, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy.

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Canon to the Ordinary's Office (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: [director of children's formation](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; [organist-choir director](#) at St. James's Church in Groveland; [organist](#) at the Church of Our Saviour in Middleborough; [organist](#) at St. Luke's Church in Hudson; [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; and [parish administrator](#) at St. David's Church in South Yarmouth.

**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:

DEDHAM, St. Paul's Church
DOVER, St. Dunstan'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. Suzanne Colburn begins at St. Paul's Church in Lynnfield as interim priest on Oct. 1.
The Rev. Kim Hardy begins at St. Paul's Church in Dedham as interim priest on Oct. 19.
The Rev. Pat Stelz begins at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover as interim priest on Oct. 1.

NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Nov. 5 issue is **Wednesday, Oct. 29 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.