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**Resource Day is Oct. 3:
Gather a team and get
ready to go**

After a hiatus last year, the annual diocesan Resource Day is back: *Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at Bentley University in Waltham. Gather a team from your congregation and get ready for this day of workshops in areas including youth ministry and leadership, communications strategy and social media, financial stewardship, parish life, global mission and more. Registration will be available via www.diomass.org in mid-August.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org).

**Diocesan Convention
materials due Sept. 18**

Preliminary Diocesan Convention materials were sent to delegates and clergy on June 18 and also are posted [here](#).

All resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed constitutional and canonical amendments and committee reports are due by **Friday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.** No late nominations or resolutions will be accepted after this deadline.

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**Furnishings available
as cathedral community
prepares for move**

View give-away items [here](#) or
at Aug. 8 open house

The merged community of the Church of St. John the Evangelist and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul is preparing to move in September into the newly renovated cathedral church at 138 Tremont Street in Boston. A number of religious furnishings and liturgical objects from St. John's will not be used in the refurbished space and need new homes in churches or chaplaincies that would like to have them. Many of the items significant in size and history can be viewed online [here](#). Those interested in items can also come view them in person at the second of two open houses being held for this purpose: *Saturday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at 35 Bowdoin Street in Boston. The deadline for item requests is Friday, Sept. 4. FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or elc@diomass.org).

**Registration is open for
Sept. 29 Clergy Day**

Diocesan clergy are invited to attend the annual fall Clergy Day, to be held on *Tuesday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. (Check-in begins at 8 a.m., with the program starting promptly at 9 a.m.) Cost is \$15; clergy may register online [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or dianep@diomass.org).

Gearing up for your congregation's fall financial stewardship campaign? Sign up for the free [Sept. 12 "God the Giver" workshop](#) and get help with strengthening (or starting) the congregation's annual pledge campaign. See pages 3-4 for more information on this and other upcoming training and learning opportunities.

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Pre-Diocesan Convention forums in October will 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 are scheduled to take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *Wednesday, Oct. 28* at Christ Church (14 School Street) in Medway;
- *Thursday, Oct. 29* at St. Peter's Church (165 Main Street) in Buzzards Bay;
- *Tuesday, Nov. 3* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and
- *Wednesday, Nov. 4* at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield.

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

NOTES:

- **Summer hours during August** 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 after Labor Day on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

- Applications for the 2015-2016 Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) and Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) are now available [here](#). **DYC applications are due Monday, Aug. 31** and **YLA applications are due Tuesday, Sept. 8.**

Young people entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to apply for the DYC, which represents the youth of the diocese with voice and vote at Diocesan Convention and also plans and runs diocesan youth events. The YLA is a leadership training and spiritual formation program for young people entering 9th and 10th grades. YLA participants create and lead a self-chosen project to connect their 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); www.diomassyouth.org/diocesanyouthprograms.htm.

- The diocesan **Office of Youth Ministry has published its calendar of offerings** for the coming year, available [here](#). Included are seasonal favorites such as pre-Confirmation and other retreats and a Good Friday overnight program. Additions this year include an Advent Quiet Day in partnership with the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's MANNA community, the first-ever EPISCOPAROO! Band Festival and the return of the Diocesan Acolyte Festival.

Congregation leaders are encouraged to share the calendar as they plan their own youth programs for the coming year.

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TRAINING & LEARNING:

- The Leadership Development Initiative, Life Together, Episcopal City Mission, the Mission Institute and the diocesan congregational development staff team will host the Rev. Alexia Salvatierra for a day-long training, **“This is What the Church is Made For: Embracing the Prophetic Tradition,”** to take place on *Thursday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*, at the Reggie Lewis Center at Roxbury Community College. This training is for staff, organizers and other leaders in faith-based, social justice-focused community organizations and networks, and churches with community engagement and outreach programs. Cost for the day, including breakfast and lunch, is \$25 per person. RSVP [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Isaac Martinez, Leadership Development Initiative (isaac@lditeam.org); www.leadership-development-initiative.org.

- Diocesan-sponsored **Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program training**, at St. Andrew’s Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham, will be offered on:

- *Friday, Sept. 11, 7-9 p.m.:* Introduction to J2A and
- *Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.:* J2A Basic Training (please note time change since previous announcements).

More information and online registration are available [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org).

- A diocesan-sponsored **Godly Play Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at All Saints’ Church (17 Clark Street) in Belmont. Participants from churches in the diocese attend for \$20 (\$60 for those from outside the diocese). Participants will experience a complete Godly Play session and learn best practices and the theological underpinnings of Godly Play. More information and registration are available [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org).

- “God the Giver” is the theme for The Episcopal Network for Stewardship’s (TENS) annual pledge campaign for 2015. Based on the resources of this campaign, a no-cost, half-day **workshop for lay stewardship leaders and clergy** will be offered on *Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit (525 River Street) in Mattapan. The workshop will offer Bible study and practical recommendations to strengthen (or start) a congregation’s annual pledge campaign. There will be additional guidance on making financial stewardship an integral and year-round program of spiritual and missional growth for congregations of all sizes. The workshop leader will be Richard Felton, the executive director of TENS. More information and online registration are available [here](#).

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The Diocese of Massachusetts is a diocesan member of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, allowing congregations of the diocese access to the full array of TENS online resources. To view the “God the Giver Series” go to www.tens.org/resources/member-resources and enter (all lowercase) username: *living*; password: *generously*.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org) or Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or lmatt@diomass.org).

- **Safe Church Training** events will be offered on three upcoming **Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: Sept. 19** at St. Andrew’s Church (135 Lafayette Street) in Marblehead, **Sept. 26**, for both English and Spanish speakers, at St. Luke’s-San Lucas Church (201 Washington Avenue) in Chelsea and **Oct. 17** at St. Thomas’s Church (111 High Street) in Taunton. Each of these six-hour training sessions is designed for clergy, lay leaders and diocesan and church employees to increase awareness of sexual misconduct and abuse of power, outline steps toward preventing abuse, offer ways to intervene and equip anyone in a position of leadership with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ. More information and online registration links are available [here](#).

Any **congregation interested in hosting** a Safe Church Training is invited to contact Amy Cook, as below.

FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org).

- The community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston (Roman Catholic) offers a **Spiritual Direction Internship Initiative**, a program that provides training for women and men, lay and ordained, of all denominations who are discerning a call to the ministry of spiritual direction. Applications are being accepted until Aug. 25, with orientation and classes to begin in early September. Application information is available [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Joan McCarthy, CSJ (617-680-6815 or jmccsj@aol.com); www.csjretreatcenter.org.

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Eucharistic visitors are lay people who have been trained and licensed to give the Holy Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church services. Online registration is available [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, volunteer coordinator (508-367-0516 or conmel@aol.com).

GRANTS & LOANS:

- The severe winter weather of early 2015 caused financial hardship for many congregations. To assist them, **one-time winter expense grants** of up to a maximum of \$500 per congregation are available. To qualify, a congregation will have incurred additional expenses (such as snow removal or storm damage repair) that exceed 15 percent of the amount budgeted for the 2015 winter period, and that can be attributed to the storms that occurred in January through March of 2015. Grants are for costs not covered by insurance.

Congregations are asked to submit a written request, using the form provided [here](#). The request should also include documentation, such as invoice copies or financial reports, that indicates the overage amount. **All requests should be submitted by Sept. 15.** Grants will be disbursed in mid-October.

FOR INFORMATION: Dana Courtney, Treasurer's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 553 or dcourtney@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at St. Andrew's Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham.

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 director](#) of Episcopal City Mission; [life success coach](#) at the Trinity Boston Foundation; [interim director of Christian education](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Waban; [youth coordinator](#) for the Church of Our Saviour and St. Michael's Church in Milton; [youth ministry administrator](#) for the Diocese of Massachusetts; [church school director](#) at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham; [choir director and organist/minister of music](#) at St. John's Church in Beverly Farms; [director of development](#) at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; [parish administrator](#) at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover; [youth minister](#) at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury; [director of stewardship](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [director of children and youth education](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough; [Safe Church coordinator](#) for the Diocese of Massachusetts; [director of Christian education](#) at St. Thomas's Church in Taunton; [minister of music](#) at All Saints' Church of the North Shore in Danvers; and [interim organist](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston.

CLERGY 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:

None at this time.

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

None at this time.

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church
WESTON, St. Peter's Church (pilot search project)

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

NORTH BILLERICA, St. Anne's Church
SANDWICH, St. John's Church
WABAN, Church of the Good Shepherd

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

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

OTHER POSITIONS OPEN TO CLERGY:

NEW BEDFORD, Grace Church: [Curate](#).

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Edward Cardoza has been appointed deacon/priest-in-charge of St. Mark's Church in Foxborough starting in August.
The Rev. Ted Cole Jr. has been called as rector of St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain starting Aug. 3.
The Rev. Aileen E. DiBenedetto has been called as curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton starting July 1.
The Rev. Catherine Healy has been called as assistant rector at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley starting Aug. 1.
The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer has been called as associate rector at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley starting Aug. 1.
The Rev. N. DeLiza Spangler has been called as assistant priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans starting July 1.

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Sept. 2 issue is the previous **Wednesday, Aug. 26, at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.