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

Registration is now open online, [here](#), for Resource Day on *Saturday, Oct. 3, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.*, at Bentley University in Waltham (please note time change since previous announcements).

Resource Day is designed to give congregations a variety of hands-on tools, practical helps and networking support for joining God's mission in the world. Gather a team and get ready for this day of workshops in areas including youth ministry and leadership, communications strategy and social media, financial stewardship, mission, parish life and more.

The full roster of workshops and online registration are available [here](#).

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

**Diocesan Convention
materials due Sept. 18**

The newly renovated Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will be rededicated and Bishop Alan M. Gates will be officially seated during a service of Holy Eucharist on *Friday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.* A full day of regular Diocesan Convention business will follow on *Saturday, Nov. 14.*

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.

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:

- Registration closes on Sept. 22 for 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).

- Bishop Alan M. Gates will preside at the **deanery Confirmation service** to be held on *Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m.*, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist (35 Bowdoin Street) in Boston. Those who would like to participate and have candidates to be confirmed or received should contact the Office of the Bishop or the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (dianep@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 407) or Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or elc@diomass.org).

- 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.

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.

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- Join Bishop Alan M. Gates and Bishop Bud Cederholm at **"Gospel Hope and the Climate Crisis: A Workshop for Preachers,"** an ecumenical, hands-on workshop designed for members of both the clergy and laity who would like to discuss the links between climate, poverty and other justice issues within the context of theology, and learn how to preach vibrant, faith-filled sermons about climate change.

The workshop takes place on *Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham. It is organized by New England Regional Environmental Ministries to support **"A New Awakening"**—an ecumenical season of prophetic climate witness from St. Francis Day (Oct. 4, 2015) through Transfiguration Sunday (Feb. 7, 2016).

Click [here](#) to register for the workshop.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or kmontagno@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](#).

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.

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- **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.

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JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [administrative assistant for congregational development](#), a position on the diocesan staff; three positions, [receptionist](#), [Web specialist](#) and [director of stewardship](#), at Trinity Church in Boston; [administrative assistant](#) at the Trinity Boston Counseling Center; [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; [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; and [director of children and youth education](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough.

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:

None at this time.

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

DOVER, St. Dunstan's Church
 LYNNFIELD, St. Paul's Church
 NORTH BILLERICA, St. Anne's Church
 SANDWICH, St. John's Church
 WABAN, Church of the Good Shepherd
 WESTON, St. Peter's Church (pilot search project)

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

DEDHAM, St. Paul's Church

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Sarah Conner has been appointed interim priest at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Waban starting Sept. 8.
 The Rev. Alan Hesse has been called as rector of Christ Church in Swansea starting Sept. 20.
 The Rev. Diane Wong has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. John's Church in Arlington starting Aug. 19.
 The Rev. Colette Bachand Wood has been called as rector of All Saints' Church in Whitman.
 The Rev. Andrea Wyatt has been called as curate at Grace Church in New Bedford starting Sept. 25.

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Oct. 7 issue is the previous **Wednesday, Sept. 30, at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.