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**Cathedral to host
Thank-You Open House
on Nov. 7**

The newly renovated Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host a Thank-You Open House on *Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*, in gratitude for the diocesan community's financial and prayerful support of the renovations. The open house will be an occasion to see and enjoy the renovated space before its official rededication on Nov. 13. Everyone is invited to come and make a rubbing of their parish's engraved floor tile, take photos, walk the new labyrinth and celebrate with one another.

Read and share the welcome home message from Bishop Alan M. Gates and Dean Jep Streit, available [here](#).

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

**Cathedral rededication
and bishop's seating
open Diocesan Conven-
tion weekend**

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.* This is a public service, and all are welcome. Seating for the congregation will be first come, first served, with some overflow seating available in the church's lower-level Sproat Hall. A reception will follow the service.

There will be a live webcast of the service. As soon as the link is available, it will be posted on the Diocesan Convention page at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2015.

A full day of regular Diocesan Convention business will follow on *Saturday, Nov. 14*. Online registration for Diocesan Convention is open through Nov. 9, [here](#). Visit www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2015 for materials and complete information.

The fourth and final pre-convention forum takes place *Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7-9 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield—an opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget.

Delegate changes should be reported by *Friday, Nov. 6* by completing the substitute delegate form, available [here](#). After that date, the alternate must bring to the convention the substitute delegate form, or a letter stating the alternate's name and address and the name of the delegate being replaced, indicating whether this is a permanent replacement or for this convention only. This letter must be signed by a warden or the clerk of the vestry. Without written documentation, the delegate must wait for the convention's approval to be allowed seat, voice and vote.

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

**Watch live webcast of Nov. 13
service via www.diomass.org**

**Convention registration is
open online through Nov. 9**

**Last of pre-convention
forums: Nov. 4 in Topsfield**

**Report delegate changes by
Nov. 6**

**Schedule of priesthood
ordination services
announced**

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are requested for these upcoming services of ordination to the priesthood:

- The Rev. Edward Cardoza on *Friday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.*, at St. Mark's Church (116 South Street) in Foxborough;
- The Rev. Stephen McCarthy on *Saturday, Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Ala.;
- The Rev. Andrea Wyatt on *Saturday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m.*, at Grace Church (422 County Street) in New Bedford;
- The Rev. Charlotte LaForest on *Tuesday, Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.*, at St. John's Church in Essex, Conn.;
- The Rev. Noah Van Niel on *Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.*, at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist (172 Main Street) in Hingham;
- The Rev. Matthew Lindeman on *Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m.*, at Trinity Church in Southport, Conn.;
- The Rev. Michael Bousquet on *Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, 6 p.m.*, at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable;
- The Rev. Yolanda Rolle on *Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, 10 a.m.*, at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.;
- The Rev. Eric Litman on *Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, 11 a.m.*, at St. James's Church (1991 Massachusetts Avenue) in Cambridge;
- The Rev. Aileen DiBenedetto on *Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, 10 a.m.*, at the Church of the Good Shepherd (164 Newtown Road) in Acton; and
- The Rev. Catherine Healy (on behalf of the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hanley of the Diocese of Oregon) on *Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, 10:30 a.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (79 Denton Road) in Wellesley.

Bishop Alan M. Gates [announced in October](#) that, beginning this winter, priests will be ordained individually in the parishes to which they have been called, rather than at one ordination service in January, which has been the recent diocesan practice. Ordinations to the diaconate, both transitional and vocational, will continue to take place in a single service at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Contact the church hosting the ordination or the Rev. Canon Edie Dolnikowski, Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 514 or edie@diomass.org).

CHURCHWIDE:

- “God has not given up on the world. And God is not finished with the Episcopal Church yet,” the new presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, proclaimed in his installation sermon on Nov. 1 at Washington National Cathedral.

Video of the Nov. 1 installation is available online [here](#), along with additional Episcopal News Service coverage and photos, [here](#).

● **Compassionate response to refugee crisis:** “The refugee and the stranger in our midst bears the image of God, bears an image of God we may not have met before. We are meant to be our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, and they have gifts to give us which we haven’t discovered yet,” former presiding bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori says of the ongoing global refugee crisis, in this Oct. 26 Episcopal News Service [video](#). The most recent updates from Episcopal Relief & Development about its response to the refugee crisis, as well as ways to donate, are available [here](#). Additionally, [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#), the Episcopal Church’s refugee resettlement service, works with local resettlement partners, congregations and individual volunteers to welcome refugees to the United States from the world’s most war-torn places.

● Applications are now available for 2016-2017 placements in the **Young Adult Service Corps**, commonly known as YASC. Currently YASC missionaries are serving throughout the Anglican Communion and in several international dioceses of the Episcopal Church. They are working in administration, agriculture, chaplaincies, development and education, and in parish-based and refugee ministries. Application information is available [here](#). The application deadline is *Friday, Jan. 8, 2016*.

Upcoming youth ministry events:

● It’s time to register for the **2015 Middle School Retreat**, *Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Led by the Diocesan Youth Council, the weekend features small group workshops, indoor and outdoor games, worship to get everyone moving and thinking, music by the band Fever Fever and some much-needed time away from the rush of everyday routines in order to pay more attention to the Spirit of God. Scholarship support is available, as is bus transportation. Registration closes when capacity is reached or on Nov. 15. Register online [here](#).

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

● **“Advent Quiet Day: Breathe. Light. Voice.”** is presented by the Office of Youth Ministry in partnership with MANNA and the Black Seed Writers Group. On *Saturday Dec. 12, 3-7 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, youth and youth ministry volunteers and staff are invited to enter into the spirit of Advent through workshops on contemplative prayer, meditation and creative writing, led by MANNA community members. A shared meal and open mic session will provide opportunities for participants to share their reflections on light in the season of darkness. There is a registration fee of \$5 per participant (register online [here](#)); contact the Office of Youth Ministry if cost is an issue.

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TRAINING & LEARNING:

- **“Becoming the Story We Tell”** is a resource developed by the Anglican Church of Canada to help parishes bring alive the story told through Lent, the Triduum and Easter and let it transform lives. It draws on the lectionary, the baptismal covenant and catechumenal rites, and can be adapted to a congregation or chaplaincy for adult formation, adult preparation for Baptism and Confirmation, mid-week small group ministry and preaching.

On *Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, the Church of the Good Shepherd (9 Russell Avenue) in Watertown will host an introduction to this material, designed to help participants discern whether and how to use it in their congregation or chaplaincy. The Rev. Philip Carr-Jones, Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lebanon, N.J., will guide the day. The cost is \$20 per person. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Amy McCreath, Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown (617-924-9420 or aemccreath@gmail.com).*

- The [Leadership Development Initiative](#) will present **“Discerning a Collective Call to Action”** on *Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, where potential teams will gather to discern urgent needs in their community and where they feel called to act, and to practice their public narrative and one-to-one skills. Breakfast, lunch and materials are provided. Register online [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: Isaac Martinez, Leadership Development Initiative (isaac@lditeam.org).*

- **“Preparing for the Prince of Peace: An Advent Mission Discernment Day”**: Join Episcopal City Mission on *Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, at St. Stephen’s Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn for an Advent day of contemplative reflection about the coming of Jesus into the world and how it relates to the work of justice. Register online [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: Mary Beth Mills-Curran, Episcopal City Mission (617-482-4826, ext. 207 or marybeth@episcopalcitymission.org).*

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid** is a training for youth workers offered *Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.*, at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford. Presented by the Office of Youth Ministry in partnership with Grace Church, this course enables adults who work with youth to identify risk factors and warning signs in teens, and offer assistance to young people experiencing mental health, substance abuse and other crises. Before youth workers can know how to help, they have to learn when to help. The course is open to all youth workers from across the diocese, but space is limited. Register online [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).*

***DIOCESAN COUNCIL
ACTIONS:***

At its Oct. 22 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a report from the chair of the Audit Committee, John Woodward, and voted to accept the audit of the 2014 financial statements as prepared by McGladrey LLP.

Heard from the Very Rev. Jep Streit about the renovations to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul and resulting changes that will make the building more welcoming to all.

Heard from Bishop Gayle E. Harris about the recent bishops suffragan retreat she attended in Rome and Paris.

Heard a report from the treasurer, Jim Gammill, on a fossil fuel free investment fund identified by the Trustees of Donations in response to the 2013 Diocesan Convention resolution requesting such, and then voted to express its thanks and to approve a payment of \$35,000 to the Trustees of Donations as reimbursement for the consultant search costs incurred in the design of this alternative investment vehicle.

Voted to approve several clergy housing allowances for 2015.

Heard a report on third quarter financials and voted their acceptance.

Voted to honor and thank Jim Gammill for his service as diocesan treasurer.

Heard a report from the director of development, Lynd Matt, on future mission hub fundraising opportunities, and voted to endorse the diocesan Office of Development's presentation to Diocesan Convention on a collaborative campaign model for future mission hub fundraising, with the expectation that budget details be presented to Diocesan Council in December.

Voted to accept the recommendation for this year's Mission Tithe Council Grant award, to be announced at Diocesan Convention.

Heard a mission strategy listening process update from the canon for congregations, the Rev. Canon Libby Berman.

Heard an update about Diocesan Convention and a reminder about the upcoming pre-convention forums.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, Dec. 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.*

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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: [sexton](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; three positions on the diocesan staff: [gifts processor](#), [grants administrator](#) and [senior consultant for congregational development](#); two positions, [music director](#) and [lead musician](#), at All Saints' Church of the North Shore in Danvers; [development associate](#) at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; [parish administrator](#) at St. Mark's Church in Foxborough; [community youth organizer](#) at St. Paul's Church in Newburyport; [parish administrator](#) at St. Luke's Church in Hudson; ; [church administrator](#) at Grace Church in Newton; [director of children and youth](#) at St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset; two positions, [receptionist](#), and [Web specialist](#), at Trinity Church in Boston; and [administrative assistant](#) at the Trinity Boston Counseling Center.

CLERGY 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:

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
SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

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)

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Robert Bacon has been called as rector of St. Paul's Church in Lynnfield starting Nov. 6.
The Rev. Evan Thayer has been called as rector of the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin in Boston, where he has been serving as priest-in-charge.
The Rev. Colette Wood has been called as rector of All Saints' Church in Whitman, where she has been serving as priest-in-charge.

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadlines for the December and January issues are earlier than usual because of the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day holidays: **The deadline for the Dec. 2 issue is Wednesday, Nov. 18 at noon. The deadline for the Jan. 6, 2016, issue is Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon.** E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.