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**Gather a team &
get ready to go:
Resource Day is Oct. 1**

Register online [here](#) for the annual diocesan Resource Day, *Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at Faith Community Church in Hopkinton. Gather a team from your congregation and get ready for this day of workshops on youth ministry, pastoral care, leadership, worship, social media strategies, financial stewardship, global mission and more. Buses will be available, as needed, from downtown Boston, the South Coast and the North Shore; sign up by Sept. 19 to reserve a bus seat. Find the full schedule and more information [here](#).

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

**Diocesan Convention
forums coming up in
October**

Call for musicians:

Delegates and clergy who play instruments are invited to enhance the worship music offerings at Diocesan Convention this year. To participate, contact Ethel Crawford by Sept. 28 (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or cathedral@diomass.org).

The 231st annual Diocesan Convention will take place *Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5* at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield. Preliminary materials and information are posted [here](#).

Pre-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 will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *Wednesday, Oct. 19* at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield;
- *Thursday, Oct. 20* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston;
- *Tuesday, Oct. 25* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth; and
- *Wednesday, Oct. 26* 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).

**Join MA bishops for
pre-election walk-and-
talk event**

Episcopalians of all ages are invited to join Bishop Alan M. Gates of the Diocese of Massachusetts and Bishop Douglas J. Fisher of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts on *Saturday, Oct. 22* as they walk a stretch of both dioceses together, from Northborough to Southborough, and then join for a pre-election discussion program with young people about their concerns and hopes for the world. Youth from both dioceses are especially invited, but this special joint event is open to all.

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Diocesan clergy are invited to attend the **annual fall Clergy Day, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston.** Register online [here](#). Questions may be directed to Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or dpound@diomass.org).

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The schedule for the walk-and-talk event will be:

- 12 p.m.: Midday prayers and walk beginning at the Church of the Nativity (45 Howard Street) in Northborough;
- 3:30 p.m. (approximate): Walkers' arrival at St. Mark's Church (27 Main Street) in Southborough—pizza will be waiting;
- 4:30 p.m.: Discussion program with bishops and young people;
- 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer.

This is a rain-or-shine event. There is no cost to participate, but advance online registration is requested to help organizers plan appropriately for the day. **Register online [here](#).**

A **guide to help youth groups prepare** for the event is available [here](#). Youth groups are encouraged to use the guide for their own local conversations regardless of participation in the Oct. 22 event.

Upcoming youth ministry events:

- The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry thanks the diocesan community for its **outpouring of support for the Youth Leadership Academy's mission trip** to Arizona and Mexico last month. The comments posted in response to daily blog posts and personal reflection pages helped these young leaders from Massachusetts to feel and embody the bridges they were creating between their home communities and the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. Read a summary of participant reflections [here](#).

- Registration is now open for the **2016 Middle School Retreat weekend**, *Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20* 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 a live band and some much-needed time away from the rush of everyday routines in order to pay more attention to the Spirit of God in our lives. Scholarship support is available, as is bus transportation. Registration closes when capacity is reached, or on Nov. 13. Register [here](#).

- The Office of Youth Ministry has published its **calendar of offerings for the coming year**, available [here](#). It includes perennial favorites such as middle school, high school and pre-Confirmation retreats, as well the Good Friday overnight. The 2016-2017 schedule also includes several special events: a [pre-election youth summit](#) held in partnership with the Diocese of Western Massachusetts (find the prep guide [here](#)), and a Diocesan Acolyte Festival. Parish leaders are encouraged to share this calendar with others in the congregation 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.

NOTES:

- **“Poets and Prophets from the Hood”:** Beloved Community: Episcopalians for Racial and Economic Justice will host an evening of poetry and performances from local artists who will prophesy about the brokenness of God’s body in eastern Massachusetts—broken by racism, inequity, police brutality and unaccountability—and proclaim God's dream of reconciliation with justice. The event takes place on *Saturday, Sept. 24, 6:30-9 p.m.* at St. Cyprian’s Church (1073 Tremont Street) in Roxbury. All are welcome. *FOR INFORMATION:* The Rev. Edwin Johnson (padreedwinj@gmail.com).

- The **Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry** invites the diocesan community to join for its **35th anniversary celebration**, “Honoring the Past, Serving the Present, Embracing the Future,” on *Sunday, Oct. 9*. Bishop Alan M. Gates will be the celebrant at the 12:30 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, with the Rev. Eric H.F. Law preaching. Clergy joining the procession will vest (red stole).

Following the service there will be a banquet at 3 p.m. at the China Pearl Restaurant (9 Tyler Street) in Boston, to which all are welcome. Musical entertainment will feature the ancient Chinese instrument Gu Zheng. Banquet tickets are \$40 per person (\$20 per child). RSVP for the banquet by e-mail to connienglam@diomass.org.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Connie Ng Lam, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617-482-4826, ext. 202 or connienglam@diomass.org).

- The Mission Institute, in collaboration with the Diocese of Massachusetts, is **convening a group of witnesses to travel to Atlanta** over the weekend of *Oct. 22* to join others in Georgia as they [remember and honor martyrs](#) at various lynching sites in their state. The hope is that the Massachusetts group’s travels to the South to bear witness will inspire similar creativity at home in interrogating the ways that racial history has laid a foundation that needs to be dismantled and questioned. Those interested in joining the trip or in sponsoring a traveler are invited to contact the Mission Institute.

FOR INFORMATION: Katie Ernst, Mission Institute (kernst@eds.edu).

CHURCHWIDE:

- With the support of Episcopalians churchwide, Episcopal Relief & Development continues in its **disaster relief, economic development and health care ministries**, including support for flood response efforts in the dioceses of the Gulf Coast (read more [here](#)), fire response efforts in California (read more [here](#)) and Zika virus prevention awareness (read more [here](#)). Visit www.episcopalrelief.org to learn more about Episcopal Relief & Development and how to assist in its efforts to heal a hurting world.

- **Resources for the new church program year:** The Episcopal Church's Office of Public Affairs has issued a round-up of resources and ideas for use by congregations and ministries, including evangelism, public policy, Bible studies and more. Find the list of links [here](#).

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- Registration is still open, [here](#), for the **third annual stewardship training workshop** on *Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. This no-cost, half-day workshop will offer practical guidance on the fundamentals of fall stewardship campaigns. Additionally, the training will cover the TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) 2016 annual pledge series materials.
FOR INFORMATION: Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or lmatt@diomass.org).

- **Introduction to Wisdom Christianity:** Dating back to the desert communities of Egypt and Syria and preserved for centuries in monastic traditions, the practices of contemplative prayer, sacred chant and lectio divina offer a spiritual technology by which lives can be lived in response to Jesus' call. Part of the Contemplative Practice and Wisdom Christianity series at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, this session on *Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, will be led by the Rev. Steven Bonsey. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$5 for students) and \$30 at the door (\$10 for students). Register online [here](#).

- The Boston-Cambridge Mission Hub will welcome Brothers John and Emile of the Taizé community in France on *Sunday, Sept. 25* at the MIT Chapel (50 Massachusetts Avenue) in Cambridge for an **evening of food, prayer and conversation about life in intentional community**. All are welcome.

The program will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner and informal conversation, followed by workshops at 6 p.m. on three topics (participants may attend two of the three):

- "Pilgrimage of Trust": Learn about this year's Taizé pilgrimage to St. Louis, focused on racial reconciliation.
- "Lazarus at the Gate": Explore the ways community challenges and equips us to live the biblical values of generosity, simple living and just consumption.
- "Why Community": Parishes, households, neighborhoods, social scenes and subcultures—learn how different manifestations of community intersect and why they matter.

Worship in the Taizé tradition of simple prayer and chant follows at 8 p.m. RSVP via Facebook [here](#) or by e-mail to isaaceverett@gmail.com.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Isaac Everett, Boston-Cambridge Mission Hub (isaaceverett@gmail.com).

- The Plymouth, Cape and Islands Mission Hub will present two learning opportunities this fall. **“Relationship Building with the Elderly: A Course in Community and Faith Action”** begins on *Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*, at the Church of the Good Shepherd (74 High Street) in Wareham. This first session is for those who want to enhance their ability to listen more effectively to others and to contemplate creating or becoming part of a team that attends to the needs of the elderly in their community. The course continues throughout the fall, with sessions on a variety of elder-care related topics. Contact the hub (see below) to learn more.

Additionally, the hub will offer a **Spirituality and Addiction Workshop** for clergy and spiritual caregivers on *Wednesday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Church of the Good Shepherd (74 High Street) in Wareham. The workshop will include presentations by experts in the field of addiction and recovery, a discussion of how to more effectively minister to addicts and their families and sharing of resource information. Register online [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kimberly Murphy, Plymouth, Cape and Islands Mission Hub (508-888-2828, ext. 103 or kjmurphy@diomass.org).

- The next **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training** is *Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Register online [here](#). All clergy canonically resident or licensed in this diocese are to attend a Safe Church Training once every three years.

The next **Safe Church Training open to all** takes place *Saturday, Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Grace Church (422 County Street) in New Bedford. Register online [here](#).

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

- The next **Eucharistic Visitor Training** is scheduled for *Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. This training provides the needed licensing to be a Eucharistic Visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Register online [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Andrew Del Pilar, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or adelpilar@diomass.org).

- Training led by the diocesan **Antiracism Ministry Team**, offering participants opportunities to share experiences, reflect on current issues and develop tools for change, will next be offered at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston on: *Friday, Oct. 21, 5-8:30 p.m.*, and *Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*. Register online [here](#).

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

- The **Leadership Development Initiative** (LDI) is hosting a workshop on *Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, to explore the vocation of the church and the ways contemplative and organizing tools can enable us to fulfill our call to seek reconciliation and justice. The event is free, with a suggested donation of \$25 per person for food and materials. Register for the event [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: Natalie Finstad, Leadership Development Initiative (natalie@LDITeam.org).*

- There will be a **Living Compass program training**, *Thursday-Friday, Nov. 17-18* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, with Scott and Holly Stoner training participants as certified wellness advocates. Living Compass is an Episcopal-based wellness program for churches that can be used both for formation and discipleship of church members as well as outreach to the community. Learn more about the program at www.livingcompass.org. Register online for the training [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or acook@diomass.org).*

GRANTS & LOANS:

- The deadline to apply for **clergy sabbatical grants for 2017** is *Friday, Oct. 14, 2016*. Applications are available [here](#). Completed applications should be sent to the attention of Marsha Searle, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston MA 02111. Notifications of grant awards will be sent on Nov. 16. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Michael Hodges (978-475-0529 or mhodges@christchurchandover.org) or The Rev. Kate Ekrem (781-862-6408 or kate@our-redeemer.net).*

- Applications for **2016 Deanery Grants (Sending Serving and House of Mercy Grants)** are available at www.diomass.org/deanery-grants. They are due by *Monday, Oct. 17*. Unawarded funds will be used for addendum grants after Oct. 17; congregations interested in addendum funds must note their interest in their initial grant requests. *FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or lzook@diomass.org).*

- Applications are being accepted monthly for **Mission Tithe Matching Grants**, with separate applications available for youth mission trips and second and third-year grants for previous recipients working with the same mission partner. Concept papers and applications from congregations with previously approved concepts are due on the 15th of each month for review at the end of the same month. 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).*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at Trinity Church (81 Elm Street) in Concord.
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: [chaplain](#) at Sherrill House; [administrative assistant](#) for the Plymouth, Cape and Islands Mission Hub; two positions, [minister of music](#) and [parish administrator](#), at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading; [minister for liturgical arts](#) at The Crossing; [nursery attendant](#) at All Saints Church of the North Shore in Danvers; [Christian education director](#) at St. Michael's Church in Marblehead; [associate director of operations and training](#) for Life Together; [director of children's and youth ministries](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Framingham; [finance and human resources assistant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; and [interim director of music](#) at the Church of Our Saviour in Arlington.

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:

CONCORD, Trinity Church
 FRANKLIN, St. John's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

None at this time.

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

None at this time.

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

None at this time.

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

None at this time.

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Dr. James K. Githitu is retiring from St. Mark's Church in Dorchester at the end of September.

The Rev. Elizabeth Grundy has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. Peter's Church in Osterville, beginning Sept. 25.

NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the Oct. 5 issue is **Wednesday, Sept. 28 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.