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**Strategic ministries  
hearings coming in  
May**

As part of the 2018 diocesan budgeting process and the mission strategy review of gifts, resources and programs, the Budget Committee has scheduled three hearings for representatives from strategic ministries to make their presentations and budget requests. All are welcome to attend. The hearings will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on: *Wednesday, May 10* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; *Monday, May 15* at Emmanuel Church (5 Bryant Street) in Wakefield; and *Tuesday, May 16* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

Scheduling of one or more open hearings on all aspects of the diocesan budget is pending.

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

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**Join B-PEACE witness at  
Mother's Day Walk for  
Peace**

The B-PEACE for Jorge campaign invites the diocesan community to join Bishop Alan M. Gates and other leaders in the diocese at the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on *Sunday, May 14*. The walk is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and is designed to raise awareness about the scourge of violence, to support families who are grieving and to raise money for the institute's peace-building efforts. The Diocese of Massachusetts and its B-PEACE campaign have had a strong team at the walk since 2013, and organizers hope many will join the walk to make 2017 another year when Episcopalians are witnessing together for peace.

Join B-PEACE walkers at 8:30 a.m. at Town Field Park (1520 Dorchester Avenue) in Dorchester, or join the group at the second entry point at 9:30 a.m. at Madison Park High School (75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury Crossing). The walk will conclude with a peace rally at Boston City Hall from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Register and find more information about the walk at [www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org](http://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org), and make sure to register with the B-PEACE for Jorge team.

*FOR INFORMATION: Maureen Burns, B-PEACE organizer (847-220-3012 or [maureen@ssypboston.org](mailto:maureen@ssypboston.org)).*

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**Holy Tuesday service  
and luncheon with  
bishops**

All are welcome at the Holy Tuesday service, with Eucharist, renewal of clergy vows and blessing of holy oils, on *April 11, 11 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Bishop Alan M. Gates will preach. A luncheon (\$10 per person) with the bishops follows.

*RSVP/FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or [dpound@diomass.org](mailto:dpound@diomass.org)).*

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

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***ECF strategic planning  
intro offered April 29***

RSVP by April 10 to join the Episcopal Church Foundation strategic planning workshop on *Saturday, April 29, 9:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.*, at the Church of the Advent (30 Brimmer Street) in Boston (***please note the change of location***). Diocesan congregational development staff and the Episcopal Church Foundation hope to launch a pilot program that focuses on an alternative way of thinking about strategic planning. The idea is that as parishes plan strategically, they need to be flexible and have the ability to change course quickly in response to changing circumstances. The hope is to gather several parish teams who are looking to challenge their congregations. By working together with the consultant, it would reduce overall costs for the Episcopal Church Foundation's services and encourage congregations with similar sets of issues to support and learn from one another as they do their work.

*TO RESERVE A SPOT/FOR INFORMATION: Larry Civale, Congregational Development (617-482-4826, ext. 465 or [lcivale@diomass.org](mailto:lcivale@diomass.org)).*

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***Sign-up deadline  
approaches for Holy  
Land mission pilgrimage***

Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Debbie Phillips of Grace Church in Salem will lead a diocesan mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, *Nov. 24-Dec. 6*, and they invite others to join them.

The mission pilgrimage will combine visits to holy sites, in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Jordan Valley, Nazareth, Galilee, Nablus and Ramallah, with opportunities to learn about active mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem through its school, health-care and peacemaking ministries.

The group will meet three times before the trip for orientation and community building. The sign-up deadline is April 30. Estimated cost is \$4,100 per person (double occupancy), with all payments due by Oct. 1.

*FOR INFORMATION: Marsha Searle, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or [msearle@diomass.org](mailto:msearle@diomass.org)).*

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***Paddlers & pilgrims  
invited to join summer  
CT River journey***

The Episcopal dioceses of New England, the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the nonprofit Kairos Earth, along with other regional partners, are organizing a 40-day river "pilgrimage" along the length of the Connecticut River, *May 31-July 9*. River pilgrims are invited to join the trip for a day, several days, a week or the entire journey.

Bishop Alan M. Gates plans to join the pilgrimage for a segment in early July.

Those interested in paddling along for three days or more need to complete an online application by May 22. The schedule, map, resources, registration information and sign-up for e-mail updates are all available [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Jonathan Eden, Christ Church, Cambridge (617-876-0200 or [jeden@cccbridge.org](mailto:jeden@cccbridge.org)).*

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**CHURCHWIDE:**

- The bishops of this diocese join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in urging congregations to participate in the Episcopal Church's annual Good Friday Offering for the benefit of ministries in the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Find Good Friday Offering information and materials to assist with planning and participation [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Robert Edmunds, Episcopal Church Middle East Partnership ([redmunds@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:redmunds@episcopalchurch.org)).*

- The Episcopal Church Joint Standing Committee for Nominations for General Convention has issued a call for nominations for five positions. Elections will take place at the 79th General Convention, to be held in Austin, Tex., July 5-13, 2018. Nominations are being accepted for the following committees and boards:

- Trustee, Church Pension Fund
- Member of Executive Council
- Member of General Board of Examining Chaplains
- Trustee, General Theological Seminary
- Member of Disciplinary Board for Bishops.

Additional information is available [here](#). The application deadline is *Wednesday, May 10*.

*FOR INFORMATION: Office of General Convention ([gcoffice@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:gcoffice@episcopalchurch.org)).*

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**GRANTS & LOANS:**

- **Scholarship grants are available to children of clergy** canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers). Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2017-2018 academic year. The deadline for submission of applications is *Friday, May 12*, and all materials should be sent to: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111. Notification of grants will be made by June 23.

The "Statement of Policy and Procedure," which is the basis for making awards, and the "Student Personal and Financial Profile," which all applicants are asked to complete, are available [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or [dpound@diomass.org](mailto:dpound@diomass.org)).*

- Applications for **2017 Congregational Development Grants** are available [here](#). They are due on *May 15*. Applications for **2017 Deanery Grants** (Sending Serving and House of Mercy grants) are available [here](#). They are due by *Oct. 16*.

*FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Grants Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or [lzook@diomass.org](mailto:lzook@diomass.org)).*

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## Upcoming youth ministry events:

Questions about these events may be directed to the Rev. H. Mark Smith (617/482-4826, ext. 215 or [hmsmith@diomass.org](mailto:hmsmith@diomass.org)).

- A **Good Friday Overnight** is scheduled for *Friday-Saturday, April 14-15* at Trinity Church (Copley Square) in Boston. Join young people from across the diocese to experience the practice of compassionate witness through creative expression. Attendees will participate in poetry workshops and performance activities, and will create new written work, individually and in groups, that speaks to their experiences and reflects on the meaning of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection for the world around us today. The workshops will be led by two local poets and spoken word artists, Simone John and Corey DePina. Youth will be invited to share their poems and stories at an open mic at the overnight. Find more details and register online [here](#) by Monday morning, April 10.
- The **Diocesan Acolyte Festival** is *Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church (900 Main Street) in Brockton. Acolyte teams of all ages are invited to take part in this day of workshops, a shared meal and a festival Eucharist with Bishop Alan M. Gates. Participants will meet other acolytes and worship leaders from around eastern Massachusetts, grow deeper into the role of acolyte and participate in a festive procession featuring crosses, banners, torches, flags and streamers from many congregations. Register online [here](#).
- Attend the second annual **Lynn Pride** event on *Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at St. Stephen's Church (74 South Common Street) in Lynn. Hosted by the BE YOU LGBTQ+ Youth Group, this event is a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community in Lynn and beyond. The event will include food, games, a community art project and make-up artists to help youth express their inner beauty. True Colors, an award-winning theater program for LGBTQ+ youth, will also perform from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a Q&A with the cast and producers. The event is free and welcomes all LGBTQ+ youth as well as allies.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Sarah Van Gulden, St. Stephen's Church, Lynn (508-367-4750 or [svangulden@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:svangulden@ststephenslynn.org)).*
- The **Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) 2017-2018 launch** is *Sunday-Friday, July 23-July 28* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Designed for young leaders entering ninth or 10th grade this fall, this special week at the camp provides a leadership development and faith-formation program, plus all that summer camp has to offer. At the end of the week, participants are introduced to the yearlong YLA and invited to continue (but signing up for the YLA week at camp is not committing to the year-long program). Register at [www.bchcenter.org/camp](http://www.bchcenter.org/camp).

For more information on the Youth Leadership Academy, visit [www.diomassyouth.org](http://www.diomassyouth.org) or contact the Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [hmsmith@diomass.org](mailto:hmsmith@diomass.org)).

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**Come to camp:  
Something for everyone  
this summer**

- The annual diocesan **Family Camp**, *Thursday-Sunday, June 22-25* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is an extended weekend of faith and fun for all varieties of families and households. Each morning at Family Camp is spent in a variety of activities and learning. Afternoons are free for various outdoor activities, and evenings are spent together bonding with family and friends, old and new, around games, discussions, a campfire or singing with Bishop Bud Cederholm and his guitar. Online registration is open [here](#).  
*FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Congregational Resources and Training/ Congregational Development Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or [jgarrett@diomass.org](mailto:jgarrett@diomass.org)).*

- The Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., offers youth entering grades 4-12 the **summer camp** experience of living in open and affirming Christian community, with a focus on personal growth and formation of faith. There are five one-week sessions and one two-week session:

*Session 1: Sunday, June 25-Friday, June 30*

*Session 2: Sunday, July 2-Friday, July 7*

*Session 3: Sunday, July 9-Friday, July 14*

*Session 4: Sunday, July 16-Friday, July 21*

*Two-week Session (Base and EDGE campers only):*

*Sunday, July 9-Friday, July 21*

*Session 5: Sunday, July 23- Friday, July 28*

The Barbara C. Harris Camp is committed to providing financial aid so that every child may attend camp. Churches within the diocese are able to send their youth to camp on either a partial or full scholarship. Find registration and other information [here](#).  
*FOR INFORMATION: Alessia Doss, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603-547-3400 or [alessia@bchcenter.org](mailto:alessia@bchcenter.org)); [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org).*

- Members of the **clergy are invited to volunteer a week of their time to serve as camp chaplains** at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., this summer. Their role is to assist the head chaplain in the camp's worship and faith formation program, to co-lead morning and evening worship, to support summer camp staff in leading Bible studies, to join campers for some of their daily activities and to provide pastoral care to campers and staff members. The presence of summer camp chaplains is one of the cornerstones of camp worship and faith formation programs.

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## TRAINING & LEARNING:

- A first-level training course for catechists in the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** formation program for children is being offered on *12 Saturdays, April 8, 2017-June 9, 2018*, at Trinity Church (120 North Main Street) in Randolph. A grant from the Diocese of Massachusetts allows members of the diocese to take the course at a discounted fee of \$400 for the 12 sessions (\$450 for individuals outside the Diocese of Massachusetts). Discounts are also available for additional registrants from the same parish. *FOR INFORMATION: Carol Godfrey, Trinity Church, Randolph ([cgodfrey67@comcast.net](mailto:cgodfrey67@comcast.net)); [www.cgsma.org](http://www.cgsma.org).*

- The new diocesan mission strategy encourages the forming of networks around shared interests. This dinner is an opportunity for those interested in participating in such a **network around Christian formation: Thursday, April 20, 6-8:30 p.m.**, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

Topics of discussion will include new models of formation in churches, experimentation and how to engage all ages. This will also be diocesan staff member Amy Cook's last meeting with the education network before her move to the Diocese of California. There is no cost to attend, but **RSVP to [acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org)** to be included in the meal count and indicate any food allergies.

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

- The **Diocesan Altar Guild will hold its annual meeting** and luncheon on *Saturday, April 29* at St. Christopher's Church (625 Main Street) in Chatham. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by Eucharist at 11 a.m. The Rev. Sarah Lewis of St. Anne's Church in Lowell will be the luncheon speaker and special guest. Lynn Hendricks, the president of the National Altar Guild Association, also will be in attendance.

*RSVP/FOR INFORMATION: Diane Grondin, Diocesan Altar Guild (781-335-2198).*

- A **Safe Church Training Refresher for clergy** will be offered on *Tuesday, May 23, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. There is no fee for the workshop, and coffee, continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a must and can be done online [here](#).

It is expected that all clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts will attend a Safe Church Training once every three years. The diocese is committed to healthy church environments and needs the shared wisdom and experience of everyone to make them so.

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

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## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its March 23 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a report from the mission hub program director, Jin Min Lee, and voted not to approve the proposed South Shore Mission Hub budget.

Heard that Bishop Gates has formed an ad hoc committee to work with the South Shore Mission Hub to review its programming and budget, and an ad hoc committee to review the appeal from the Merrimack Valley Mission Hub regarding the recent overall hub budget cuts.

Voted against a motion that would have authorized the Treasurer's Office to move \$150,000 from the Green Loans fund into the Green Grants fund for 2017.

Voted to adopt Visions, Inc., guidelines for use in Diocesan Council meetings.

Heard an update on plans to improve communication between Diocesan Council and the deaneries.

Voted to approve a clergy housing allowance adjustment for 2017.

Heard that the Compensation and Benefits Committee will be conducting a salary survey in 2018.

Heard a report from the diocesan treasurer, Lisa Garcia, which included three proposals for a new assessment formula that would result in a 10 percent decrease in aggregate assessments received in 2018, to be voted on at the April Diocesan Council meeting.

Heard a report from the co-chairs of the Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team, Win Treese and the Rev. Nancy Gossling, which included an update about the process for evaluating strategic ministries for the 2018 budget, and voted to approve said process as presented.

***Next Diocesan Council Meeting:*** *Thursday, April 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.*

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

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## **JOB POSTINGS:**

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [music director](#) for The Crossing at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; [Christian education director for children and youth](#) at St. James's Church in Amesbury; [dean of students](#) and [teaching fellows](#) at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; [summer camp head chaplain](#) at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; [sexton](#) at All Saints' Church of the North Shore in Danvers; [music director](#) at St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain; and [director of youth ministries](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough.

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## **CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:**

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](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org)).

### **CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:**

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church  
 COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church  
 DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist  
 MEDFORD, Grace Church  
 WALTHAM, Christ Church

### **CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church  
 HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church  
 VINEYARD HAVEN, Grace Church

### **CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

*None at this time.*

### **CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

FRANKLIN, St. John's Church

### **CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

CONCORD, Trinity Church

### **OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:**

BEVERLY FARMS, St. John's Church: Associate Rector  
 BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church: Curate/Assistant/Associate Rector  
 NEEDHAM, Christ Church: Family and Youth Ministry Curate

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. William Albinger from the Diocese of Hawaii has been appointed bridge priest, starting April 1, at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge, where he has been serving as supply clergy since Feb. 26.

The Rev. Susan Eibner from the Diocese of New Hampshire has been appointed interim priest at Grace Church in Vineyard Haven, starting on April 17.

The Rev. Margery Kennelly, currently the associate rector at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill, has been appointed Episcopal chaplain at Harvard for a two-year term beginning June 1. She will succeed the current chaplain, the Rev. Luther Zeigler, who is retiring and who will continue to serve as the vicar of Emmanuel Chapel in Manchester-by-the-Sea and will also be joining St. John's Church in Beverly Farms as a priest associate.

The Rev. Mally Lloyd has been appointed interim priest at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury, starting April 1.

The Rev. Janice Walden has been appointed bridge priest at St. Andrew's Church in Hanover, starting April 1.

## **NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the May 3 issue is **Wednesday, April 26 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).