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**Listening team hands off revised report to mission strategy drafting team**

Following a two-week public response period in April, the diocesan mission strategy listening team has revised its initial report based on input it received at four open sessions, attended by 54 people, and through 26 survey responses.

**The revised report is available [here](#).**

The mission strategy drafting team, recently appointed by Diocesan Council and Bishop Alan M. Gates, will use the findings in the revised report and other information about the strengths and challenges for the diocese and wider Episcopal Church to create a draft mission strategy. That draft will be made available during the summer so that the diocesan community can provide feedback. Based on that feedback, the drafting team will make any necessary revisions before the proposed mission strategy goes before the Diocesan Council in early fall and then to the Diocesan Convention for final approval in November.

Learn more at [www.diomass.org/new-mission-strategy](http://www.diomass.org/new-mission-strategy).

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

There's still time for walkers to join the Diocese of Massachusetts' B-PEACE team at the annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace on *Sunday, May 8*, and for pledgers to sign on to support them. The pledge walk is a fundraiser for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. This year's walk begins at 8 a.m. at Town Field Park in Dorchester and ends at Boston City Hall Plaza with an 11 a.m. rally and closing ceremony. Find links to more information about the walk (including shorter walk options) and to register or pledge [here](#).

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**Input invited at diocesan budget hearings**

The 2017 diocesan budgeting process is underway, and the Budget Committee invites participation and input from the diocesan community. **Two hearings** have been scheduled for representatives **from strategic ministries** to present their required request reports: *Tuesday, May 10* and *Wednesday, May 18*, both from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

An **open hearing on all aspects of the diocesan budget** will also be offered, on *Tuesday, June 7, 7-9 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. All are invited and welcome to attend any of the hearings.

*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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**Deacons to be ordained at June 4 service**

Prayers and presence are requested for the ordination of deacons on *Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Bishop Alan M. Gates will preside.

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Those being ordained to the diaconate are: **Thomas A. Bartlett** (sponsored by Emmanuel Church in Boston); **Philip J. Flaherty** (St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset); **Robert Charles Greiner** (Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston); **Kristine Marie Holmes** (Christ Church in Plymouth); and **Elizabeth Joy Jordan** (St. John's Church in Charlestown).

Those being ordained as transitional deacons are: **Zachary David Brooks** (Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill); **Marisa Egerstrom** (Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston); **Isaac Everett** (The Crossing/Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston); **Christopher William Whiteman** (St. Mary's Church in Dorchester); and **Charles Allen Wynder Jr.** (Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan).

Clergy will vest (red stoles). A reception follows the service. All are welcome.

*FOR INFORMATION: Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [elc@diomass.org](mailto:elc@diomass.org)).*

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### ***Bill Parnell named canon to the ordinary***

The Ven. William Clay Parnell, currently the archdeacon for mission in the Diocese of New York, has been named canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Massachusetts. A June 1 start date is anticipated.

As canon to the ordinary, Parnell will have both external and internal responsibilities, ranging from cultivating healthy relationships throughout the diocese to administrative oversight. He will work closely with Bishop Alan. M. Gates, to ensure pastoral and strategic response throughout the diocese.

"Bill Parnell comes to us with an exceptional depth of experience in furthering Christ's mission through diocesan and parish systems. Those who've served with him describe Bill as smart, wise, kind and collegial. We look forward to welcoming him to the Diocese of Massachusetts, and benefiting from his gifts," Gates said.

The position includes oversight of the diocesan budget process and its integration with mission strategy, as well as oversight of legal affairs and case management for Title IV clergy disciplinary matters. Parnell will oversee administration of Diocesan Convention and Diocesan Council, and serve as the bishop's representative at various board and agency meetings.

A recent realignment of staff reporting and team formation divides administrative oversight between the canon to the ordinary and Bishop Gayle E. Harris. Parnell will oversee the diocesan development, communications, finance and human resources staff. He will also work in partnership with Canon Libby Berman and the congregational development staff, and provide support for several strategic ministries.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

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## **Upcoming youth ministry events:**

- The **EPISCOPAROO! Youth Band Festival**, scheduled for *Saturday, May 14* in Framingham, has been **postponed**, with a new date to be announced.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [hmsmith@diomass.org](mailto:hmsmith@diomass.org)).*
  
- **Diocesan Acolyte Festival:** Sign up and join acolyte teams of all ages on *Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the Church of the Advent (30 Brimmer Street) in Boston for workshops, a shared meal and a festival Eucharist. Meet other acolytes and worship leaders from around eastern Massachusetts, grow deeper into the role of acolyte and take in a festive procession featuring crosses, banners, torches, flags and streamers from the many participating parishes. Register online, [here](#).  
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- The **2016-2017 Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) launch** is *July 24-29* 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 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 Youth Leadership Academy and invited to continue (although signing up for the YLA week at camp is not a commitment to the year-long program). Register online via <http://www.bchcenter.org/camp>.  
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## **NOTES:**

- **Spring gatherings sponsored by the chaplains to retired clergy, spouses and surviving spouses** will take place from *10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston and *Thursday, May 19* at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth. **RSVP by Tuesday, May 10** to the Rev. Michael Shirley at 978-683-1636 or [michaelshirley@peoplepc.com](mailto:michaelshirley@peoplepc.com). The topic for the meetings will be "Continuing to Learn in Retirement." A complimentary luncheon will be served at each gathering.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Victoria Hunt and The Rev. Marshall Hunt (508-237-4130 or [vwmwhunt@gmail.com](mailto:vwmwhunt@gmail.com)).*
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● Clergy, wardens and consultants who are interested in discussing **issues of small churches** are invited to a gathering on *Sunday, May 22, 3-5 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. Whether defined as “small” by attendance, part-time clergy or budget, churches are invited to join this afternoon meeting to discuss issues common to all and ways to share and collaborate with others. Refreshments will be available. *FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 645 or [acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org)).*

● The **Boston Camerata will join with parish choirs from around the diocese in a collaborative concert celebrating the renovated Cathedral Church of St. Paul** (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, on *Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m.* “The American Vocalist” concert presents the Camerata’s exploration of folk hymnody and includes spiritual songs, hymns and anthems in what it calls “a vigorous and authentic homegrown manner.” This style, recalling many elements of European early music, grew up in the singing schools of colonial New England, traveled South and West in the 19th century and continues to live on thanks to a new generation of motivated singers in all parts of the country.

The concert will include singers from parish choirs, including those from St. Barnabas’s Church in Falmouth, the Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown, the Church of Our Saviour in Arlington, St James’s Church in Cambridge, Grace Church in Newton, St. Paul’s Church in North Andover and St. Michael’s Church in Milton.

For tickets (\$10-\$55) or more information visit [www.bostoncamerata.org](http://www.bostoncamerata.org).

*FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org)).*

● **Summer weekends now available for conference center guests:** For the first time since its opening in 2003, the diocese’s Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., will be hosting conference center groups during the summer season. Twenty hotel-style lodge rooms and meeting space within the lodges (maximum capacity: 40 guests) will be available on the following weekends:

- *Friday, June 24-Sunday, June 26;*
- *Friday, July 1-Sunday, July 3; and*
- *Friday, July 22-Sunday, July 24.*

*FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Boyd, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603-547-3400 or [jennifer@bchcenter.org](mailto:jennifer@bchcenter.org)).*

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## **TRAINING & LEARNING:**

- A **Safe Church Training event** for all is coming up on *Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit (204 Monument Road) in Orleans. Online registration and more information are available [here](#).

Two **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Trainings** also have been scheduled: *Tuesday, May 24, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at St. John's Church (237 Pleasant Street) in Franklin (please note the change of location; previously scheduled in Attleboro) and *Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston (registration information will be forthcoming). 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. Register online by clicking the links above. *FOR INFORMATION: Matt Roias, Safe Church Training (617-482-4826, ext. 416 or [mroias@diomass.org](mailto:mroias@diomass.org)).*

- The **Antiracism Ministry Team** in the Diocese of Massachusetts offers regular trainings, involving a participatory education model which offers opportunities to share experiences, reflect on current issues and develop tools for change.

The next training will be offered at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston: *Friday, May 13, 5-8:30 p.m.*, and *Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*, ending with Eucharist. Refreshments and lunch are provided. There is a fee of \$50 per person, which includes training materials. Participants will receive a certificate of completion.

More information and online registration are available [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org)).*

- **e-Formation 2016: A Conference on Ministry in a Digital World** will be offered by the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary, *June 6-8*. The conference is for congregations developing their online presence or hoping to take theirs to the next level, and offers an opportunity to learn with other ministry practitioners using technology in faith formation, communication and other ministries. Cost to attend the conference in person is \$289, or \$89 to join via webinar. Limited Spanish interpretation and inexpensive evening programming in Spanish and in English are also available. Find more information and online registration [here](#).
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**GRANTS & LOANS:**

- **Children of clergy** canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for **scholarship grants**. Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2016-2017 academic year. The deadline for submission of applications is *Friday, May 13*. Completed materials (available [here](#)) 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 24.

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

- Applications for **2016 Congregational Development Grants** are available at [www.diomass.org/content/congregational-development-grants](http://www.diomass.org/content/congregational-development-grants). They are due on *Monday, May 16*.

Applications for **2016 Deanery Grants (Sending Serving and House of Mercy Grants)** are available at [www.diomass.org/deanery-grants](http://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](mailto:lzook@diomass.org)).*

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Actions from the April 28 Diocesan Council meeting will be reported in the June issue.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, May 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, 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)).*

**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: [parish secretary](#) at St. Andrew's Church in New Bedford; three positions, [stewardship administrator](#), [worship administrator](#) and [assistant director of children's ministries](#), at Trinity Church in Boston; [community development manager](#) for the Boston-Cambridge Mission Hub; [math/science teaching fellow](#) at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; [vice president of institutional advancement](#) at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge; and [parish administrator](#) at St. Paul's Church in Lynnfield.

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

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://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](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org)).

**Currently there are 24 congregations in transition that are being served by priests-in-charge in different stages of their tenures. Some are in the discernment process while others are just beginning their ministerial relationships. Additionally, there are currently six congregations waiting for the appointment of priests-in-charge.**

### **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:**

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. Tom Barrington Jr. has been appointed bridge priest at Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church in North Easton, starting in May.

The Rev. John Clarke has been called as rector of St. Paul's Church in Malden where he has been serving as priest-in-charge.

The Rev. Sean T. Leonard from the Diocese of Western New York has been called as rector of St. Dunstan's Church in Dover, starting on Aug. 1.

## **NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the June 1 issue is **Wednesday, May 25 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).