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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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

Episcopalians are invited to join Bishop Alan M. Gates and the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign again this year in making a public witness against gun violence by walking together in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on *Sunday, May 13*.

This annual pledge walk is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and is a fundraiser for the institute's support of families affected by murder and its efforts to create more peaceful communities.

Walkers can start off together at 8 a.m. from Town Field Park (1520 Dorchester Avenue) in Dorchester, or join the walk at the second entry point at 9:45 a.m. at Madison Park High School (75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury Crossing). The walk concludes with a rally at Boston City Hall Plaza at 11 a.m.

Walkers can get ready by signing up, seeking pledges and spreading the word. Register with the B-PEACE for Jorge team and find more information about the walk at www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org. Questions may be e-mailed to bpeace@ststephensbos.org.

**Budget hearings on
strategic ministries
coming up**

The process for building the 2019 diocesan budget is underway, and strategic ministries hearings are coming up, at which congregations and programs that currently receive strategic ministries funding will make their annual reports and requests. These hearings are open to the diocesan community, and all are welcome. The strategic ministries hearings will take place on:

- *Tuesday, May 8, 7-9 p.m.*, at Emmanuel Church (5 Bryant Street) in Wakefield, **for congregations** receiving strategic ministries funding;
- *Wednesday, May 9, 6-7:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, **for university chaplaincies** receiving strategic ministries funding; and
- *Tuesday, May 15, 7-9 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit (525 River Street) in Mattapan, **for programs** receiving strategic ministries funding.

Additionally, an open hearing on all aspects of the diocesan budget is still to be scheduled and will be announced.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Bill Parnell (617-482-4826, ext. 205 or bparnell@diomass.org).

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

Deacons to be ordained on June 2

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are invited for the upcoming service of ordination of deacons on *Saturday, June 2, 10:30 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. All are welcome.

Those being ordained to the diaconate (and their sponsoring congregations) are: **Bernie Jones** (Trinity Church, Newton Centre); **Sonia Hodge** (St. Thomas's Church, Taunton); **Helen McKinney** (Emmanuel Church, Boston); **Marilyn McMillan** (St. Barnabas's Church, Falmouth); and **Ruthann Savage-King** (Grace Church, Newton).

Those being ordained to the transitional diaconate (and their sponsoring congregations) are: **Gregory Johnston** (Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge); **Jennifer McCracken** (Christ Church, Needham); **Tamra Tucker** (Emmanuel Church, Boston); and **Jennifer Vath** (St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield).

Prayers and presence also are invited for the service of ordination to the priesthood of **the Rev. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer** on *Saturday, May 19, 2 p.m.*, at St. Stephen's Church (16 Highland Avenue) in Cohasset (rescheduled from March).

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

Register by June 20 for Holy Land pilgrimage with Bishop Harris

Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Manny Faria for "Encounters in the Holy Land," a mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, *Sept. 28-Oct. 10*. The mission pilgrimage will combine visits to holy sites with opportunities to learn about active mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem through its school, health-care and peacemaking ministries.

The deadline for registering is June 20.

The group will meet three times before the trip for orientation and community building. Estimated cost is \$4,100 per person (double occupancy), with all payments due by July 15.

The pilgrimage, which Bishop Harris leads annually, is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in experiencing the land of the birth of the Christian faith; who is willing to listen and learn from sisters and brothers in God who live their faith in a different culture and context; and who want to engage in the mission of God beyond their doorstep.

FOR INFORMATION: Vesta Scotland, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or vscotland@diomass.org).

Spread the word: It's time to register for summer camp

Registration is now open for summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Five one-week camp sessions run from *July 1-Aug. 3* for junior campers entering grades 4-9 and senior high campers in grades 10-12. Find program, financial aid and registration information at www.bchcenter.org.

Clergy who are interested in volunteering as camp chaplains for a week are invited to contact camp registrar Abby Holmes (abby@bchcenter.org) for more information.

NOTES:

- Walkers and volunteers are invited to join members of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston and the MANNA homeless community for **Eucharist before setting off on the Project Bread Walk for Hunger** on *Sunday, May 6*. The service will be at 8 a.m., and all are welcome to attend.
FOR INFORMATION: Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or cathedral@diomass.org).

- **Music, Mission and More: Empowering Women and Preschool Children in South Africa:** *Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m.*, at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth will be a fun afternoon of music and stories from congregations involved in mission in South Africa. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support teacher training and other needs through the Masakane Trust and the Anglican Diocese of the Highveld. All are welcome.
FOR INFORMATION: Nancy Campbell (bluevw53@aol.com) or Kathy Bombara (knewton2017@rcn.com).

- **Scholarship fund for children of clergy:** 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 2018-2019 academic year.

The deadline for submission of applications is *Friday, May 11*. Application materials are available online, [here](#).

Notification of awards will be made by June 22.

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

- The Boston University School of Theology has received a \$1.5-million grant to create an **innovation hub to foster creative vocational reflection**, and it is now accepting applications from congregations interested in participating in its resulting “Creative Callings” project. Up to 20 New England congregations will be accepted to participate in the hub. Participation will involve two full-day gatherings for congregational teams at Boston University and monthly smaller group cluster conversations around shared interests. Participating congregations will be eligible to apply for grant funding at the end of the first year to support innovative ministries that they are developing around vocation.

Applications are due by *Sunday, July 15*. Congregations will be notified by Monday, July 30, with the first hub event scheduled on Thursday, August 23. Additional information about the project can be found at www.creativecallingsproject.org.

CHURCHWIDE:

- Inspired by last summer's 40-day "River of Life" paddling pilgrimage on the Connecticut River, Kairos Earth is partnering with the Diocese of Rhode Island to offer **two three-day pilgrimages on Rhode Island rivers in May and September, and a third longer pilgrimage along the Connecticut River** between New Hampshire and Vermont (dates for the latter still to be determined). Find more information [here](#).

New Hampshire Public Television's "Windows to the Wild" program featured last year's "River of Life" pilgrimage in an episode titled "Holy Flotilla," which can be viewed [here](#).

- The Episcopal Church's Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism is **seeking feedback on a draft of a comprehensive framework for antiracism and racial reconciliation training** for use in congregations, dioceses, institutions and groups. The draft is located [here](#).

The framework will be considered at the General Convention in July. The deadline for offering feedback via e-mail to ECCAR@episcopalchurch.org is *May 10*.

- The **video series "Door of Return: Racial Truth and Reconciliation Pilgrimage to Ghana"** is now available for viewing or download [here](#).

The series of three videos was filmed during a pilgrimage led by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Episcopal Relief & Development to Ghana, West Africa. A group of 23 pilgrims visited sites critical to understanding the trans-Atlantic slave trade and its legacy. They traced the journey of captured Africans to the coastal "castles" or slave forts of Elmina and Cape Coast, where the captured people were held before being forced onto ships bound for the Americas. The Anglican Church actively blessed these forts and the slave trade for much of its history.

The videos and accompanying discussion guide are designed to open reflection and conversation on the slave trade and its legacy, the church's role in racial injustice, and continued efforts for truth-telling and healing.

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).

- Attend the third annual **Youth Pride Event in Lynn** on *Saturday, June 2, 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, a DJ and musical and poetry performances. The event is free and welcomes all LGBTQ+ youth as well as allies. **FOR INFORMATION:** *Jamie Shore, St. Stephen's Church, Lynn* (shorej@diomassintern.org).
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- **Youth Leadership Academy Camp Week 2018** is *Sunday-Friday, July 22-July 27* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Discover the leader within and join with other rising 9th and 10th graders in exploring what faith in action in the world means in our lives. Register online at www.bchcenter.org/camp, and contact the camp about available scholarship support.

Note that the year-long Youth Leadership Academy will be replaced in 2018-19 with a new program currently being developed in partnership with Episcopal City Mission. Stay tuned for details in the coming months, but don't wait to sign up for the July camp week. Enrolling in the week at camp does not presume a commitment to the year-long program.

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- A **Safe Church Training event, open to all**, takes place on [Saturday, May 12](#) at St. John's Church (23 High Street) in Sharon. Click on the date link to register online.

This training is designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse and to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs. The diocese is committed to healthy church environments and needs the shared wisdom and experience of everyone to make them so.

Additionally, a **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training** will be offered on *Tuesday, May 15, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham. There is no fee for this training, but pre-registration is required. Register online [here](#). All clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts are expected to attend Safe Church Training once every three years.

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

DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:

- Applications for **2018 Deanery Grants** (Sending Serving and House of Mercy Grants) are available [here](#). Award decisions must be submitted from deaneries to the diocesan office by *Monday, Oct. 15*.

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

- Applications are being accepted monthly for **Mission Tithe Matching Grants**. 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 discernment and document preparation is available. Application materials are available [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Walta, Global Mission Projects (617-482-4826, ext. 422 or lwalta@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its April 19 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Voted to adopt the 2019 assessment formula, unchanged from 2018.

Appointed the Rev. Thomas Mousin, Connie Melahoures, Lynn Smith and Rob Kelleher to a one-year term as members of the committee that hears assessment reduction appeals..

Adopted a resolution to automatically refer to the committee that hears assessment reduction appeals any congregation that received a net increase in its assessment from one year to the next of greater than 10 percent.

Received a report from the treasurer that the firm RSM has been contracted to undertake a financial controls review.

Approved the budget of the North Shore Mission Hub.

Heard a presentation on the work of the Metrowest Mission Hub.

Heard reports from Council members who have made visits to various strategic ministries funded through the annual budget.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, May 17, 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).

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: two positions on the diocesan staff, [communications assistant](#) and [controller](#); [program director](#) for the Mission Institute; [head chaplain](#) at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center; several positions, including [music teacher](#), [associate director of graduate support](#) and [principal](#), at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; [minister of Christian formation](#) at Grace Church in Newton; [assistant director of music and organist](#) at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester; [Christian formation coordinator](#) at St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain; [ministry coordinator](#) at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover; [lead organizer](#) at Episcopal City Mission; [sabbatical accompanist](#) at St. Michael's Church in Milton; [parish administrator](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; [minister of music](#) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable; [minister of music](#) at All Saints Parish in Brookline; [parish administrator](#) at All Saints of the North Shore Church in Danvers; [music minister](#) at St. David's Church in South Yarmouth; [church musician](#) at Church of Our Saviour in Milton; and [staff accountant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston.

**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).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church
HAVERHILL, Trinity Church
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
NATICK, St. Paul's Church
WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church
LYNN, St. Stephen's Church
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

None at this time.

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

BOSTON, Trinity Church
DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist
VINEYARD HAVEN, Grace Church
WRENTHAM, Trinity Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church
FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church
HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church
MEDFORD, Grace Church
WALTHAM, Christ Church

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Dr. Gale Davis has been appointed interim priest at St. Paul's Church in Natick starting April 1.
The Rev. George Stevens has been appointed vicar of St. John's Church in Beverly Farms starting June 1.
The Rev. Max Wolf from the Diocese of Delaware has been appointed priest-in-charge at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket starting June 15.

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the June 6 issue is **Wednesday, May 30 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
