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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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### ***New deans appointed***

Bishop Alan M. Gates has announced the recent appointment of two new deans. The Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole, Rector of St. Michael's Church in Holliston, has begun as the dean of the Concord River Deanery, succeeding the Rev. Kate Malin, who served for three years. The Rev. Malia Crawford, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour in Arlington, will begin Aug. 1 as the dean of the Alewife Deanery, succeeding the Very Rev. Amy McCreath, who served a brief term and will remain in the Council of Deans in her new role as dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

These appointments follow those of two other new deans announced at Diocesan Convention and effective following that event: The Rev. Terry Pannell, Rector of St. Mary's Church in Provincetown, as the dean of the Cape and Islands Deanery, succeeding the Rev. Deborah Warner, who served for three years; and the Rev. Matthew Cadwell, Rector of Emmanuel Church in Wakefield, as dean of the Mystic Valley Deanery, succeeding the Rev. John Clarke, who served for seven years.

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### ***Deconsecration of EDS chapel set for June 8***

Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) announced last year its move from Cambridge to New York City to affiliate with Union Theological Seminary. In light of this move and the pending sale of its property in Cambridge, including the chapel, a service of deconsecration will be held on *Friday, June 8*, with an informal story-sharing gathering at 3 p.m., followed at 4 p.m. by a service of Holy Eucharist with an Order of Deconsecration. Bishop Alan M. Gates will officiate. A reception will follow the service.

RSVP by e-mail to [AttendingDeconsecration@eds.edu](mailto:AttendingDeconsecration@eds.edu). EDS is not able to arrange for reserved parking spaces around the campus, though parking is available in the Harvard Square area.

Those interested in participating in a choir for the occasion should e-mail Ellen Oak at [ellen.f.oak@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.f.oak@gmail.com). A rehearsal is scheduled from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on June 8, the day of the service.

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### ***Two-day Sale and Give-Away Event, June 13-14***

EDS will be holding a special two-day "Sale and Give-Away" event on *Wednesday, June 13 (10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.) and Thursday, June 14 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.)*, with sacristy items, vestments, crosses and other materials for congregational worship available. EDS dining ware and other material with EDS logo identification will also be available, along with office supplies and some furniture items. Those attending should bring their own bags and boxes for carrying away items. A limited amount of short-term parking will be available on the campus.

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

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***Episcopalians invited to walk together in annual Pride Parade witness***

Join The Crossing, the Thursday evening congregation of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston, and the Very Rev. Amy McCreath, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, for **Boston's annual Pride Parade** on *Saturday, June 9*.

The Episcopal Church contingent will gather on the steps of Trinity Church in Copley Square at 10:30 a.m. and proceed together to the line-up location (still to be announced).

*FOR INFORMATION: Sasha Weisse, The Crossing*  
([sasha.thecrossing@gmail.com](mailto:sasha.thecrossing@gmail.com)).

***Learn about Diocese of Jerusalem jobs training ministry on June 27***

Giovanni Anbar, founder and director of the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center (ETVTC) in Ramallah, Palestine, will offer a presentation on his ministry on *Wednesday, June 27, 6-7:15 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Established in 2000, the ETVTC is an institution of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and its mission is to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Palestinian youth through technological education and vocational training. Refreshments will be served, and the event is free of charge.

Those who choose may proceed to a fundraising dinner at the Union Club (8 Park Street) in Boston at 7:30 p.m. for \$100 per person, hosted by the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

RSVP to [bwilson@afedj.org](mailto:bwilson@afedj.org) or 203-655-3575, and please indicate which event(s) you plan to attend.

*FOR INFORMATION: Laura Walta, Global Mission Office (617-482-4826, ext. 422 or* [lwalta@diomass.org](mailto:lwalta@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](mailto:vscotland@diomass.org)*).*

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**NOTES:**

- 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](http://www.creativecallingsproject.org).

- **Summer building hours** are in effect at the diocesan and cathedral offices at 138 Tremont Street in Boston, with the offices open Monday-Thursday and closed on Friday. Some staff members are working extended hours in the office Monday-Thursday; some are working regular hours in the office on those days and from home on Fridays. The regular Monday-Friday schedule will resume after Labor Day, on *Tuesday, Sept. 4*.

**CHURCHWIDE:**

- Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations is hosting a one-hour **free Webinar, “Our 1939 Moment: Continuing the Legacy of Welcome,”** on *Monday, June 18 at 4 p.m.* Presented as part of the World Refugee Day observance on June 20, the Webinar will be a conversation about the history and present of the Episcopal Church’s legacy of refugee welcome.

“Our present moment is not so unlike our past,” Allison Duvall, Episcopal Migration Ministries Manager for Church Relations and Engagement, said in a news release. “In the 1930’s and 1940’s, the church was galvanized to stand for refugees fleeing Nazi atrocities in Europe. Today, over 22.5 million children of God are refugees, fleeing terror, persecution, violence and war. We are called, at this moment, to stand for them.”

Registration is required and is available [here](#). The Webinar will be available on-demand following the event.

*FOR INFORMATION: Allison Duvall, Episcopal Migration Ministries ([aduvall@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:aduvall@episcopalchurch.org)).*

## 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)).

- **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](http://www.bchcenter.org/camp), and contact the camp about available scholarship support.

- **Applications for the 2018-2019 Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) are now available.** Find all instructions for completing applications [here](#). All applications are due *Wednesday, Aug. 15*. Recruitment help from leadership in the diocesan community is needed to achieve the goal of having the most diverse council possible.

Members of the Diocesan Youth Council are students in the 10th-12th grades who act as the official youth presence at Diocesan Convention. They also work throughout the year to plan and run diocesan youth events and strive to make the church a nurturing Christian community that encourages the spiritual growth of young people.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Diocesan Youth Council having full voice and vote at Diocesan Convention. Leaders are asked to spread the word to young people about the opportunity to join this important council of the church.

## TRAINING & LEARNING:

- A **“Care for Creation” workshop** will be offered on *Wednesday, June 20, 2-6 p.m.*, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church (310 Route 137) in Harwich. This workshop fulfills the “Sustainable Houses of Worship” workshop requirement for the Green Loans program of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Find more information and register online [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: Vince Maraventano, Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light (617-244-0755 or [vince@mipandl.org](mailto:vince@mipandl.org)).*

- Fall dates have been set for several **Safe Church Training events**. Safe Church Training events that are open to all will be offered from *8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*, on [Saturday, Sept. 15](#) at Trinity Church (47 East Street) in Wrentham and [Saturday, Oct. 20](#) at St. Mary’s Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable. Click on the date links for more information and online registration.

A Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training also will be offered, on *Saturday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Register online [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Events Coordination (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or [jgarrett@diomass.org](mailto:jgarrett@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](mailto: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](mailto:lwalta@diomass.org)).*

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its May 17 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a treasurer's report on first quarter financial results.

Voted to approve a clergy housing allowance for the rest of 2018.

Voted to approve the 12-month final budget for the Metrowest Mission Hub for maximum spending of \$178,645.

Heard a presentation from representatives of the Boston Cambridge Mission Hub.

Heard strategic ministry site visit updates from Diocesan Council members.

Received a written update from the Mission Match subcommittee of the Mission Strategy Committee on its progress to date.

Heard an update on the revival of the Financial Advisory Committee.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, June 21, 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)).*

## **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: [church school coordinator](#) at St. John's Church in Arlington; [parish administrator](#) at St. John's Church in Newtonville; [interim music minister/choirmaster](#) at St. Paul's Church in Natick; [sexton](#) at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury; [maintenance person](#) at St. John's Church in Franklin; two positions, [outreach manager](#) and [digital communications specialist](#), at Trinity Church in Boston; two positions, [director of social and emotional support](#) and [development and communications director](#) at St. Stephen's Church in Boston; [director of Christian education and formation](#) at St. John's Church in Sandwich; [director of youth ministries](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough; and [administrative assistant](#) at Emmanuel 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](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org)).

### **CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:**

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church  
HAVERHILL, Trinity Church  
WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

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

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church  
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church  
LYNN, St. Stephen's Church  
NATICK, St. Paul'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

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. Libby Berman has been appointed interim priest at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown and started there on a part-time basis on June 1.  
The Rev. Stephanie Chase Bradbury has been appointed interim priest at St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury starting on June 7.  
The Rev. John Clarke will retire as the rector of St. Paul's Church in Malden at the end of June.  
The Rev. Kate Cress has been called as the rector of St. James's-in-the-City Church in Los Angeles. Her last day as the rector of the Church of Our Saviour in Somerset is June 30.  
The Rev. Bruce Jacobson has been appointed bridge priest at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls starting May 21.  
The Rev. Bruce Lomas has retired as the rector of Trinity Church in Melrose as of May 27.  
The Rev. Barbara Williamson will retire as the rector of St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury at the end of June.

## **NEXT *fyi*:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month; in July, *fyi* will be issued on Tuesday, July 3 because of Independence Day. The deadline for the July 3 issue is **Wednesday, June 27 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).