



**Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018**

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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### **Cathedral hosts Anti- Oppression Lessons & Carols**

Bishop Gayle E. Harris will preside at a service of Anti-Oppression Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, on *Saturday, Jan. 6 at 1 p.m.* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

St. James's Church in Cambridge has been invited to offer the service from its tradition set by its Anti-Oppression Team. Singers who would like to join the choir for the offertory anthem, "The Storm is Passing Over," should e-mail [patrickgmichaels@aol.com](mailto:patrickgmichaels@aol.com) to get a copy of the music, and then arrive at 11 a.m. for a rehearsal.

Everyone is invited to join their prayers with those of the community for this service to inspire and encourage the continuing work toward healing wounds of oppression.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Holly Antolini, St. James's Church, Cambridge (617-547-4070 or [rector@stjames-cambridge.org](mailto:rector@stjames-cambridge.org)).*

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### **Registration is open for Ministry Discernment Conference**

Register by Jan. 15 [here](#).

Register by Jan. 15 for the annual Ministry Discernment Conference on *Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. This conference provides an in-depth look at the 2018 Ministry Discernment Handbook and gives potential applicants to the ordination process an opportunity to explore their sense of call and whether that call is to ordained ministry or committed lay ministry.

Anyone considering applying to the ordination process in 2018 is required to attend the conference, along with his or her sponsoring priest and at least one member of the Parish Discernment Committee.

Find more information and register online by Jan. 15 [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Edie Dolnikowski, Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 514 or [edie@diomass.org](mailto:edie@diomass.org)).*

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### **New priests to be ordained**

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are requested for these upcoming services of ordination to the priesthood:

- The Rev. Amanda March on *Thursday, Jan. 4, 6 p.m.*, at the Parish of St. Paul (1135 Walnut Street) in Newton Highlands;
- The Rev. Duncan Hilton on *Saturday, Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m.*, at St. Michael's Church (16 Bradley Avenue) in Brattleboro, Vt.;
- The Rev. Dan Bell on *Saturday, Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.*, at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford; and
- The Rev. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer on *Saturday, March 3, 3 p.m.*, at St. Stephen's Church (16 Highland Avenue) in Cohasset.

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

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

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**NOTES:**

- **Congregational Leadership Reports and Lay Delegate Certification Forms for 2018** will be mailed this month to all rectors or other priests in charge of congregations. The forms are pre-printed with the information currently in the diocesan database. Congregations are asked to update the information on these forms and return them to the Convention Office within 10 days of their annual meeting as required by diocesan canons but no later than the **deadline of March 30**.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406 or [lsimons@diomass.org](mailto:lsimons@diomass.org)).*
  - **Online filing for the 2017 Parochial Report begins on Jan. 4.** Again this year, each congregation will receive a mailing from the Episcopal Church that includes the congregation's online ID and PIN information for accessing the filing site; paper copies of the Parochial Report form are no longer being mailed. The Parochial Report form (including instructions and workbooks for each page) will be available [here](#) for those congregations that are not able to file online or that need to submit a paper copy.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Iris DiLeonardo, Executive Office of the General Convention (212-716-6017 or click [here](#)).*
  - The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host a Confirmation service open to confirmands from all deaneries, on *Saturday, Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m.* **Those intending to participate should register their confirmands as soon as possible.** Confirmands' names, as they should be printed in the bulletin, are needed at least two weeks prior to the service.  
*FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [elc@diomass.org](mailto:elc@diomass.org)).*
  - The [Boston-Cambridge Mission Hub](#) has a **room available in its Roxbury intentional community.** Located in Egleston Square, close to the Orange Line and the South West Corridor Bike Path, this community is dedicated to rhythms of prayer, service and relationship in the Episcopal tradition. Rent is \$750-\$850 depending on income.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Isaac Everett, Boston-Cambridge Mission Hub ([isaac@bostoncambridgmissionhub.org](mailto:isaac@bostoncambridgmissionhub.org)).*
  - The **Life Together program is recruiting applicants:** young adults (ages 21-32) searching for spiritual growth, meaningful work and connection to community. Life Together is a diocesan-supported, Boston-based program of the Episcopal Service Corps focused on cultivating the next generation of prayerful and prophetic leaders, through spiritual practice, social justice, leadership training and community building. To apply, interested young adults can fill out the common Episcopal Service Corps [application](#). To learn more about Life Together visit [www.lifetogethercommunity.org](http://www.lifetogethercommunity.org), follow on Instagram and Facebook, or e-mail to [apply@diomassintern.org](mailto:apply@diomassintern.org).
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- The Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is **now hiring staff for the 2018 summer camp season, June 23-Aug. 4**. Open positions include junior counselors (16-17 years old), counselors (18 years and older), lifeguards, program heads and leadership staff. All positions are paid and include room, board and on-site health care. Staff applicants should be excited about living and working with children in a fun faith community and modeling healthy, positive behavior. Visit [bchcamp.campbrainstaff.com](http://bchcamp.campbrainstaff.com) to apply online.  
*FOR INFORMATION: John Koch, Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (603-547-3400 or [john@bchcenter.org](mailto:john@bchcenter.org)).*

**CHURCHWIDE:**

- The United Thank Offering (UTO) promotes and receives thank offerings churchwide and distributes the money through annual grants to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and provinces of the Anglican Communion. **UTO grant applications for 2018 are now available** online [here](#).

All completed applications must be sent to diocesan UTO coordinator Betty Murray at [eg.murray102@gmail.com](mailto:eg.murray102@gmail.com) by Friday, Jan. 26.

*FOR INFORMATION: Betty Murray (617-332-5939 or [eg.murray102@gmail.com](mailto:eg.murray102@gmail.com)).*

- Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry has invited Episcopalians to join the more than 25 partners presenting the **Good Book Club**, a churchwide program for reading the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles during the Lent and Easter seasons in 2018. The Good Book Club readings begin the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11 and finish on Pentecost, May 20. Find resources at [www.goodbookclub.org](http://www.goodbookclub.org).

- Registration is now open, [here](#), for the March 15-17 **Evangelism Matters conference**. Hosted this year by St. Paul's Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Evangelism Matters is a churchwide event for those seeking to share, learn and grow the church's capacity and passion for evangelism. It is co-sponsored by the Episcopal Church's Evangelism Initiatives Team and Forward Movement.

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will address the conference, and a diverse team of evangelism leaders will lead plenary sessions and workshops. Many sessions will be Webcast live and available for download; individual and satellite group participation is welcomed.

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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)).

- Registration is open for the 2018 **High School Retreat weekend**, *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 2-4* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The retreat's theme is "An Ocean of Possibilities." Participants will explore how they are formed by their culture and by their faith for action in the world.

Led by the Diocesan Youth Council, the weekend features small group workshops, indoor and outdoor games, worship to get everyone moving and thinking, lively music and some much-needed time away from the rush of everyday routines. Scholarship support is available, as is bus transportation. Registration closes when capacity is reached, or on Jan. 25. Register online [here](#). A recruiting flier is available for download [here](#).

- The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry has scheduled two Friday-Saturday **Pre-Confirmation Retreats** to help prepare young people for Confirmation: *March 16-17 and April 6-7*. Both retreats will be held at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Confirmands and their mentors will gather to meet other young people and explore their call to Confirmation, its promise and challenge.

The retreats are led by the members of the Diocesan Youth Council who will lead small groups and give reflections on their own spiritual journeys. Retreats also provide potential confirmands a chance to meet one of our bishops and to ask them questions.

Advance registration is required. Register online [here](#).

- The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is partnering again with Trinity Church in Boston to offer the **Good Friday Overnight** for youth and youth leaders, set for *March 30-31*. Join young people from across the diocese to experience the practice of compassionate witness through creative expression, contemplation and the exploration of prayer, worship and reflection inspired by the traditions of the Taizé community in France. The highlight for many is the candle-lit worship late at night in the darkened chancel of Trinity's magnificent sanctuary. Get more details and register online [here](#).

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## TRAINING & LEARNING:

- Various government agencies are sponsoring a **day-long forum on public safety crises specifically for houses of worship and faith communities**. Faith leaders and other individuals responsible for emergency management at houses of worship are invited to attend the forum, to be held on [Thursday, Jan. 11](#) at the Holiday Inn in Taunton and again on [Friday, Jan. 19](#) at the Reading Public Library. The forum aims to increase participants' understanding of various public safety concerns and knowledge about planning and preparing for an active threat, and to provide tools to build an emergency operations plan. Pre-registration is required via the date links above.

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Episcopal Relief & Development offers these **additional preparedness and security planning resources:**

- [“Serving the Flock Safely”](#): A report and recommendations created by the Safe Ministry Task Force in the Diocese of Albany;
- [Congregational Preparedness Planning](#): A tip sheet on how to build a preparedness team, with links to a sample plan from St. Gabriel the Archangel Church in Cherry Hills Village, Colo.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Elizabeth (Jay) Jordan, diocesan ER&D preparedness coordinator ([jjordan1@aol.com](mailto:jjordan1@aol.com)).*

- The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will be a host location for a **live broadcast of the annual Trinity Institute Conference**, this year focusing on the theme “Values in Action,” to take place on *Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Online registration for the Boston event is available [here](#).

Participants are invited to come for speeches, panels, reflection groups and networking, and will leave with new skills, ideas, inspiration and a greater capacity to take action rooted in core values and powerful partnerships.

For more information about this year’s Trinity Institute Conference, including speaker bios, schedule and videos, visit [www.TI2018.org](http://www.TI2018.org).

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Feb. 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. John’s Church (95 Deerfield Avenue) in Westwood. Register online [here](#).

Eucharistic Visitors are lay people who have been trained to administer the Holy Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church services. This training provides the needed licensing to be a Eucharistic Visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Those interested in hosting Eucharistic Visitor Training at their parish or becoming a trainer are invited to contact coordinator Connie Melahoures at [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com).

- **“Train the Trainer” Workshop**: Opportunities to become a Christian education trainer exist in the areas of safe church practices, racial reconciliation and social justice, and Eucharistic Visitors. Trainers will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the theological and spiritual nature of this ministry, develop skills, access current program information and become part of a transformative experience.

Potential trainers are people who have been involved in the life of a congregation for at least a year, can provide references from clergy or other leaders and have completed training or are willing to be trained in a specific ministry program.

To participate in the Train the Trainer Workshop on *Saturday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston: Complete an application (download it [here](#)) and return it to the Rev. Karen Montagnano at [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org).

● **Congregational Business Practices Workshops:** New vestry member? Treasurer? Want to understand the business aspects of your congregation? The diocesan Congregational Consultants are once again offering Business Practices Workshops several times this winter and spring. These workshops are important for vestry members, officers and clergy—anyone involved in the business matters of the congregation.

Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on:

- [Saturday, Feb. 24](#) at St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable;
- [Saturday, March 10](#) at St. Paul's Church (127 Summer Street) in Lynnfield;
- [Saturday, March 17](#) at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and
- [Saturday, March 24](#) at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston.

Use the date links above to register online.

*FOR INFORMATION: Chris Meyer, Congregational Consultants (617-482-4826, ext. 305 or [cmeyer@diomass.org](mailto:cmeyer@diomass.org)).*

● **Save the date for Spring Learning Event:** This year's Spring Learning Event, "Brave Conversations," on *Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, will look at the need for gracious dialogue among people with different perspectives, passions and experiences. Congregations are encouraged to get a group together and come and join others in an effort to establish the church as a gracious place for honest dialogue on challenging topics and expand the possibilities for reconciliation and transformation. More information and online registration will be available soon.

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

● A **Global Mission Summit** is being planned for *Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Designed for anyone with an interest in mission, the Global Mission Summit will offer workshop tracks on mission formation, discernment, models of mission, relationship building, mutuality and social justice—all from the dual perspective of the theological and the practical. Whether new to mission engagement or experienced, participants will hear from thought-provoking speakers, take part in interactive workshops, have plenty of time for networking and participate in a joyous international celebration of the Eucharist. Online registration is open [here](#).

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

- **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](#).

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. All clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts are expected to attend 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)).*

- **Family Camp dates set:** Family Camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is set for *Thursday-Sunday, June 21-24*. Registration information will be available soon, but it's not too early to save these dates for a time to come enjoy the wonder of nature and celebrate the gift of family and faith with all sorts of families, including grandparents, single parents and godparents. Share worship and rest, outdoor activities and group programs, prayer and laughter with friends old and new. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org)).*

## **DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:**

- The deadline for **2018 Congregational Development Grants** will be earlier than in previous years. A version of the application cover page will be due on March 1 to demonstrate intent and concept, and full applications will be due on April 23. Further details and application materials will be available on the diocesan Web site.

*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**, with separate applications available for pilgrimages and for second and third-year grants for work with the same mission partner as a previous grant. 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)).*

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## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its Dec. 7, 2017, meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Discussed the 2019 assessment formula review process.

Voted to appoint Denise Shea, the Rev. Lori Mills-Curran and the Rev. Mike Dangelo to the Budget Committee for three-year terms ending in 2020.

Heard an update from the mission hub program director, Jin Min Lee, which included a proposal for the remaining Plymouth, Cape and Islands Hub funds and an update from the Boston-Cambridge Mission Hub.

Heard an update on mission strategy work going forward.

Voted to appoint the following alternate deputies to this summer's General Convention: The Rev. Robert "Skip" Windsor as fourth clerical alternate; Diane D'Souza as third lay alternate; and Spencer Felder as fourth lay alternate.

Heard that the Executive Committee voted at its Nov. 30 meeting to approve corrections to assessments due from Grace Church in New Bedford and the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury, as recommended by the Treasurer's Office.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** Overnight retreat, *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, Greenfield, N.H.

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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: [office administrator](#) at Episcopal City Mission; [summer camp and program director](#) at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.; [event sexton](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [coordinator for children and youth ministries](#) at St. James's Church in Amesbury and St. Paul's Church in Newburyport; [music director](#) at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket; [Sunday nursery care provider](#) at Trinity Church in Concord; [special events coordinator](#) at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston; [nursery teacher](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley; and [lay assistant](#) at Grace Church in Medford.

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

**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist

**CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

BOSTON, Trinity Church  
MEDFORD, Grace Church  
VINEYARD HAVEN, Grace Church  
WRENTHAM, Trinity Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

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

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

*None at this time.*

**CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. Jane Bearden will retire as rector of Trinity Church in Haverhill as of Jan. 21.  
The Rev. Judith Davis has retired as rector of Christ Church in Harwich Port as of Dec. 10.  
The Rev. Connie Ng Lam has left the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry to accept the call to be the rector of St. Gabriel's Church in Monterey Park, Calif.

**NEXT *fyi*:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the Feb. 7 issue is **Wednesday, Jan. 31 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

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