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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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### **Diocesan Convention actions available online**

Actions of the 233rd annual Diocesan Convention, held on *Saturday, Nov. 2* in Hyannis, are available online at [www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2018](http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2018), including resolutions in final form and links to Bishop Alan M. Gates's annual address, election results, photos and other coverage.

*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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### **Congregations invited to join Massachusetts Indaba 2019**

A Diocesan Council working group has studied and recommended Indaba—a model for purposeful conversation, arising out of the southern African context, which has been used throughout the Anglican Communion—as a format for addressing the diocesan mission strategy goal of developing opportunities for building relationships.

All worshipping communities in the diocese are invited and encouraged to participate in Massachusetts Indaba 2019. Each interested congregation or community will designate a four-person Indaba team to participate in the yearlong experience. The kick-off gathering takes place on *Saturday, Jan. 12*.

Each Indaba team will be assigned to partner with two teams from other deaneries. Each of the congregations will take a turn as host to its partner teams over three Indaba Encounter weekends (Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon) scheduled in 2019. The process concludes with a gathering of all the Indaba teams to share their experiences and hopes for the future.

**Friday, Nov. 30, 2018, is the deadline for congregations to register for Massachusetts Indaba 2019.** Find the registration link and more information at [www.diomass.org/mission-strategy-indaba-2019](http://www.diomass.org/mission-strategy-indaba-2019).

*FOR INFORMATION: Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation (617-482-4826, ext. 403 or [mgardner@diomass.org](mailto:mgardner@diomass.org)).*

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### **New archdeacon appointed**

The Rev. Christiaan A. Beukman has been appointed to serve as archdeacon, beginning Dec. 1. He succeeds the Rev. W. Michael Hamilton, who served as archdeacon for ordained vocations from March 2015 until September of this year.

Beukman will serve alongside the Ven. Pat Zifcak, who continues as archdeacon for deacons in formation. Bishop Suffragan Gayle E. Harris has oversight of vocational deacons, and the two archdeacons share in their supervision and in the process toward ordination. They meet regularly to coordinate plans, share information, provide pastoral care and ongoing ministry development for the vocational deacons. [Read more.](#)

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

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**NOTES:**

- **Veterans Day Service:** In honor of all veterans, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will be holding an ecumenical worship service on *Sunday, Nov. 11 at 4 p.m.* All are welcome to attend this special service.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Bryan Pearson, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 366 or [bpearson@diomass.org](mailto:bpearson@diomass.org)).*

- **Online filing of the 2018 Parochial Report begins on Jan. 4.**

The Episcopal Church Center is no longer mailing paper forms to congregations. The diocesan Treasurer's Office, however, will be sending a mailing to congregations that contains the log-in information they need to file their Parochial Report forms online.

The Parochial Report form, as well as instructions and workbooks for each page, are available online [here](#).

The 2018 Parochial Report initial filing deadline is *March 1, 2019*, with a final deadline of *May 1, 2019*.

The diocesan Treasurer's Office requests that, after filing online, congregations send a paper copy for the purposes of annual assessment calculations to: Trish Superville, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111.

*FOR INFORMATION: Iris DiLeonardo, Data and Research Specialist, Executive Office of the General Convention (212-716-6017).*

- Registration is open for **two 2019 winter programs at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center** in Greenfield, N.H., including:

- **Folk Art Retreat**, *Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 20-22:* Beginners may choose one of three classes--Painting 101, Intro to Knitting or Learn to Quilt--as an opportunity to learn a new skill in a midweek retreat environment. Packages start at \$300 per person.

- **Second Annual Quilting Retreat**, *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 22-24:* Quilters of all abilities are welcome for a retreat providing the free time needed to begin, work on or finish a project without formal instruction. Packages start at \$180 per person, with the option to stay for free by donating a handmade twin or double-sized quilt.

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

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## CHURCHWIDE:

- A number of **Diocese of Massachusetts Episcopalians are serving the wider church** on boards and interim bodies over the next triennium (end of term in parentheses):
  - The Rev. Thomas J. Brown (2021) and Solomon Owayda, Board of Trustees for the Church Pension Fund (2024);
  - The Rev. Dr. Katharine Black and The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson, General Board of Examining Chaplains (2021);
  - The Rev. Mally Lloyd, Executive Committee of Executive Council and Joint Standing Committee on Finance (2021);
  - Julie Lytle, Provincial Leadership Council (2021);
  - Byron Rushing, Working Group on Readmission of Cuba (2021);
  - Martha Gardner (convener, 2024) and Bishop Alan M. Gates, Standing Commission on World Mission (2024); and
  - Natalie Finstad and The Very Rev. Amy E. McCreath, Task Force on Church Planting and Congregational Redevelopment (2021).

Episcopal News Service [reports](#) that more than 1,200 volunteers from around the Episcopal Church applied to serve on one of the church's dozens of interim bodies, including those created by the 79th General Convention in July, to address various issues and tasks over the next three years. That response is a 60 percent increase over the number of applications received for the previous triennium.

- **New "Way of Love" resources for Advent and beyond from the Office of the Presiding Bishop:** Formation resources for Advent and beyond are now available at [www.episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove):
  - *Journeying the Way of Love:* Four-week Advent curriculum pegged to readings and themes from the Sunday lectionary, ideal for Christian formation hour offerings at churches and ministries.
  - *Following the Way of Love:* Nine-session small group guide for those seeking to reshape their lives around Jesus and his "Way of Love." The guide details best practices for organizing small groups and discipleship groups, and then moves participants through reflection, discernment, action and commitment around seven spiritual practices.

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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)).

Find the full schedule of 2018-2019 youth ministry events [here](#).

- Online registration is open [here](#) for the **2018 Middle School Retreat** weekend, *Friday-Sunday, Nov. 16-18* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The retreat's theme is "Finding the Good Life," and participants will explore how to achieve serenity by seeking out healthy vibes and strong community, and being in touch with the spirit within us all. 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 in order to pay more attention to the Spirit of God. Scholarship support is available, as is bus transportation. Registration closes when capacity is reached or on Nov. 11. Download a recruiting flier [here](#).
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- **Las Posadas:** Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the congregation of St. Luke's-San Lucas Church (201 Washington Street) in Chelsea on *Sunday, Dec. 16, 6:30-9 p.m.*, for Las Posadas, a traditional Advent event in which those gathered will trace Mary and Joseph's traveling search for shelter. This is a bilingual and multicultural celebration with processions, music, food and hospitality. As the group celebrates this story from the Christian tradition, it will hold close in heart and mind the serious situation of modern-day refugees seeking shelter. The event is free, but advance registration is important to ensure enough food for all. Sign up [here](#).

## **TRAINING & LEARNING:**

- **Safe Church Training**, open to all, will be offered from *8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 10* at St. Dunstan's Church (18 Springdale Avenue) in Dover. Register online [here](#).  
A spring **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training** has been scheduled for *Tuesday, May 14* (register [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: Jennifer Garrett, Events Coordination (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or [jgarrett@diomass.org](mailto:jgarrett@diomass.org)).*
- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at Grace Church (104 North Washington Street) in North Attleborough. Register online [here](#). This training provides the required licensing to be a Eucharistic Visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Eucharistic Visitors are lay people who have been trained and authorized to administer the Holy Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church services. *FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Events Coordination (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or [jgarrett@diomass.org](mailto:jgarrett@diomass.org)).*

## **DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:**

- Applications for 2019 Episcopal Church **United Thank Offering Grants** will be available at [www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering) on Dec. 7. Applications are due to the diocesan grants administrator (as below) by *Friday, Jan. 18*. *FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Grants Administrator (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or [lzook@diomass.org](mailto:lzook@diomass.org)).*
- There are **volunteer positions open on several diocesan grant committees**, including those that award Congregational Development Grants and global mission grants. Those interested in participating or learning more about responsibilities and time commitment should contact diocesan grants administrator Lauren Zook. Clergy and lay members are welcome, and formal grant-making experience is not required. *FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Grants Administrator (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or [lzook@diomass.org](mailto:lzook@diomass.org)).*

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## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its Oct. 24 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard an update from the bishop on diocesan staff changes.

Voted to approve the 18-month budget for the Roxbury-Dorchester Mission Hub.

Heard a status update on the North Shore Mission Hub.

Voted to endorse a diocesan alcohol-use policy and policy template recommended for parish use.

Heard a report from chief business officer and assistant treasurer Gerry Sullivan on third-quarter financials.

Heard an update from the Strategic Ministries Committee.

Heard that Virginia Rogers will be appointed as chair of the Budget Committee and thanked Ted Ts'o for his years of service in this role.

Thanked outgoing diocesan treasurer, Lisa Garcia, for her service.

Heard an update from the Indaba Working Group.

Heard an update about Diocesan Convention logistics, including registration procedures, electronic voting and program elements.

Shared feedback about the pre-convention forums.

Thanked outgoing Diocesan Council members whose terms are expiring at this year's Diocesan Convention.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, Dec. 6, 6-8:30 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: [payroll and benefits clerk](#), a position on the diocesan staff; [parish administrator](#) at Grace Church in Newton; [parish administrator](#) at Christ Church in Harwich Port; [parish administrator](#) at the Church of the Advent in Boston; [bookkeeper](#) at St. Peter's Church in Weston; [sexton](#) at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester; [parish administrator](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; and [nursery care provider](#) at Trinity Church in Concord.

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

Communication regarding 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:**

BRIDGEWATER, Trinity Church  
 FALL RIVER, Church of the Holy Spirit  
 MELROSE, Trinity Church  
 NEWBURYPORT, St. Paul's Church  
 NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church  
 SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour  
 WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

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

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church  
 LYNN, St. Stephen's Church  
 NATICK, St. Paul's Church  
 SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church  
 WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

### **CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church  
 TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

### **CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

WALTHAM, Christ Church

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

BOSTON, Trinity Church  
 CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. Jacqueline Clark has been called as associate rector of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham, starting Jan. 1.  
 The Rev. Mary Jane Donohue has been appointed bridge priest at St. Paul's Church in Malden.  
 The Rev. Margaret Eileen Fowler Ingalls from the Diocese of Washington has been appointed interim priest at St. Paul's Church in Newburyport and started on Oct. 28.  
 The Rev. Natasha Stewart has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. Luke's Church in Scituate, starting Dec. 2.  
 The Rev. Colette Wood has been called as chaplain and priest-in-charge at Penick Village in Southern Pines, N.C. Her last Sunday at All Saints' Church in Whitman is Nov. 25.

## **NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the December issue is **Wednesday, Nov. 28 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

Please note that the deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is one week earlier than usual because of the holidays: *Wednesday, Dec. 19 at noon*.