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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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

The annual Ministry Discernment Conference offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry will be held on *Saturday, Feb. 2, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. (The snow date is Feb. 9. Please check [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) for announcement.) The conference provides an in-depth look at the 2019 Ministry Discernment Handbook, and gives potential inquirers an opportunity to learn about the ordination process in the Diocese of Massachusetts and to explore whether their call is to ordained ministry or committed lay ministry. Online registration is required and is open through Jan. 21, [here](#).

Any person considering applying for admission to the ordination process in 2019 is required to attend the conference, along with his or her sponsoring priest and at least one member of the Parish Discernment Committee. Discernment committees, one member of which must be a member of the vestry, are appointed by the sponsoring priest and should be named before the conference so that as many members as wish to may attend. Inquirers are also encouraged to bring their spouses or partners to the conference. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Edie Dolnikowski, Canon for Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 514 or [edie@diomass.org](mailto:edie@diomass.org)).*

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**New priests to be  
ordained in January**

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

- **The Rev. Gregory Johnston** on *Saturday, Jan. 5, 10:30 a.m.*, at St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church (147 Concord Road) in Lincoln;
- **The Rev. Jennifer Vath** on *Saturday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m.*, at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover; and
- **The Rev. Jennifer McCracken** on *Sunday, Jan. 20, 4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

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

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**Task force on young  
adult engagement being  
formed for 2019**

One of this year's Diocesan Convention actions was adoption of a resolution calling for the convening of a task force "to examine successful models of engagement of adults in their 20s and 30s within and beyond the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts." (See the [Actions of Convention](#) for complete text.) The task force is now being formed, with hopes for an initial meeting in January to develop a plan of action, likely to include researching successful parish-based, regional and diocesan-based strategies as well as

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focus groups of young adults. The group is tasked with reporting its findings and recommendations to the November 2019 Diocesan Convention. Those interested in being involved in this work are invited to contact the diocesan youth missionary, as below.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [hmsmith@diomass.org](mailto:hmsmith@diomass.org)).*

**NOTES:**

- Life Together, which receives diocesan funding support and is a member of the Episcopal Service Corps, is **recruiting young adults committed to social change and personal transformation** to join its community of practice for the 2019-2020 program year.

The Episcopal Service Corps online application opened Dec. 1 and is available at [www.EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](http://www.EpiscopalServiceCorps.org). Additionally, an online discernment tool is available, [here](#).

Know someone who might be a good fit for Life Together or another Episcopal Service Corps program? Please share this information so they can begin the discernment process right away.

Life Together is a 10-month fellowship program based in Boston and surrounding areas, focused on cultivating the next generation of prayerful and prophetic leaders, through spiritual practice, social justice, leadership training and community building. Fellows range in age from 21 to 32 and come from a diverse range of backgrounds. Housing and utilities, health insurance and a modest living stipend are provided. Learn more about Life Together by visiting [www.lifetogethercommunity.org](http://www.lifetogethercommunity.org), following on Instagram and Facebook, or e-mailing [apply@diomassintern.org](mailto:apply@diomassintern.org).

- The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston welcomes all to join for these **upcoming Advent, Christmas and Epiphany offerings**:

- Advent Lessons and Carols, *Sunday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m.*
  - “Messiah” Sing: *Wednesday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m.*
  - Christmas Eve: *Monday, Dec. 24*, carols and anthems at 6:45 p.m. followed by Holy Eucharist at 7:30 p.m., with Bishop Gayle E. Harris presiding and Dean Amy E. McCreath preaching.
  - Epiphany Lessons and Carols: *Sunday, Jan. 6, 10 a.m.*
- FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org)); [www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org).*

- The brothers of the Society of St John the Evangelist (980 Memorial Drive) in Cambridge invite members of the diocesan community to their **Advent preaching series**, “Lord Jesus, Come Soon,” on Tuesday evenings in Advent. The 5:30 p.m. Eucharist is followed by a soup supper with dialogue with the preacher and others: *Dec. 4*—O Sapientia (Wisdom), Brother Jim Woodrum; *Dec. 11*—O Oriens (Dayspring), Brother Curtis Almquist; *Dec. 18*—O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse), Brother Geoffrey Tristram.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Society of St. John the Evangelist (617-876-3037 or [monastery@ssje.org](mailto:monastery@ssje.org)); [www.ssje.org](http://www.ssje.org).*

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**CHURCHWIDE:**

- **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).*

- **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.

- Applications for the **2019 Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship Partners Program** are now being accepted. More information about the program and application process is available online [here](#). Since 1964, the Episcopal Church Foundation has awarded 225 fellowships to individuals pursuing advanced academic studies and special ministries, with the aim of educating and equipping future lay and clergy leaders.

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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)).

- **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 online [here](#).

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- **Reflection, Remembrance, Response to Addiction:** *Sunday, Jan. 27, 3-7 p.m.:* The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is teaming up with Trinity Church in Bridgewater to offer a safe and sacred space in which middle and high school students and their mentors can explore the impact of drug addiction—their own or others’—on their lives and their communities. The special program of conversation and reflection will take place in advance of the National Day of Remembrance in January, on which Trinity Church in Bridgewater each year hosts an ecumenical healing service for those affected by the disease of addiction.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith, Office of Youth Ministry (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [hmsmith@diomass.org](mailto:hmsmith@diomass.org)).*

- Registration is now open for the **2019 High School Retreat**, taking place *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 8-10* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The retreat’s theme is “Finding the Good Life.” 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 in order to pay more attention to the Spirit of God in our lives. Scholarship support is available, as is bus transportation. Registration closes when capacity is reached, or on Feb. 3. Register online [here](#). A recruiting flier is available for download [here](#).

## **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)).*

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**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)).*

## **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 manager](#), a position on the diocesan staff; four positions, [associate for children and families](#), [office manager](#), [nursery caretaker](#) and [bookkeeper](#), at St. James’s Church in Cambridge; [organist-music director](#) at Emmanuel Church in West Roxbury; [parish administrator](#) at St. Bartholomew’s Church in Cambridge; [lead reading teacher](#) at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; [parish administrator](#) at Grace Church in Newton; [parish administrator](#) at Christ Church in Harwich Port; and [bookkeeper](#) at St. Peter’s Church in Weston.

## **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  
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  
MELROSE, Trinity Church  
NATICK, St. Paul's Church  
NEWBURYPORT, St. Paul's Church  
SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church  
WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

### **CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

*None at this time.*

### **CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

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

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

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

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. John Conn has been appointed bridge priest at Trinity Church in Bridgewater and started on Dec. 2.  
The Rev. Daniel Dice from the Diocese of Atlanta has been called as rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Duxbury and started on Dec. 2.  
The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt has been appointed interim priest at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Fall River and started on Nov. 18.  
The Rev. Barbara Peterson has been appointed bridge priest at Christ Church in Harwich Port and started on Dec. 2.

## **NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the January issue is one week earlier than usual because of the holidays: **Wednesday, Dec. 19 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

**Find the 2019 schedule of diocesan newsletter deadlines and issue dates posted online [here](#).**