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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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**Join Mother's Day Walk
for Peace as a witness
for ending gun violence**

Everyone is 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 participating in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on *Sunday, May 12*. This annual pledge walk is sponsored by the [Louis D. Brown Peace Institute](http://www.louisdbrownpeaceinstitute.org) and is a fundraiser for the institute's support of families affected by homicide and its efforts to create a more peaceful society.

Walkers will gather at Town Field Park (1520 Dorchester Avenue) in Dorchester, where the event starts with on-site registration beginning at 6 a.m., program at 8 a.m. and step-off at 8:30 a.m. Walkers can also join the walk at a second entry point at 9:45 a.m. at Madison Park High School (75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury Crossing). The walk concludes with a ceremony at Boston City Hall at 11 a.m.

Register with the B-PEACE for Jorge team [here](http://www.bpeace.org) and find more information about the walk at www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org. Questions may be directed by e-mail to bpeace@ssypboston.org.

**Deacons to be ordained
June 1**

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are invited for the upcoming ordination of deacons on *Saturday, June 1, 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: **Susan Correia** (Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River); and **Hilary Greene** (St. Mary's Church, Barnstable).

Those being ordained to the transitional diaconate (and their sponsoring congregations) are: **Sarah Brock** (All Saints Parish, Brookline); **Katie Ernst** (The Crossing, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston); **Eric Fialho** (Grace Church, Salem); **Olivia Hamilton** (St. James's Church, Cambridge); **Maria Kano** (Grace Church, Medford); **Paul Shoaf Kozak** (St. Luke's-San Lucas Church, Chelsea); **Isaac Martinez** (St. James's Church, Cambridge); and **Mary Beth Mills-Curran** (St. James's Church, Cambridge).

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617-482-4826, ext. 221) or The Rev. Canon Edie Dolnikowski, Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 514 or edie@diomass.org).

**Applications for new
Mission Initiatives
funding due May 15**

The Mission Initiatives Committee, a committee of the Diocesan Council, is accepting applications from congregations and diocesan-sponsored organizations for financial support through the annual diocesan budget. Find more information and the application [here](http://www.missioninitiatives.org). The deadline to apply for these funds is May 15. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Rebecca Blair, Mission Initiatives Committee (508-558-6849 or rhbstandrewsnb@gmail.com).*

Join Episcopal City Mission for annual celebration on June 11

Episcopal City Mission will host its annual celebration, this year focused on the theme “Disrupting Hope,” on *Tuesday, June 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, at Boston University’s George Sherman Union (775 Commonwealth Avenue). The guest speaker will be Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre, who is professor of social ethics and Latinx studies at Iliff School of Theology, a scholar-activist, author and ordained Baptist minister. Find more information and RSVP online [here](#).

Constitution and canons review underway

E-mail feedback by June 15 to ccommittee@diomass.org.

As a response to the call in the [diocesan mission strategy](#) to “assess the ways our current use of resources and governance structures support or impede the goals of our mission strategy and make appropriate changes,” the Committee on Constitution and Canons is undertaking a comprehensive review of the diocesan constitution and canons, with the goal of bringing a completed revision proposal to the 2020 Diocesan Convention for approval.

The task includes identifying areas where changes to the constitution and canons would make them more accessible, responsive and relevant to diocesan life now and in the future, as well as a “clean-up” of discrepancies that have made their way into these vital governance documents over their many decades of use and revision.

Working closely with the bishops and the diocesan chancellor, committee members have been consulting with chancellors of other dioceses and have already met with the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and diocesan staff to solicit initial input. They are available to meet with deanery assemblies, clericus groups and other gatherings of people with an interest in the revision process. Questions and feedback can also be e-mailed directly to them at ccommittee@diomass.org by *June 15*. The committee plans to give a preliminary report on its work at the Diocesan Convention this November.

Find the diocesan constitution and canons online [here](#).

To schedule a visit from committee members, e-mail the Committee on Constitution and Canons chairperson, the Rev. Christine Whittaker (cnavez@aol.com), or the vice chairperson, the Rev. Mally Lloyd (malloyd2@aol.com).

NOTES:

- **“Encounters in the Holy Land”:** Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Debbie Phillips for a mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, *Oct. 1-15*. 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, healthcare and peacemaking ministries.

The registration deadline is May 15.

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.

FOR INFORMATION: David Ames, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or dames@diomass.org).

- The **Diocesan Altar Guild Annual Meeting and Luncheon** takes place on *Saturday, May 11* at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Tim Schenck, Rector of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham, whose topic will be “Holy Grounds” and the place of coffee in world religions. All are welcome. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and the annual business meeting.
FOR INFORMATION: Diane Grondin (dmgrondin@comcast.net).
 - A **Taunton River paddling pilgrimage** is in the works for this summer through Kairos Earth, the organization behind the New England Episcopal dioceses’ 2017 “River of Life” Connecticut River pilgrimage. *May 17* is the deadline to apply for the Taunton River trip, which runs *June 13-20*. The journey is split into two segments, from Middleborough to Somerset and from Somerset to Narragansett Bay, and paddlers can choose one or both. The pilgrimage is organized as an outdoor spiritual experience, based in the Christian tradition, with times of silence, prayer and reflection. Find more information [here](#).
 - **Summer camp registration is open:** The Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, N.H., aims to be a place where all campers feel accepted and are able to develop authentic friendships, learn important life lessons and gain new perspectives as they live and play in a community centered on Christian values. The summer camp season offers five sessions between *June 30 and Aug. 2*, each six days and five nights, for 4th-12th graders. Financial assistance is available. Visit www.bchcenter.org/bchcamp for information on sessions, themes, activities and pricing. Questions may be directed to the camp registrar, Abby, at abby@bchcenter.org or 603-547-3400.
Open Guest Weekend, July 12-14: The Open Guest Weekend is designed for families, couples and individuals to unwind from their usual routine, unplug computers, shut off phones and refresh the body and soul in the relaxing natural environment at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center.
While there will be optional group activities scheduled throughout the weekend, guests may spend their time however they choose. All types of lodging are available, from lodge rooms to cabins. For more information visit www.bchcenter.org/retreats.
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CHURCHWIDE:

- The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music has released ***The Book of Occasional Services 2018***, authorized by the General Convention for use throughout the church as a companion volume to *The Book of Common Prayer*. It is available, in both English and Spanish, as a free download from the publications page of the General Convention website, [here](#).

- Registration is open for **“Love God, Love Neighbor: Advocacy in Action,”** a two-day interactive training for people interested in developing or improving their advocacy skills and having the opportunity to advocate directly with members of Congress and their staff about protections for refugees.

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church’s Office of Government Relations in partnership with Episcopal Migration Ministries, “Love God, Love Neighbor: Advocacy in Action” will be held *Thursday-Friday, June 27-28*, in Washington, D.C., with the option to attend the [One Journey Festival](#) on *Saturday, June 29*. This day-long festival, held on the grounds of Washington National Cathedral, celebrates refugee contributions.

Find more information and online registration [here](#).

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).

- **Fourth annual Youth Pride Event**, *Saturday, June 8, 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 refreshments, creative activities, music, information tables and more. The event is free and welcomes all LGBTQ+ youth as well as allies. *FOR INFORMATION: Jason Cruz, St. Stephen’s Church, Lynn (iflows@gmail.com).*

- **Applications for the 2018-2019 Diocesan Youth Council** (DYC) are now available. Find all instructions for completing applications [here](#). All applications are due *Friday, Aug. 23*. Recruitment assistance is needed to achieve the most diverse council possible—geographically, liturgically, racially, culturally and otherwise.

Members of the Diocesan Youth Council are students in 10th through 12th grades who 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. They also act as the official youth presence at Diocesan Convention and model youth leadership in the life of our church.

- **Looking ahead:** Dates for youth ministry retreats for 2019-2020 are now set—see the “Events” section at www.diomassyouth.org. Ideas for additional events? Events you would like to co-host? Youth gatherings, online groups, networking or training for other youth workers? Contact the diocesan youth missionary, [the Rev. H. Mark Smith](#), who would love to work with you.
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TRAINING & LEARNING:

- In keeping with the desire to provide regional offerings, two **stewardship trainings for congregational lay leaders** will be offered in May:

- *Saturday, May 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.*, at St. Paul's Church (127 Summer Street) in Lynnfield, and
- *Saturday, May 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (17 Church Street) in Hanover.

All are welcome. Participants will share experiences of stewardship best practices and review available resources for congregations.

FOR INFORMATION/TO RSVP: Bliss Austin Spooner, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or baustinspooner@diomass.org).

- The spring **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training** takes place on *Tuesday, May 14, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at St. Gabriel's Church (124 Front Street) in Marion. All clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts are expected to attend Safe Church Training once every three years. There is no fee for this refresher training but pre-registration is required. Find information and register online [here](#).

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

- **LOGOS Encounter Training:** Grace Church (76 Eldredge Street) in Newton will host a LOGOS Encounter Training on *Friday, May 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, and *Saturday, May 18, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.* Registration for Diocese of Massachusetts clergy and lay leaders and volunteers is only \$15 per person to cover the cost of dinner and snacks. Register by e-mailing office@gracenewton.org.

LOGOS is an intergenerational formation program of GenOn Ministries that is based around shared meals, worship experiences, learning and play for children and adults. Find more information about LOGOS [here](#).

DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:

- **Children of clergy** canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for **scholarship grants** for undergraduate degree programs for the 2019-2020 academic year. Application materials are available online [here](#), and are due to lzook@diomass.org by *Monday, May 13*. Applicants will be notified of award decisions by June 21.

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

- Applications for **2019 Deanery Grants** (Sending Serving and House of Mercy Grants) are available [here](#). Award decisions must be submitted from deaneries to the diocesan office by Oct. 15.

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

- There will be a second round of **2019 Sustainable Development Grants** in the fall. Applications are due on *Oct. 21*. The most recent version of the application form is available for reference [here](#); this form will be edited before the fall deadline. *FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Grants Administrator (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or lzook@diomass.org).*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

For more information visit the [Diocesan Council webpage](#).

Actions from the April 25 Diocesan Council meeting will be reported in the June 5 issue of *fyi*.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, May 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.
FOR INFORMATION: Chelsea Smith, Governance and Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or csmith@diomass.org).

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [director of Christian education](#) at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls; three positions, [church musician](#), [parish administrator](#) and [bookkeeper](#), at the Church of Our Saviour in Milton; [parish administrator](#) at St. Mark's Church in Foxborough; four positions, [manager of leadership development](#), [communications specialist](#), [grants manager](#) and [community organizer](#), at Episcopal City Mission; [parish administrator](#) at Trinity Church in Topsfield; four positions, [office manager](#), [marketing and communications associate](#), [Spanish teacher](#) and [science teacher](#), at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; and [facility event manager](#) at Trinity Church in Boston.

CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

Transition ministry is overseen by the regional canons.

Inquiries may be directed to them by e-mail to: regionalcanons@diomass.org.

Please also visit the [transition ministry webpage](#).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

BRIDGEWATER, Trinity Church
CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church
FALL RIVER, Church of the Holy Spirit
NEW BEDFORD, St. Andrew's Church
QUINCY, St. Chrysostom's Church
SHARON, St. John's Church
WHITMAN, All Saints' Church
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

ACTON, Church of the Good Shepherd
BOSTON, Church of the Advent
MELROSE, Trinity Church
NATICK, St. Paul's Church
NEWBURYPORT, St. Paul's Church
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour
SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church

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

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church
 TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church
 LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
 WALTHAM, Christ Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

BEVERLY FARMS, St. John's Church: [Curate](#)
 GREENFIELD, N.H., Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference
 Center: [Head chaplain](#)
 MARBLEHEAD, St. Andrew's Church: [Curate or assistant](#)
 SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church: [Assistant rector](#)

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Melissa Buono began as the interim priest at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton on April 1. On April 6, the Rt. Rev. Mark D.W. Edington, who served as rector of St. John's Church in Newtonville, was consecrated as bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. The Rev. Miriam Gelfer is serving as bridge priest at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester and is being assisted by the Rev. Ran Chase.

NEXT fyi:

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