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Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team appointments announced

Three new appointments have been made to the phase four membership of the Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team as it continues its work since last year's Diocesan Convention. On June 28 Bishop Alan M. Gates appointed the Rev. Joe Robinson of Christ Church in Cambridge to serve as co-chair with the Rev. Nancy Gossling of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. Robinson succeeds Win Treese of St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury, who stepped down as co-chair in late May. Two current members of Diocesan Council, the Rev. David Fredrickson of Christ Church in Plymouth and Gail Campbell of St. John's Church in Beverly Farms, also have been appointed to serve as Diocesan Council's representatives on the team. All members of the phase four team will complete their service at Diocesan Convention in November.

The appointments were announced in a July 26 letter from the co-chairs, sent by e-mail to diocesan and parish leaders. Find the full text of the letter online [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Nancy Gossling (617-482-4826, ext. 204 or ngossling@diomass.org) or The Rev. Joe Robinson (617-876-0200 or jor@cccbridge.org).

Diocesan Convention resolutions, nominations due Sept. 8

The 232nd annual Diocesan Convention will take place on *Saturday, Nov. 4* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Preliminary information was sent to delegates and clergy on June 30 and also is posted at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2017.

All resolutions, nominations for diocesan elections, proposed constitutional and canonical amendments and committee reports are due in the Office of Convention and Council by **Friday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.**

Positions to be filled by election at this year's convention include: secretary and treasurer of the diocese; alternate deputies to the 2018 General Convention; alternate deputies to Provincial Synod; members of Standing Committee, the Diocesan Disciplinary Board, the Cathedral Chapter and the Board of Directors of the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, and a member of the Trustees of Donations. Find the position descriptions [here](#) and the nomination form [here](#).

Pre-convention forums in October will offer an important opportunity for learning and discussion about the issues and business to come before the convention, including resolutions and the proposed budget. All are welcome; clergy and convention

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Plan to attend a pre-convention forum in October.

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

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delegates are especially encouraged to participate. Forums are scheduled to take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on:

- *Wednesday, Oct. 18* at the Church of the Good Shepherd (74 High Street) in Wareham;
- *Thursday, Oct. 19* at Emmanuel Church (5 Bryant Street) in Wakefield;
- *Tuesday, Oct. 24* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston; and
- *Wednesday, Oct. 25* at St. Elizabeth's Church (1 Morse Road) in Sudbury.

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org).

2017-2018 Confirmation schedule set

The following schedule has been set for 2017-2018 Confirmation services. All services begin at 10:30 a.m., with the bishops meeting with the confirmands at 9:30 a.m.

2017:

Saturday, Sept. 16:

- Mystic Valley Deanery at St. Paul's Church (26 Washington Street) in Malden, Bishop G. Harris
- North Shore Deanery at St. John's Church (705 Hale Street) in Beverly Farms, Bishop Gates

Saturday, Oct. 7:

- Alewife Deanery, location to be determined, Bishop G. Harris
- Charles River Deanery at St. Andrew's Church (79 Denton Road) in Wellesley, Bishop Gates

Saturday, Oct. 21:

- All Deaneries at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, Bishop Cederholm

Saturday, Oct. 28:

- Merrimack Valley Deanery, location to be determined, Bishop Gates
- South Shore Deanery, location to be determined, Bishop G. Harris

2018:

Saturday, Jan. 27

- All Deaneries at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, Bishop Gates

Those intending to participate in one of these services should register their confirmands by contacting the cathedral administrator, Ethel Crawford, 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, Boston (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or elc@diomass.org).

NOTES:

- **Episcopal Divinity School (99 Brattle Street) in Cambridge is holding a book sale** *Monday-Thursday, Aug. 7-10 and Monday-Thursday, Aug. 14-17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day*, in the Tyler Room of the Burnham Building. General reference books will be available, as well as books on history, social science, education, literature, law, science, technology and bibliography. Episcopal Divinity School is moving to Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and the Union and Columbia University library have extensive holdings in these areas. A selection of prints is also available. Visit the online event page [here](#).

- The **Church Pension Group will host an overnight “Planning for Wellness” conference for members of the clergy** and their spouses and partners, to be held *Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 4-5* (starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday and concluding at 1 p.m. on Thursday) at the Holiday Inn (31 Hampshire Street) in Mansfield. The conference will focus on managing finances; improving well-being through exercise, nutrition and stress management; and maximizing Church Pension Group plan benefits, including information about plan revisions that will become effective in January 2018.

The fee to attend is \$75 for clergy members or \$100 per couple, which includes the overnight stay and meals. (There is a reduced rate for those staying off-site).

A similar program for church lay employees and their spouses and partners will be offered at no cost on *Tuesday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield.

Child and elder care costs for all participants can be subsidized up to a certain amount. To register or learn more, visit www.cpg.org/pfw or contact admissions@cp.org or 888-274-2828.

- **Episcopal City Mission’s 2017 Annual Meeting of the Corporation** takes place on *Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, at St. Cyprian’s Church (1073 Tremont Street) in Roxbury. The annual meeting is intended for all members of the Episcopal City Mission corporation—specifically, Episcopal City Mission parish delegates and all canonically resident clergy working in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Visit www.episcopalcitymission.org and join ECM’s e-mail list for more details.

CHURCHWIDE:

- The House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church is asking church leaders to complete **two online surveys by Aug. 18: one about the Church Pension Fund and the other about the Episcopal Church’s social justice work**. The data that the committee collects from the surveys will be used to prepare its required report on the state of the church for the 79th General Convention in 2018. (More information about the committee’s work is available [here](#).)

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The survey about the Church Pension Fund, available in [English here](#) and [Spanish here](#), is designed to collect responses from lay and ordained people who work in the church regardless of whether they participate in the Church Pension Fund or the Church Medical Trust.

The survey about social justice work, available in [English here](#) and [Spanish here](#), aims to gather information about the ways that dioceses and congregations are involved in advocating a fairer and more just society.

FOR INFORMATION: Committee on the State of the Church members Laura Russell, Diocese of Newark (LARussell@legal-aid.org) or The Rev. Evan Garner, Diocese of Alabama (evan@stjohnsdecatur.org).

- The **Episcopal Church Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation is accepting applications for the latest round of grants** for local faith-based projects for mitigating climate change and safeguarding the integrity of creation. Recommendations for grants up to \$10,000 will be made to the Episcopal Church's Executive Council for its October 2017 meeting, with final grant decisions to be announced in November and funds released in December. More information is available [here](#). The application deadline is Aug. 20.

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).

- **Applications for the 2017-2018 Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) are now available.** Find all instructions for completing applications [here](#). All applications are due *Wednesday, Aug. 16*. 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.

- **Applications for the 2017-2018 Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) program are now available.** YLA is a yearlong program for young people entering 9th and 10th grades. The program is based on three pillars: leadership development, spiritual formation and service in community. Beginning in the fall, participants learn new skills, challenge themselves as community organizers and put their discipleship in action—all while having a lot of fun. Through YLA, participants create and lead a self-chosen project to connect their home parish and the wider community, and at the end of the year, the group raises money for and goes on a mission pilgrimage. Applications, available [here](#), are due *Wednesday, Sept 6*.

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- The annual diocesan **fall Resource Day will be on hiatus this year**. A variety of other resources and training opportunities will be available throughout the fall, including a short-day program on strategic planning, business practices and real estate, to be offered by the Congregational Consultants. More information will be available soon.

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

- The annual diocesan **Stewardship Leaders Training** will be held *Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Join new and experienced leaders from across the diocese as they “Journey to Generosity”—The Episcopal Network for Stewardship’s narrative series on which this year’s training will once again be based. The topics for the day will include training in principles and tools, stewardship narratives, and time to compare notes with other congregations in the diocese. This no-cost event will be helpful for those who need a jumpstart to their fall stewardship campaign or those who need a refresher on fundamentals and best practices. Please come to pray, learn and share. Register [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or lmatt@diomass.org).

- **Faith-Rooted Organizing with Alexia Salvatierra:** New Englanders are invited to this overnight workshop to develop skills and practices in advocating in the public sphere for our most vulnerable neighbors, *Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15-16* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

Led by the Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, author of *Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World* and a professor at Auburn Seminary in New York City, this workshop is sponsored by the Episcopal Church’s Office of Social Justice, the Maine Episcopal Network for Justice and the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire.

Topics to be covered include: theological framework for faith-rooted organizing and social justice advocacy; strategies to engage fellow Christians and community leaders; and next steps for action on specific public policy issues in New England.

Participation is limited to 40 people. Find more information and register online [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Heidi Shott, Episcopal Diocese of Maine (hshott@episcopalmaine.org).

- Upcoming fall **Safe Church Training** sessions include *Saturday, Sept. 23* at the Church of St. John the Evangelist (410 Washington Street) in Duxbury (register online for Duxbury [here](#)) and *Saturday, Oct. 28* at the Church of the Holy Spirit (525 River

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Street) in Mattapan (register online for Mattapan [here](#)). Each runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This training is designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse, to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs and to equip anyone in a position of parish leadership with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ.

The training is required of all clergy, diocesan employees and congregational employees. It is also highly recommended for all leaders and volunteers working in a congregation on a regular basis.

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

GRANTS & LOANS:

- Applications for **2017 deanery (Sending Serving and House of Mercy) grants** are available [here](#). They are due by *Monday, Oct. 16*.

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

- The deadline to apply for **clergy sabbatical grants for 2018** is *Monday, Oct. 16, 2017*. Application information is available [here](#). Notifications of grant awards will be sent out on Nov. 16, 2017. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Michael Hodges (978-475-0529 or mhodges@christchurchandover.org) or The Rev. Kate Ekrem (781-862-6408 or kate@our-redeemer.net).*

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Society of St. Margaret (50 Harden Hill Road) in Duxbury.*
FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or lsimons@diomass.org).

JOB POSTINGS:

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

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: [Sunday school teacher](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Waban; [office manager](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; [minister of music](#) at St. Mark's Church in Westford; [Christian education coordinator](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Methuen; three positions, [director of programs and engagement](#), [director of operations](#) and [grants, network and communications organizer](#), at Episcopal City Mission; [coordinator of Christian formation](#) at St. Dunstan's Church in Dover; two positions, [communications assistant](#) and [director of children and youth ministries](#), at St. Paul's Church in Brookline; [director of Christian education for children and youth](#) at St. Michael's Church in Marblehead; and [director of youth ministry](#) at St. Paul's Church in Lynnfield.

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).

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

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

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist
MEDFORD, Grace Church
VINEYARD HAVEN, Grace Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

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

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

FRANKLIN, St. John's Church
HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

None at this time.

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church: Curate/assistant/associate rector

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Jennifer Beal has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. John's Church in Sharon.

The Rev. Chitral de Mel has been appointed priest-in-charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Dedham where he has been serving as the bridge priest.

The Rev. Sarah Kelb has been called as rector of St. Paul's Church in North Andover where she has been serving as priest-in-charge.

The Rev. Kathleen Lonergan has been called as rector of St. James's Church in Groveland where she has been serving as priest-in-charge.

The Rev. Sarah van Gulden has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. John's Church in Saugus.

NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the Sept. 6 issue is **Wednesday, Aug. 30 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
