

Dear Friends,

In October, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates will retire from his ten-year ministry as Bishop of Massachusetts. He has accomplished much during his time with us, but there is still work to be done. Bishop Gates would like

to advance his vision for the ministry at The Allston Abbey, located on the campus of the former St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Church in Allston.

The Allston Abbey supports diverse ministry streams, one of which includes The Anglican Episcopal Community of Learning at Boston University School of Theology. The Community of Learning provides courses specific to the history, liturgy, spirituality, and polity of The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, within the larger framework of the Boston University School of Theology, so that a complete program of study for ministry within The Episcopal Church will once again be available in eastern New England. Its mission is to form a community of students, faculty, and staff dedicated to nurturing and preparing Episcopalians and Anglicans for future leadership and service in and through the church.

Phases 1 and 2 of renovation at The Allston Abbey have created space for offices, trainings, worship, and gatherings of the Community of Learning and the other ministry streams. Our diocese seeks to raise funds to complete residential facilities for the students of the Community of Learning. We envision four dormitory spaces for students, plus a kitchen, bathrooms, and common space in the lower level of the parish hall.

This project is important to Bishop Gates and to the future of Episcopal and Anglican theological education in our region. We invite you to make a generous gift in honor of Bishops Gates's Retirement. Your gift will help nurture the next generation of leaders in both Anglican and ecumenical traditions of Christianity to serve the Church.

***Please join me in celebrating the ministry of our Bishop with a gift to this important work.***

Sincerely,

The Rt. Rev. Carol Joy W.T. Gallagher, Ph.D.  
Assistant Bishop

## A COLLABORATIVE MISSION FOR LEARNING, WORSHIP, AND MINISTRY

*The Allston Abbey is a collaborative mission for learning, worship, and ministry sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. We are located on the campus of the former St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. We envision a fresh, collaborative model of church where different ministries work together to embody the Good News of Jesus through authentic and mutual relationships with all of our neighbors.*

### Our Ministry Streams



**The Anglican/Episcopal Community of Learning** is a community of students, faculty, and staff who gather for fellowship, learning, spiritual formation, and worship in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition.



**QTPOC Church** is an experiment in gathering and nurturing Christian community among queer and trans people of color (QTPOC) in Greater Boston to seek ever greater liberation in Jesus Christ.



**CRECHE/Emmanuel House** is a six-person intentional Christian community, which is part of the Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor (CRECHE), and affiliated with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in the city of Boston.



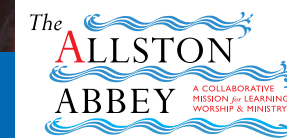
**The Episcopal Community of Oscar Romero** is an embryonic ministry and long held dream of the Rev. Deacon Ema Rosero-Nordalm to spiritually accompany Latino neighbors and others in Allston-Brighton.

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## IN HONOR OF BISHOP GATES'S RETIREMENT...

### The Allston Abbey Campaign

*In support of the  
Anglican/Episcopal Community of Learning  
at Boston University School of Theology.*



***"I am personally and deeply excited by the opportunities presented by the Anglican Episcopal Community of Learning at The Allston Abbey. It represents a commitment to reimagine dynamic repurposing of church properties for new and future mission, rather than taking the simpler and shorter-sighted route of property sale. All of this is in direct and energizing alignment with our mission strategy."***

– The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates



# IN HONOR OF BISHOP GATES AS HE RETIRES...

## The Allston Abbey Campaign



### What will The Allston Abbey bring to our life and work?

- Affordable housing for four Episcopal students, just a mile from the School of Theology.
- Sacred space in which to pray the Daily Office, have regular celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, and hold liturgical practicums.
- Offices and small rooms for private study, consultations with the Coordinator of the AECL, and for spiritual direction.
- Space to gather for weekly meals and social gatherings, as well as offering hospitality to the larger community.
- Engagement with the other ministry streams at the Abbey offering opportunities in diverse and community-centered ministries in a lively urban setting.

### About The Allston Abbey Campaign

- The Allston Abbey is in a multi-phase physical rehabilitation project. We began with a generous allocation from our Diocesan Council under Bishop Gates's leadership in 2021 and received the largest Community Preservation Act grant from the City of Boston for historic preservation in 2022.
- Phases 1 and 2, renovating the interior and restoring the exterior of the ca. 1910 Sanctuary and Connector buildings will be completed by fall 2024. We would love to host your parish or community for a retreat!



- Phase 3 will fully renovate the interior and restore the exterior of the ca. 1895 Parish Hall as shown in the drawings below.
- Phase 3 is roughly estimated at a total cost of \$1.4 million. Our goal for this gift is to honor Bishop Gates and help fund architecture and design services. We appreciate your gift now and count on your future support of this creative and collaborative ministry.

### The Allston Abbey Campaign Committee

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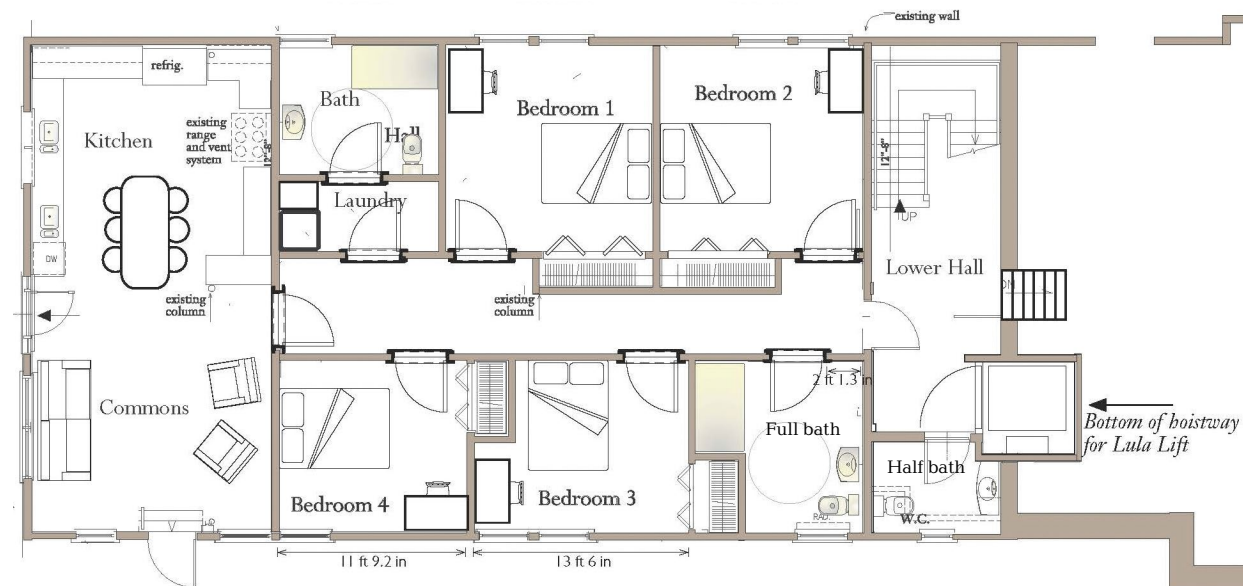
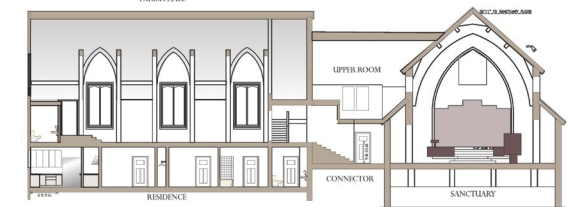
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*“The Anglican-Episcopal studies certificate offered at BU School of Theology was central to my theological and spiritual development as I worked towards my masters of divinity. I was able to develop liturgical literacy, learn about the history of the tradition, and put my faith into practice in weekly meetings filled with prayer and reflection. The Anglican-Episcopal community supported me in loving community throughout my degree, and I am very grateful for the ways I was formed by this program.”*

*Jay Ballard, M.Div. '24  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline*



### Who are we?

The Anglican/Episcopal Community of Learning at the BU School of Theology is a community of students, faculty, and staff who gather for fellowship, learning, spiritual formation, and worship in The Anglican/Episcopal tradition. Accredited by The Association of Theological Schools, BU offers individual courses, and a certificate in Anglican Studies.

### What is our purpose?

- To support Episcopalians and Anglicans who are studying at the School of Theology, by providing and pointing to academic, vocational, and spiritual resources for discernment.
- To model Christian community that is rooted in Anglican tradition, diverse, open, and committed to discerning the call of the Holy Spirit to new expressions of Christian faith.
- To engage with the surrounding community as witnesses to the Way of Love as embodied in Christ Jesus, working actively toward justice, peace, reconciliation, abundance, and care for creation.
- To share the riches of our liturgical, spiritual, and theological tradition with the rest of the School of Theology community by means of the Daily Office, Holy Eucharist, public educational and formational events, and fellowship.