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**Diocesan Convention to
be held Nov. 2 in Boston**

Don't miss the June mailing:
Update contact info by June
24 to csmith@diomass.org.

Deadline for resolutions &
nominations: Friday, Sept. 6

The 234th annual Diocesan Convention will be a one-day event on *Saturday, Nov. 2*, with the business portions of the convention to be held at the Back Bay Events Center (180 Berkeley Street) in Boston and the convention Eucharist to be celebrated at nearby Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury Street). The theme for this year's convention will be "The Way of Love," carrying forward the message that Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry proclaimed during his April visitation in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Hotel room blocks with discounted rates will be available for those who wish to stay in Boston on Friday night.

Preliminary convention information will be sent electronically on *Thursday, June 27* to all clergy and delegates. Clergy and delegates whose e-mail address has changed since their congregation's 2019 annual meeting should e-mail their updated contact information by *Monday, June 24* to Chelsea Smith at csmith@diomass.org.

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. 6*. Related materials will be included in the June e-mail to clergy and delegates, and also will be posted at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2019.

FOR INFORMATION: Chelsea Smith, Governance and Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or csmith@diomass.org).

**Share a meal, share a
story at June 20 event
honoring refugees**

The bishops invite all for a dinner gathering, "Honoring Refugees Among Us: Share a Meal, Share a Story," to take place on World Refugee Day, *Thursday, June 20, 5 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit (525 River Street) in Mattapan.

Refugees and immigrants, and those who are working or desiring to work in alliance with them in advocacy, are particularly welcome. The program will include presentations addressing matters of interest to refugees and immigrants, and will also highlight cross-cultural sharing and lay plans for next steps in networking. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend; RSVP by *Monday, June 17* to jbntagengwa@diomass.org.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Immigration and Multicultural Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 400 or jbntagengwa@diomass.org).

**20s and 30s Task Force
shares survey link**

The diocesan 20s and 30s Task Force, charged with examining successful models of engagement of adults in their 20s and 30s, is in the midst of the listening and study phase of its work. One aspect of that work is to hear from as many people in their 20s and 30s as possible via an online survey, available [here](#). The goal

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of the survey is to learn from people in this age group about their spiritual lives and experiences with church, to hear what they are seeking in their spiritual lives and identify ways that the church's culture needs to change in response.

Diocesan and congregational leaders are invited to share the survey with those in their networks who are in their 20s and 30s, regardless of any religious affiliation. The survey will be open until *Monday, July 15*.

The 20s and 30s Task Force will report its findings and recommendations at the Diocesan Convention in November. *FOR INFORMATION: Sarah Neumann (sneumann3@gmail.com); The Rev. Suzanne Wade (revsuzannevade@gmail.com); or The Rev. H. Mark Smith (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).*

NOTES:

- Join Bishop Alan M. Gates and The Crossing congregation of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for **Boston's annual Pride Parade** on *Saturday, June 8*, from Copley Square to Boston City Hall Plaza. The Episcopal Church contingent will gather at the steps of Trinity Church in Copley Square Plaza at 11 a.m. and proceed together to the line-up location (still to be announced). A banner will be available for everyone to sign and decorate.

An ecumenical group of host congregations has posted plans for the day on Facebook [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Tamra Tucker, The Crossing (ttucker@diomass.org).

- MagnificatBoston will lead a **Choral Evensong for Pentecost** on *Sunday, June 9, 5 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. All are welcome. The preacher will be Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett, whose books include *Looking Forward, Looking Backward: Forty Years of Women's Ordination* (2014). A reception will follow with the viewing of a cut from a documentary in production about the "Philadelphia 11," the first women ordained "irregularly" as priests in the Episcopal Church. The filmmakers will be on hand to share more about the project. *FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or kvetic@diomass.org).*

- The Rev. Thomas James Brown, former rector of the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, will be ordained and consecrated as the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Maine on *Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Portland. Due to seating limitations, tickets are required to attend the service and are available by invitation only. The **service will be live-streamed** via www.episcopalmaine.org, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A downloadable copy of the order of service will also be available at www.episcopalmaine.org for those following along in parish

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groups or at home. The Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester is hosting a watch gathering, with Holy Eucharist; questions about that gathering may be directed to Sarah Twiss, Epiphany's parish administrator, at office@3crowns.org.

- A Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center **summer camp alumni group is forming, and will hold an afternoon kickoff picnic** on *Saturday, June 22, 1 p.m.*, near the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common. Those attending are invited to bring along snacks and lawn games. Those who cannot come but are interested in future camp alumni events are invited to e-mail Molly Hynes at mollychynes@yahoo.com.

- The diocesan community's prayers and presence are invited for the upcoming service of **ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Chris Jones** on *Saturday, June 29, 11 a.m.*, at the Church of the Redeemer (379 Hammond Street) in Chestnut Hill.
FOR INFORMATION: Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (617-566-7679).

- A **comprehensive review of the diocesan constitution and canons** is underway, and the Committee on Constitution and Canons has been inviting input over the past several months from across the diocesan community. Questions and suggestions can still be e-mailed directly to the committee at cccommittee@diomass.org by *Saturday, June 15*. The committee plans to give a preliminary report on its work at the Diocesan Convention this November, with the goal of bringing a completed revision proposal to the 2020 Diocesan Convention for approval. Read more [here](#), and find the diocesan constitution and canons online [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Christine Whittaker (cnavez@aol.com) or The Rev. Mally Lloyd (malloyd2@aol.com).

- **Summer weekday building hours are in effect at the diocesan and cathedral offices** at 138 Tremont Street in Boston, with the offices open Mondays-Thursdays and closed on Fridays. Some staff members are working extended hours in the office Monday-Thursday and are off on Friday; some are working regular hours in the office Monday-Thursday and from home on Friday. The regular Monday-Friday schedule will resume after Labor Day, on *Tuesday, Sept. 3*.

- **Save the date: The annual diocesan Clergy Day** will be held on *Tuesday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The guest speaker will be Jerusalem Greer, Staff Officer for Evangelism, Office of the Presiding Bishop. Details, including registration information, will be forthcoming.
FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Events Coordination (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or jgarrett@diomass.org).

CHURCHWIDE:

- [Bishops United Against Gun Violence](#) invites participation in **Wear Orange Weekend**, beginning on *Friday, June 7*, National Gun Violence Prevention Day. More information on the observance is available at <https://wearorange.org>.

- **A new podcast, “The Way of Love: with Bishop Michael Curry,”** launches on *Pentecost, June 9*. The weekly conversations, featuring Curry and podcast hosts Kyle Oliver and Sandy Milien, will explore living life with a commitment to God’s unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial and redemptive love. Each week in the first season, Curry will introduce one of the seven “Way of Love” practices for a Jesus-centered life: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, rest. Listeners will be invited into deeper engagement with each practice as the hosts share their insights and offer questions for reflection or small group discussion. New episodes air on Tuesdays through July 30.

“The Way of Love: with Bishop Michael Curry” will be available on all podcast apps; visit the [Way of Love podcast webpage](#) to subscribe to the podcast through Apple iTunes, Google Play or Spotify and to sign up for notifications of new seasons as well as additional featured content.

- The Episcopal Church’s Task Force on Church Planting and Congregational Redevelopment has announced that its first set of **grants for new Episcopal communities** is now available for Episcopal dioceses and mission developers who are envisioning, planning or growing new worshiping communities and missional enterprises throughout the church. The grants are part of a \$2.5-million initiative funded by the 2018 General Convention that seeks to celebrate and strategically support emerging Episcopal Church communities and that builds partnerships within and beyond the church, expands the church’s language of ministry and creates new ways for the church to engage the people of God. Four categories of grants are available. *Monday, July 15* is the deadline for the first round of grant applications; after that, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through the end of the current ministry triennium in 2021.

More information and grant applications are available [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 instructions [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 2019-2020 youth ministry retreats 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.

- **EYE20:** Every three years, young people from across the church come together for the [Episcopal Youth Event](#) (EYE), an international gathering for worship, workshops, exploration and fun. EYE20 will be held in partnership with Washington National Cathedral and the Diocese of Washington on the campus of Howard University, *July 7-11, 2020*. Young people attend as part of their diocesan delegation. Look for more information on registration this fall; to be sure not to miss out, contact diocesan youth missionary [the Rev. H. Mark Smith](#) to be added to the notification list.

Jackson Humphreys of the Church of Our Saviour in Milton has been chosen to represent the New England dioceses of Province I on the planning team. The application for young adults interested in serving on the Pastoral Care Team will be available later in June.

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- **Save the date for Resource Day** on *Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The theme will be “Way of Love: Formation, Evangelism and Discipleship.” Details, including registration information, will be forthcoming.

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

- The **fall Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. 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, Networking and Formation (617-482-4826, ext. 403 or mgardner@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:

- Applications for **2019 Deanery Grants** (Sending Serving and House of Mercy Grants) are available [here](#). Congregations should contact their deanery co-conveners for information on deadlines and how to submit applications. Award decisions must be submitted from deaneries to the diocesan office by *Tuesday, Oct. 15*.

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

- There will be a second round of **2019 Mission Tithe Relationship Grants** in the fall. Applications are due on *Monday, Nov. 25*. 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 Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or lzook@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

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

At its April 25 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard an update from the Mission Initiatives Committee about the grant application process for 2020 funding.

Heard an update from the Leadership Development Working Group about its plan to reduce barriers for serving in leadership roles and to communicate open positions across the diocese.

Heard a treasurer's report about factors that contribute to surpluses and losses in diocesan financial reports.

Heard an update from the Audit Committee about the controls review that took place in April.

At its May 23 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Welcomed a new Council member, the Rev. Patrick Ward.

Thanked everyone involved in the presiding bishop's April visit.

Voted to approve the proposed 12-month budget for the Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor (CRECHE).

Heard a presentation about the Trustees of Donations' role and work in the diocese.

Heard an update from the Budget Committee about the April budget conversations and the committee's plan to incorporate feedback into the budget process.

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Voted to approve the Executive Committee nominating process.

Voted to approve the appointment of the Rev. Phil LaBelle, the Rev. Paul Minor, Sister Kristina Frances, SSM and the Rev. Stephen Voysey to the Executive Committee, with terms ending in November.

Heard an update from the Leadership Development Working Group about positions that will be open for election at the 2019 Diocesan Convention.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, June 20, 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 website: two positions, [communications coordinator](#) and [office manager](#), at All Saints Church in Worcester (Diocese of Western Massachusetts); three positions, [lead science teacher](#), [Life Together teaching fellow](#) and [Spanish teacher](#), at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; [custodian](#) at St. Paul's Church in Natick; [church school coordinator](#) at St. John's Church in Arlington; [minister of music](#) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable; two positions, [director of music](#) and [director of education](#), at St. Michael's Church in Marblehead; [parish administrator](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [coordinator of children's and family ministries](#) at Christ Church in Cambridge; [music director](#) at St. Peter's Church in Weston; [director of youth ministry](#) at St. Paul's Church in Brookline; [development associate](#) at St. Stephen's Church in Boston; [music director](#) at Grace Church in Newton; [director of Christian education](#) at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls; two positions, [church musician](#) and [parish administrator](#), at the Church of Our Saviour in Milton; [parish administrator](#) at St. Mark's Church in Foxborough; and four positions, [manager of leadership development](#), [communications specialist](#), [grants manager](#) and [community organizer](#), at Episcopal City Mission.

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.

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

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

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ACTON, Church of the Good Shepherd
 MEDWAY, Christ Church
 NEW BEDFORD, St. Andrew's Church
 NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
 SHARON, St. John's Church
 SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

BOSTON, Church of the Advent
 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 RECEIVING NAMES:

TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church
 LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
 NEWTON LOWER FALLS, St. Mary's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

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 and WESTON, St. Peter's
 Church: [Curate](#)

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Dr. Kapya Kaoma has been called as rector of Christ Church in Waltham.
 The Rev. Sarah van Gulden will complete her time as priest-in-charge at St. John's Church in Saugus on June 30 and begin as priest-in-charge at Trinity Church in Haverhill on July 5.

NEXT fyi:

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