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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
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**Last call: Diocesan
Convention nominations,
resolutions due Sept. 6**

*Plan to attend a pre-
convention forum in October*

The deadline for submission of all Diocesan Convention materials—nomination papers, resolutions, proposed amendments to the diocesan constitution and canons, required reports from diocesan committees and requests for display space—is *Friday, Sept. 6 by 5 p.m.* Find more information and materials at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2019. Online registration opens in late September; information and additional materials will be sent to delegates and clergy in early October.

This year's convention will take place on *Saturday, Nov. 2* in Boston at the Back Bay Events Center (180 Berkeley Street) and Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury Street).

Pre-Diocesan Convention forums in October 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; voting members of the convention are especially encouraged to participate. Forums are scheduled to take place *from 7 to 9 p.m. on:*

- *Tuesday, Oct. 8* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 9* at Trinity Church (124 River Road) in Topsfield;
- *Wednesday, Oct. 16* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston; and
- *Thursday, Oct. 17* 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).

**End gun violence:
B-PEACE calls everyone
to public action at Smith
& Wesson**

The B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign of the Diocese of Massachusetts, in partnership with the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and the Pioneer Valley Project, invites participation in a public witness outside the corporate headquarters of Smith & Wesson (2100 Roosevelt Avenue) in Springfield on *Friday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m.*

Bishop Alan M. Gates plans to participate. One hope for this action is to have as many people present as possible, joining voices to ask gun manufacturers to be part of the solution to end gun violence.

B-PEACE is organizing bus transportation from Boston to Springfield; register in advance [here](#). For more information, contact the campaign organizers directly at bpeace@ssypboston.org.

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

Resource Day set to inspire formation, evangelism & discipleship via “Way of Love” practices

Online registration is open [here](#).

“[The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life](#)” will be featured at the diocesan 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. Every congregation is invited to gather a group and get ready for this inspiring program devoted to learning how the Way of Love practices can be used, individually and in congregations, for formation, evangelism and discipleship. Participants will also enjoy opportunities for peer-to-peer conversation, sharing and networking, and for building relationships through the ministries of the diocese and its congregations. Everyone is welcome, and a group discount is available. Find details and register online by *Wednesday, Sept. 25* [here](#).

Share the invitation: A publicity graphic for use in spreading the word about Resource Day through congregational newsletters, bulletins, websites and social media is available online [here](#).

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

New Title IV intake officer in place

The Rev. Ema Rosero-Nordalm has been appointed to serve as a diocesan intake officer as part of the Episcopal Church’s canonical (Title IV) clergy disciplinary process, and will bring particular attention to Spanish-speaking communities in this work. She joins Starr Anderson and the Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas as diocesan intake officers in place to receive formal complaints of misconduct by active or retired clergy, which, if material and substantial, lead to a disciplinary process.

Rosero-Nordalm is a deacon and former Latina missionary for the diocese dedicated to creating women’s ministries and offering training in leadership and racial reconciliation. Prior to her ordination, she taught Spanish language and culture at schools and universities in Boston before joining the faculty at the Foreign/Modern Languages Department at Boston University for 22 years.

More information about the Title IV clergy disciplinary process is available [here](#).

To contact a diocesan intake officer:

- Starr Anderson (978-352-2147 or starrkanderson@gmail.com);
- The Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas (617-458-1253 or revthea@gmail.com);
- The Rev. Ema Rosero-Nordalm (617-921-3490 or erosero@bu.edu).

In addition, the diocesan #MeToo Task Force has created an online storytelling form, available in English and Spanish, at www.diomass.org/MeToo, as well as a poster detailing the means for relating and reporting accounts of sexual misconduct in the church. Laminated copies of the poster have been mailed to congregations; additional posters, in either English or Spanish, are available by contacting Jennifer Garrett, Assistant for Congregations and Events, at jgarrett@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 421.

#MeToo response materials available in Spanish and English

NOTES:

- Register online by Sept. 19, [here](#), for the annual diocesan **Clergy Day**, to be held on *Tuesday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Guest speaker Jerusalem Greer, Staff Officer for Evangelism, Office of the Presiding Bishop, will talk about the “[Way of Love, Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life](#).”

A resource table will be available for distributing printed materials; those who would like to make brief announcements should forward their requests in advance to Jennifer Garrett at jgarrett@diomass.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Events Coordination (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or jgarrett@diomass.org).

- Episcopal City Mission and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston are co-sponsoring, along with Comite TPS Massachusetts, a **screening of the film “The Last Dream”** on *Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.* This documentary play depicts the feelings and experiences of children with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) parents; a discussion will follow with the Massachusetts TPS Committee (Comite TPS) about concrete action steps to support TPS. Find the event on Facebook [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-5800, ext. 221 or kvetic@diomass.org).

- Events nationwide this year are marking 400 years since enslaved Africans were first landed in North America. Locally, the Massachusetts Council of Churches is coordinating “**May We Forever Stand,**” an **ecumenical worship service** at which people of faith will gather to honor ancestors, commemorate 400 years of black resiliency and pray for an end to systemic racial injustice. All are welcome. The service takes place on *Friday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.*, at the Greater Framingham Community Church (44 Franklin Street) in Framingham.

An afternoon preaching class, “**Preaching Black Resiliency,**” with the Rev. Dr. Leslie Callahan of St. Paul’s Baptist Church in Philadelphia, will be offered earlier that day, at noon, at People’s Baptist Church (134 Camden Street) in Boston. Class seating is limited; find ticket and full event information [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Massachusetts Council of Churches (617-523-2771 or council@masscouncilofchurches.org).

- Friends of the Masakane Trust invite the diocesan community to “**Music, Mission and More: Empowering Women and Pre-school Children in South Africa,**” an afternoon program of music and stories from congregations involved in mission in South Africa. It takes place on *Sunday, Sept. 22, 4 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit (525 River Street) in Mattapan. Free-will offerings and donations for teacher training and school supplies will be much appreciated; refreshments and raffle items will be available following the program. All are welcome.

FOR INFORMATION: Kathy Bombara (knewton2017@rcn.com).

- **Creation Care Season** is observed in the Diocese of Massachusetts beginning with the *Feast of St. Francis, Oct. 4 through the last Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 24*. An active group of volunteers comprises the Creation Care Justice Network and is looking to expand and to connect interested individuals and congregations with resources. The network invites participation in a **brief online survey**, available [here](#), which will help it support efforts to bring climate justice and action to communities of faith.

FOR INFORMATION: Dawn Tesorero, Creation Care Justice Network (rangerdawn@gmail.com).

- **Episcopal City Mission (ECM)** invites clergy members, lay delegates and interested lay leaders to participate in its **annual corporation meeting** on *Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at St. Cyprian's Church (1073 Tremont Street) in Roxbury. Each year ECM members gather to conduct business and learn how to partner in the work of God's transforming love in the world. Canonically resident and licensed clergy working in the Diocese of Massachusetts are members of the corporation of ECM.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to pray with one another, highlight the work that is happening in communities and offer feedback about ECM's Episcopal Engagement plan. ECM staff also will offer tools to support action for racial and economic justice.

FOR INFORMATION: Episcopal City Mission (617-879-6304 or info@episcopalcitymission.org); www.episcopalcitymission.org.

- Retired clergy of the diocese, as well as their spouses and surviving spouses, are invited to gather at one of two **luncheon programs to be hosted this fall by the chaplains to retired clergy**: *Tuesday, Oct. 8* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston and *Tuesday, Oct. 15* at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth. Each will take place *from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.* RSVP to the Rev. Skip Windsor: tuckernuck2@comcast.net. *FOR INFORMATION: David Ames, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or dames@diomass.org).*

- The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) invites everyone to the opening night of the **exhibition "ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many"** on *Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m.* Three Middle Eastern contemporary visual artists from the faith traditions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism have each created five paintings that interpret Abraham's life and faith journey for us today, serving as a guide toward creating cultures of peace, harmony, justice and healing—all as descendants of a shared heritage.

The cathedral church will host docent-led tours and other events related to the topic of Abraham and his descendants throughout the exhibition, which will be open through Dec. 6. To learn more about this exhibit visit: www.oncaravan.org/abraham.

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-5800, ext. 221 or kvetic@diomass.org).

CHURCHWIDE:

- **Episcopal Church grants for racial reconciliation, evangelism and new worshiping communities:** Applications opened on Aug. 13 for Episcopal Church **“Becoming Beloved Community” grants**. Applications are due Sept. 13. Allocated in 2018 by General Convention Resolution [D002](#), the grant funds are intended for “programmatic activities aimed at addressing the issue of racial reconciliation.” “Seed” grants of up to \$10,000 and “Impact” grants of up to \$20,000 are available. Find application information [here](#).

Oct. 1 is the application deadline for the next round of **Episcopal Evangelism Grants**, designed to fund local and regional evangelism efforts. The program, which began in 2017 as a result of the 2015 General Convention’s increased investment in evangelism, awards up to \$2,000 for an individual congregation and up to \$8,000 for multichurch, diocesan and regional collaborations. The application and more information are available online [here](#).

Applications are also being accepted, on a rolling basis, for **grants for Episcopal dioceses and mission developers who are envisioning, planning or growing new worshiping communities and missional enterprises**. The grants are part of a \$2.5-million initiative funded by the 2018 General Convention that seeks to strategically support emerging Episcopal Church communities and that aims to build partnerships within and beyond the church, expand the church’s language of ministry and create new ways for the church to engage the people of God. Four categories of grants are available. Find application information [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).

- Online registration is now open for the **2019 Middle School Retreat** (*Friday to Sunday, Nov. 15-17*), taking place at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

Led by the Diocesan Youth Council, the weekend features small group workshops, indoor and outdoor games, worship to get everyone moving and thinking, music by a live band 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 Nov. 10. Register online [here](#).

- **Recruiting young people for 2020 Faith in Action Las Fronteras Pilgrimage:** This program for young people in grades 9-12 will begin with an organizational meeting in January, and will include several site visits around the diocese to see faith in action. At each site, participants will explore issues of security and hospitality, stranger and neighbor, privilege and disadvantage, discipleship and servant leadership, all while participating in community service projects and developing a community of faith and support among themselves. The program will culminate in the group’s pilgrimage to the U.S.-Mexico borderlands in August 2020.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. H. Mark Smith (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (169 Belleville Road) in New Bedford. Find more information and register online [here](#). This training provides the required licensing to be a Eucharistic Visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Those who are interested in hosting Eucharistic Visitor Training at their church or becoming a trainer may contact Connie Melahoures at conmel@aol.com.

- Those using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation program for children are invited to take advantage of two upcoming training opportunities: **Level I Atrium Assistant Training** on *Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (160 Concord Road) in Sudbury (details and registration available by contacting Lucy Prunier at lucy@fatimasudbury.org or 508-988-0338) and **Level II Atrium Assistant Training** on *Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover (details and registration available by contacting the Rev. Jennifer Vath at jvath@christchurchandover.org). The Guild of the Good Shepherd, an ecumenical group devoted to supporting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program throughout New England, can be contacted for more information. Visit www.cgsma.org.

- **Stewardship update and opportunities:** On behalf of its congregations, the Diocese of Massachusetts subscribes to The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS), which provides templates, themes and other resources for congregational stewardship campaigns. These resources can be accessed at www.tens.org; use log-in *Matthew* and password *five:16*

All are welcome at these **fall stewardship trainings:**

- *Thursday, Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m.*, at the diocesan offices (fifth floor) at 138 Tremont Street in Boston; and
- *Saturday, Sept. 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m.*, at St. Paul's Church (39 East Central Street) in Natick.

These trainings are an opportunity to share stewardship best practices and review available resources for congregations. RSVP by e-mail to Bliss Austin Spooner, at baustinspooner@diomass.org, and note the congregation you are representing. If you have particular areas of interest, please note those too.

FOR INFORMATION: Bliss Austin Spooner, Office of Development (617-482-4826, ext. 515 or baustinspooner@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, Office of Networking and Formation (617-482-4826, ext. 403 or mgardner@diomass.org).

DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:

- The application form and program information for **2020 Clergy Sabbatical Program Grants** are available online [here](#). Applications are due by *Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019*, for sabbaticals in 2020; award decisions will be announced by Nov. 15. Please submit applications to David Ames, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Suffragan, by e-mail at dames@diomass.org or by mail to him at the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Michael Hodges, Sabbatical Grant Committee (978-475-0529 or mhodges@christchurchandover.org).

- 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).

- Applications for the second round of **2019 Sustainable Development Grants** are now available [here](#). They are due on *Monday, Oct. 21*.

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

- Applications for the second round of **2019 Mission Tithe Relationship Grants** are now available [here](#). They are due on *Monday, Nov. 25*.

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](#).

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Trinity Church (81 Elm Street) in Concord.

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: [music director-church organist](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; [front desk assistant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [parent organizer](#) at St. Stephen's Church in Boston; two positions, [nursery care attendant](#) and [Godly Play teacher](#), at St. John's Church in Charlestown; [Sunday nursery care provider](#) at Trinity Church in Concord; two positions, [communications and events specialist](#) and [community organizer](#) at Episcopal City Mission; [nursery care provider](#) at St. John's Church in Arlington; [nursery worker](#) at St. Paul's Church in Brookline; [organist-music director](#) at Emmanuel Church in

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West Roxbury; [church school coordinator](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton; [director of faith formation](#) at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester; [director of family ministries](#) at St. Michael's Church in Milton; [director of family ministries](#) at St. Barnabas's Church in Falmouth; [music director-organist](#) at St. Paul's Church in Hopkinton; [Godly Play coordinator](#) for Trinity Church in Canton and Trinity Church in Stoughton; [choir director](#) at St. James's Church in Groveland; [church school teacher](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Waban; [church school-youth coordinator](#) at Christ Church in Plymouth; [organist-pianist](#) at St. Peter's Church in Buzzards Bay; and two positions, [communications coordinator](#) and [office manager](#), at All Saints Church in Worcester (Diocese of Western Massachusetts).

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:

BUZZARDS BAY, St. Peter's Church
CAMBRIDGE, Christ Church
FALL RIVER, Church of the Holy Spirit
NEW BEDFORD, St. Martin's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church
SHARON, St. John's Church
WHITMAN, All Saints' Church
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

ACTON, Church of the Good Shepherd
BRIDGEWATER, Trinity Church
MEDWAY, Christ Church
MELROSE, Trinity Church
NEW BEDFORD, St. Andrew's Church
QUINCY, St. Chrysostom's Church
SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church
LYNN, St. Stephen's Church
NATICK, St. Paul's Church
NEWBURYPORT, St. Paul's Church
SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church
WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

BOSTON, Church of the Advent
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church

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SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church and WESTON, St. Peter's Church: [Assistant rector](#)

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Rebecca Blair began as bridge priest at St. John's Church in Saugus in July.

The Rev. Paul Bresnahan completed his work as interim priest at Trinity Church in Haverhill in June, and the Rev. Sarah van Gulden began as priest-in-charge there in early July.

The Rev. Kate Elledge completed her work as interim priest at St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church Lincoln in July and began in August as interim priest at Christ Church in Cambridge.

The Rev. Louise Forrest finished her work as interim priest at Trinity Church in Melrose in August to become fully retired, and the Rev. Dee Woodward will begin as interim priest there in September.

The Rev. Pattie Handloss will begin as interim priest at St. Peter's Church in Buzzards Bay on Sept. 15.

The Rev. Helen Moore begins as interim priest at St. Chrysostom's Church in Quincy in September.

The Rev. Bryan Pearson completed his work in August as priest-in-charge at St. Mark's Church in Burlington to begin training as an Army chaplain.

The Rev. Geoffrey Piper retires as rector of St. Gabriel's Church in Marion on Sept. 30.

The Rev. Garrett Yates began as rector of St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church in Lincoln on Aug. 15.

NEXT fyi:

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