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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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Diocesan Convention actions available online

Actions of the Diocesan Convention, held on *Saturday, Nov. 2*, are available online at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2019, including resolutions in final form, election results and links to Bishop Alan M. Gates's annual address, videos and photos. *FOR INFORMATION: Chelsea Smith, Assistant for Governance and Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 406 or csmith@diomass.org).*

D.C. advocacy initiative open to New England Episcopalians

Registration is still open for "Love God, Love Neighbor: Advocacy in Action"—a two-day initiative in Washington, D.C., *Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 4-5*, focused on gaining refugee protections. The Diocese of Massachusetts, in partnership with sister New England dioceses, Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Office of Government Relations, is organizing the event. The goal is to have two people from each of New England's 21 congressional districts travel to Washington, D.C., for a day of advocacy training that will prepare them for meetings with their senators and representatives the following day. Read more [here](#), and find online registration [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 400 or jbntagengwa@diomass.org).*

Upcoming ordination services

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are invited for these upcoming ordinations:

To the transitional diaconate:

- Gayle Pershouse on *Sunday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m.*, at the Parish of the Epiphany (70 Church Street) in Winchester; and

To the priesthood:

- The Rev. Sarah Brock on *Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.*, at St. John's Church (705 Hale Street) in Beverly Farms (sponsored by All Saints Church, Brookline);
- The Rev. Paul Shoaf Kozak on *Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.*, at Grace Church (160 High Street) in Medford (sponsored by St. Luke's-San Lucas Church, Chelsea);
- The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran on *Saturday, Dec. 21, 11 a.m.*, at St. John's Church (1675 Route 25A) in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (sponsored by St. James's Church, Cambridge);
- The Rev. Isaac Martinez on *Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m.*, at St. Paul's Church (15 St. Paul Street) in Brookline (sponsored by St. James's Church, Cambridge); and
- The Rev. Mia Kano on *Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, 10:30 a.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (79 Denton Road) in Wellesley (sponsored by Grace Church, Medford).

FOR INFORMATION: Contact the host parish or the Rev. Edie Dolnikowski, Canon for Ordained Vocations (617-482-4826, ext. 514 or edie@diomass.org).

NOTES:

- Creation Care Season is observed by many in the Diocese of Massachusetts beginning with the *Feast of St. Francis, Oct. 4 through the last Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 24*. Find a **bishops' message, as well as tips and resources** from the diocese's Creation Care Justice Network [here](#). Find information about a Nov. 30 workshop, "How to Talk About Climate Change So People Will Engage," at All Saints Church in Worcester, [here](#).
 - One focus of the regional canons' work is to support diocesan clergy in efforts to preserve and deepen their wellness. To begin, the regional canons have put together a **short survey** to help them understand what forms of **clergy support groups and other supportive offerings** are already happening in the diocesan community. The survey was introduced at the annual Clergy Day in September, and more than 100 responses have already been received. Members of the clergy who haven't yet given their input may still do so online, [here](#). The regional canons plan to report back at the Clergy Conference in the spring and will be able to assist, as needed, those who would like to join or form a colleague group or some other form of mutual support. Questions may be directed to the regional canons at regionalcanons@diomass.org.
 - The art exhibit "**ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many**" is open through Dec. 6 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. 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, 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 throughout the exhibition. To schedule a group visit, contact Roger Lovejoy at 617-482-4826, ext. 309 or rlovejoy@diomass.org.
In conjunction, the Bishops' Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations is co-sponsoring a **book study** of *Hagar, Sarah and Their Children* on four Sunday afternoons: *Nov. 10 and 17 and Dec. 1 and 8 (gathering at 2:30 p.m., book study 3-4 p.m.)*.
Additionally, the group "et al." will perform an **interactive concert** incorporating Jewish, Christian and Muslim music, on *Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m.*
Find exhibit, book study and concert ticket details online [here](#).
 - Grace Chapel (at First Lutheran Church, 900 Main Street) in Brockton invites the diocesan community for the **thanksgiving celebration of its ninth anniversary**, to be held on *Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.* Bishop Gayle E. Harris will be the celebrant and preacher. Grace Chapel will inaugurate its women's ministry, The Abigail's Women's Program, an outreach committed to affirming women's wisdom by supporting and nurturing its members' potential. A reception follows the service. All are welcome.
FOR INFORMATION: Grace Chapel, Brockton (508-649-3161 or gracechapelbrockton@gmail.com); <http://gracechapelbrockton.org>
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CHURCHWIDE:

- The **Task Force to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic**, created by action of the 79th General Convention, is seeking input from lay and ordained leaders throughout the church about local response. The short **online survey** is available in English [here](#), in Spanish [here](#) and in French [here](#).

[Resolution 2018-C037](#) calls on all dioceses and congregations to respond to the opioid epidemic with training, pastoral care, advocacy and liturgy. Central to this response are partnerships with local responders and others in the medical community, other faith communities and local recovery programs to offer pastoral care to those affected by the epidemic, and with other faith leaders to advocate with local and state government regarding policies and laws to promote healing and wholeness.

Information collected through the survey will help the task force shape its work as it curates and creates resources for church-based opioid response ministry for use by churches, organizations and communities. Task force resource materials will be posted [here](#) in the coming months.

- **Episcopal Church Advent and Christmas resources** are available online, including the “Journeying the Way of Love” curriculum and Advent calendar, with bulletin inserts and more to come. Find them [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).

- Time is running out to sign up for the **2019 Middle School Retreat**, *Friday-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](#).

- Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the congregation of St. Luke’s-San Lucas Church in Chelsea on *Saturday, Dec. 21, 6:30-9 p.m.*, *[please note corrected date]* for **Las Posadas**, a traditional Advent event in which those gathered will trace Mary and Joseph’s traveling search for shelter. This is a bilingual and multicultural celebration with processions, music, food and hospitality. As the group celebrates this well-known story from the Christian tradition, it will hold close in heart and mind the serious situation of modern-day refugees seeking shelter. The event is free, but advance registration, online [here](#), is important to ensure there will be enough food.
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- Applications are now being accepted for the **2020 Faith in Action: Las Fronteras Pilgrimage**, for young people in grades 9-12. The program will begin with an organizational meeting in January, and will include several site visits around the diocese to see faith in action. The program will culminate in the group's pilgrimage to the U.S.-Mexico borderlands in August 2020. Find the application [here](#). Questions may be directed to the diocesan youth missionary, the Rev. H. Mark Smith (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).

- Every three years, young Episcopalians come together for the Episcopal Youth Event, an international gathering for worship, workshops, exploration and fun. The **2020 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE20)** will be held in partnership with Washington National Cathedral and the Diocese of Washington, *July 7-11, 2020*. Young people attend as part of their diocesan delegation. Registration information will be available soon. Those who would like to be added to a notification list may contact the diocesan youth missionary, the Rev. H. Mark Smith (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or hmsmith@diomass.org).

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. This training provides the required licensing to be a Eucharistic Visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Register online [here](#).

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

DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:

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

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

- Applications for **2020 Episcopal Church United Thank Offering Annual Grants** are now available at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto-grants. They are due to the diocesan UTO coordinator, Betty Murray, by *Friday, Dec. 20*.

FOR INFORMATION: Betty Murray, Diocesan UTO Coordinator (617-332-5939 or eg.murray102@gmail.com).

- Applications for **2020 Episcopal Church United Thank Offering Young Adult and Seminarian Grants** are now available at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto-young-adult-and-seminarian-grants. They are due to the diocesan office by *Friday, Jan. 24, 2020*.

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](#).

At its Oct. 24 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Welcomed new Council member the Rev. Kathleen McAdams.

Reviewed the timeline for the 2021 diocesan budget.

Voted to approve a resolution advising notification from the diocesan treasurer during the first week of November to congregations whose 2018 Parochial Report has not been filed with the diocesan Treasurer's Office, to include the offering of assistance with Parochial Report preparation, and notice that congregations that fail to submit 2018 Parochial Reports to the diocesan Treasurer's Office by Jan. 31, 2020, will have their assessment calculated using the most recent Parochial Report that has been completed, plus 20 percent, and will not be considered for adjustment by the Assessment Coordinating Committee.

Heard an update from the Mission Strategy Implementation Committee about ideas for funding mission-related projects in congregations.

Reviewed the 2020 schedule for Diocesan Council meetings.

Heard an update about Diocesan Convention and a report about the pre-Convention forums.

Thanked outgoing Diocesan Council members the Rev. Paul Minor, Gail Campbell, the Rev. Karen Coleman and the Rev. Noble Scheepers, and the outgoing treasurer, the Rev. Stephen Voysey.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: *Chelsea Smith, Assistant for 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, [sexton/maintenance technician](#) and [executive administrator](#), at Christ Church in Cambridge; [director of music](#) at the Church of Our Saviour in Arlington; [sexton](#) at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [church school coordinator](#) at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton; three positions, [director of philanthropy, learning and evaluation](#), [communications and events specialist](#) and [community organizer](#), at Episcopal City Mission; two positions, [assistant director of Christian education](#) and [classroom assistant](#), at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls; [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; [Godly Play teacher](#) at St. John's Church in Charlestown; and [Sunday nursery care provider](#) at Trinity Church in Concord; [nursery care provider](#) at St. John's Church in Arlington; [organist-music director](#) at Emmanuel Church in West Roxbury; [director of faith formation](#) at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester; and [director of family ministries](#) at St. Michael's Church in Milton.

CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

Inquiries may be directed to the regional canons by e-mail to regionalcanons@diomass.org or individually as listed below. Please also visit the [Transition Ministry webpage](#).

Northern and Western Region
Regional Canon Martha Hubbard
mhubbard@diomass.org

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:
NORTH BILLERICA, St. Anne's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:
None at this time.

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:
ACTON, Church of the Good Shepherd
MELROSE, Trinity Church
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:
None at this time.

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:
LYNN, St. Stephen's Church
NATICK, St. Paul's Church
SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church

Central Region
Regional Canon Carol Gallagher
cgallagher@diomass.org

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:
CAMBRIDGE, Christ Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:
CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church
SHARON, St. John's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:
BURLINGTON, St. Mark's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:
MEDWAY, Christ Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:
BOSTON, Church of the Advent
NEWBURYPORT, St. Paul's Church
WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

OTHER CLERGY POSITIONS:
MILTON, St. Michael's Church: [Director of family ministries](#)

Southern Region
Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell
koconnell@diomass.org

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:
BUZZARDS BAY, St. Peter's Church
MARION, St. Gabriel's Church

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:
FALL RIVER, Church of the Holy Spirit
NEW BEDFORD, St. Martin's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:
BRIDGEWATER, Trinity Church
QUINCY, Parish of St. Chrysostom
SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour
WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

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CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

NEW BEDFORD, St. Andrew's Church

TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Adam Linton retired as rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans on Oct. 31.

The Rev. Robert Malm began as the interim priest at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion on Nov. 1.

NEXT fyi:

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Please note: The deadlines for the December and January issues are earlier than usual because of the holidays. The deadline for the Dec. 4 issue is ***Wednesday, Nov. 20 at noon***. The deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is ***Wednesday, Dec. 18 at noon***. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
