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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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**Bishop Curry to speak
at MLK Day Breakfast in
Boston**

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will be the keynote speaker at this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast in Boston, which is marking its 50th anniversary. The breakfast takes place on *Monday, Jan. 20, 7:30 a.m.*, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (415 Summer Street). This annual event was founded by St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church and Union United Methodist Church. Net proceeds support those churches' community programs and services. All are welcome. Find more information and purchase tickets at www.bostonmlkbreakfast.org.

**Register by Jan. 20 for
annual Ministry Discernment
Conference**

Online registration is open [here](#) until Jan. 20 for the annual Ministry Discernment Conference offered by the bishops and the Commission on Ministry. The conference takes place on *Saturday, Feb. 1, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. (The snow date is Feb. 8. Please check www.diomass.org for announcement.)

The conference provides an in-depth look at the 2020 Ministry Discernment Handbook, and gives potential inquirers an opportunity to learn about the ordination process in the Diocese of Massachusetts and to explore whether their call is to ordained or committed lay ministry.

Those considering applying for admission to the ordination process in 2020 are required to attend the conference, along with their sponsoring priest and at least one member of their parish discernment committee. Inquirers are also encouraged to bring their spouses or partners to the conference.

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

**"Transforming Evangelism"
launches online
book group series**

Diocesan ministry networks will be facilitating online book discussions in January, February and March, each inspired by one of the themes of the [diocesan mission strategy](#). All are welcome to join one or more of the discussions online via Zoom on the following *Wednesdays, from 7 to 8 p.m.*:

- *Jan. 29*, focused on "Reimagining Our Congregations": The book is *Transforming Evangelism* by David Gortner, and the online discussion will be facilitated by Billy Boyce and the Rev. Debbie Phillips from the Evangelism Network.
- *Feb. 19*, focused on "Building Our Relationships": The book is *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, and the online discussion will be facilitated by K. Holly Maze Carter.

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- *March 25*, focused on “Engaging Our World”: The book is *Climate Church, Climate World* by Jim Antal, and the discussion will be facilitated by the Rev. Lise Hildebrandt of the Creation Care Justice Network.

Zoom links for joining the discussions are posted [here](#). Questions may be e-mailed to missionstrategy@diomass.org.

**Save these dates:
Regional Wardens Days
to be offered this spring**

Regional Wardens Days are a new offering this year designed to equip wardens for leadership through studying and praying together, reflecting on successes and challenges, sharing resources and building collegiality with other wardens. These opportunities are a response to the diocesan mission strategy’s call to bring resources to congregations and support lay leadership. Wardens are invited to note the applicable gathering for their [region](#) and save the date:

- Southern Region: *Saturday, March 7* at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth;
- Northern and Western Region: *Saturday, March 28* at the Parish of the Epiphany (70 Church Street) in Winchester; and
- Central Region: *Saturday, May 9* at Trinity Church (414 Sumner Street) in Stoughton.

Details and online registration will be available in early February.

NOTES:

- The diocesan community’s prayers and presence are invited for these **upcoming ordinations to the priesthood**:

- The Rev. Isaac Martinez on *Monday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.*, at St. Paul’s Church (15 St. Paul Street) in Brookline (sponsored by St. James’s Church, Cambridge);
- The Rev. Mia Kano on *Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:30 a.m.*, at St. Andrew’s Church (79 Denton Road) in Wellesley (sponsored by Grace Church, Medford);
- The Rev. Eric Fialho on *Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.*, at St. Paul’s Church (200 Riverside Avenue) in Riverside, Conn. (sponsored by Grace Church in Salem); and
- The Rev. Olivia Hamilton on *Friday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.*, at St. James’s Church, her sponsoring parish, (1991 Massachusetts Avenue) in Cambridge.

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

- The annual **Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat**, a joint retreat for the clergy of the dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts, takes place *Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 18-20* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Retreat leader will be Bishop Jake Owensby of the Diocese of Western Louisiana, author of *A Resurrection Shaped Life: Dying and Rising on Planet Earth*. Registration information will be e-mailed to clergy. *FOR INFORMATION: David Ames, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (dames@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 445).*
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- ProGente Connections, which began as the Metrowest Mission Hub in the diocese, is partnering with Jewish Family Services to offer a **Citizenship Clinic** to help newcomers to the U.S.A. fill out their citizenship applications. The clinic takes place on *Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at Jewish Family Services (475 Franklin Street) in Framingham. **Volunteers are needed**; training will be offered on *Tuesday, Jan. 14 (7-8 p.m.)* or *Saturday, Jan. 18 (10-11 a.m.)* or by appointment. Inquiries and participation are welcome.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Lori Mills-Curran, ProGente Connections (lmillscurran@diomass.org or 508-873-1881); www.progenteconnections.org.

- **Cathedral Corps:** Part of the core ministry of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston is hosting diocesan events like ordinations, confirmations and special programs. To exercise this role well, the cathedral needs a reliable corps of people who have a call to hospitality and enjoy large events. Dean Amy McCreath is now recruiting such people from congregations around the diocese for a “Cathedral Corps.” Members will be oriented to space and safety procedures and trained to serve as greeters, vergers, crucifers or subdeacons at diocesan events. They will be invited, well ahead of time, to take roles at large events, and will enjoy dinner with the dean once a year to celebrate and reflect on their experience.

FOR INFORMATION: Kevin Vetiac, Cathedral Administrator (kvetiac@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 221).

CHURCHWIDE:

- A new website, www.EpiscopalCommonPrayer.org, provides Episcopalians with **opportunities to participate in the liturgical revision** called for by [Resolution A068](#) of the 2018 General Convention. The site is available in English and Spanish.

Developed by the Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision, the website includes draft documents that outline plans and principles to guide work on new liturgical texts. It also serves as a clearinghouse of all liturgies already approved for use by General Convention. The website includes a submission page designed to collect feedback on the draft documents, ideas for liturgical revision and liturgies that have been developed by dioceses and local congregations.

Before its next meeting in April, members of the task force request that bishops, liturgical officers and diocesan liturgical commissions study both the draft documents it has produced and the provisions of Resolution 2018-A068 and respond via the website.

- The Episcopal Church Foundation is accepting applications for its **Fellowship Partners Program** for 2020. The program supports individuals pursuing advanced academic studies and special ministries, with the aim of educating and equipping future lay and clergy leaders. Learn more and find the application [here](#). Applications are due by *Monday, March 16*.

Upcoming youth ministry events:

Questions about these events may be directed to the Rev. H. Mark Smith (hmsmith@diomass.org) or 617/482-4826, ext. 215

- Registration is now open for the **High School Retreat**, *Friday-Sunday, Feb. 7-9*, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The retreat's theme is "Our World, Our Future." Led by the Diocesan Youth Council, the weekend features workshops, indoor and outdoor games, worship, lively music and much-needed time away from everyday routines in order to pay more attention to the Spirit of God. Scholarship support is available, as is bus transportation. Registration closes when capacity is reached, or on Jan. 31. Register online [here](#).

- 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*. Young people attend as part of their diocesan delegation. Online registration to join the diocesan delegation is open until Feb. 10 [here](#).

- The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry has scheduled two Friday-Saturday **Pre-Confirmation Retreats** to help prepare young people for Confirmation: *March 20-21* and *April 3-4*. Both retreats will be held at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Confirmands and their mentors will gather to meet other young people and explore their call to Confirmation, its promise and challenge.

The retreats are led by the members of the Diocesan Youth Council, who will lead small groups and give reflections on their own spiritual journey. Retreats also provide potential confirmands a chance to meet and ask questions of their bishops. A recruiting flier is available [here](#).

TRAINING & LEARNING:

- Episcopal City Mission is hosting a **Faith-Rooted Justice Workshop** for individuals and teams from Episcopal congregations on *Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (135 Lafayette Street) in Marblehead. This training and community building opportunity will lay the groundwork for communities to respond to injustice on a local or statewide basis. Find more information online [here](#) and sign-up [here](#).

- The diocese's Congregational Consultants are sponsoring their annual **Congregational Business Practices Workshop** four times in February and March to give congregational leaders—especially those new to their roles—an exposure to the basics of good business practices in general, and Episcopal Church business practices in particular. The workshop covers general business practices; compensation and benefits; compliance and reporting; bookkeeping and audits; and safeguarding of assets. These workshops are important for vestry members, treasurers, officers and clergy—anyone involved in the business matters of the congregation.

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The workshop will be offered on these *four Saturdays, each from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*:

- *Feb. 22* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston ([register online here](#));
- *Feb. 29* at St. Mark's Church (10 St. Mark's Road) in Burlington ([register online here](#));
- *March 14* at St. Peter's Church (165 Main Street) in Buzzards Bay ([register online here](#)); and
- *March 21* at St. Paul's Church (26 Washington Street) in Malden ([register online here](#)).

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

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Dec. 5, 2019, meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Welcomed new Diocesan Council members: The Rev. Maggie Arnold (South Shore Deanery), Michael Bent (North Shore Deanery) and the Rev. Cheryl Minor (Alewife Deanery).

Voted to direct the treasurer and the Budget Committee to review the bishops' compensation and to report back to Council with a proposal for the 2021 diocesan budget.

Voted to withdraw up to \$900,000 from invested funds for the renovation of the St. Mark's rectory in Dorchester and the stabilization of St. Luke's Chapel at St. John St. James Church in Roxbury. The withdrawal is to be replaced with the proceeds of the sale of 40 Prescott Street in Brookline. This vote is contingent on the authorization of the sale of the 40 Prescott Street property by the Standing Committee and Bishop Gates.

Voted to approve a clergy housing allowance for the remainder of 2019 and future years unless otherwise provided.

Received a report from the diocesan Treasurer's Office on third-quarter financials.

Voted to approve the transfer of the remaining mission strategy funds of \$15,000 from the 2019 diocesan budget (budget line CC4112) to a new micro-grant fund.

Voted to approve the Roxbury Dorchester "Power in Community" Mission Hub budget for Sept. 1, 2019, to Aug. 31, 2020.

Heard a report from the Diocesan Council working group on communications.

Heard an update about diocesan staff changes.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting: *Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.

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

**CLERGY SEARCH &
CALL REPORT:**
Central Region

Regional Canon Carol Gallagher
cgallagher@diomass.org

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Douglas Anderson has been called as rector of the Church of the Advent in Boston.

The Rev. Brad Ingalls completed his time as supply priest with All Saints' Church in West Newbury in November and has begun as bridge priest at St. Anne's Church in North Billerica.

The Rev. Patrick LaFortune has begun as supply priest at All Saints' Church in West Newbury.

The Rev. Stephen Voysey has begun as bridge priest at St. Paul's Church in Malden.

CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:

NEWTON HIGHLANDS, St. Paul's Church

RECTOR SEARCHES**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

CAMBRIDGE, Christ Church *full-time*

CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church *TBD*

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

None at this time.

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES: (Apply directly to parish.)

None at this time.

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

None at this time.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:

Contact the regional canon to be considered.

BURLINGTON, St. Mark's Church *part-time*

MEDWAY, Christ Church *part-time*

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:

Priests with interim training may contact the regional canon to be considered.

NEWTON HIGHLANDS, St. Paul's Church *part-time*

Northern and Western Region

Regional Canon Martha Hubbard
mhubbard@diomass.org

CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

TOPSFIELD, Trinity Church

RECTOR SEARCHES**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

None at this time.

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

None at this time.

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES: (Apply directly to parish.)

ACTON, Church of the Good Shepherd *full-time*

MELROSE, Trinity Church *three-quarters-time*

WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany *full-time*

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LYNN, St. Stephen's Church
 NATICK, St. Paul's Church
 SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:

Contact the regional canon to be considered.
 MALDEN, St. Paul's Church *half-time*
 NORTH BILLERICA, St. Anne's Church *TBD*
 SAUGUS, St. John's Church *half-time*

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:

Priests with interim training may contact the regional canon to be considered.
 CHELMSFORD, All Saints' Church *full-time, starting Feb. 1*
 TOPSFIELD, Trinity Church *TBD; Starting January*

CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Church of the Holy Nativity

RECTOR SEARCHES**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

BUZZARDS BAY, St. Peter's Church *half-time*
 FALL RIVER, Church of the Holy Spirit *full-time*
 MARION, St. Gabriel's Church *full-time*
 ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit *full-time*

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

QUINCY, Parish of St. Chrysostom
 SOMERSET, Church of Our Saviour
 WHITMAN, All Saints' Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES: *(Apply directly to parish.)*

BRIDGEWATER, Trinity Church *until Jan. 15*
 TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church
 NEW BEDFORD, St. Andrew's Church

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:

Contact the regional canon to be considered.
None at this time.

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:

Priests with interim training may contact the regional canon to be considered.
None at this time.

Southern Region

Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell
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NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of the month. The deadline for the Feb. 5 issue is **Wednesday, Jan. 29 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.