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**Join on June 12 to  
celebrate life & witness  
of Barbara C. Harris**

The diocesan community is invited to gather for the memorial service in celebration of the life of Bishop Barbara C. Harris, to be held on *Sunday, June 12 at 5 p.m.*—in person at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston and at several simultaneous regional gatherings hosted by churches in Brockton, Cambridge, Salem and Weston for those who are not able to be at the cathedral church but who would like to gather with others to participate in the service via livestream, on-site celebration of Holy Eucharist and fellowship.

**As of press time, in-person seating is available at the cathedral church, and the gracious hosts at regional sites look forward to welcoming all who would like to gather with them as well.**

Those attending in person at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul need to register in advance [here](#). Doors will open at 4:15 p.m.; first come, first seated in the cathedral sanctuary, with overflow seating downstairs in Sproat Hall. A reception will follow.

The livestream of the service will be available for public viewing via [www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org) and the [cathedral's YouTube channel](#).

Find details, links and updates at [www.diomass.org/event/barbara-c-harris-memorial](http://www.diomass.org/event/barbara-c-harris-memorial).

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**Family & youth camps  
begin in July at BCH  
Center**

*Registration is open and summer  
staff opportunities still available*

After a two-year pandemic hiatus, summer camp is back on this year at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The schedule includes two Family Camp weekends for families of all configurations, and four Youth Camp sessions for 4th-12th graders:

*July 1-4: Family Camp Session 1*

*July 10-15: Youth Camp Session 1*

*July 17-22: Youth Camp Session 2*

*July 24-29: Youth Camp Session 3*

*July 31-Aug. 5: Youth Camp Session 4*

*Aug. 5-7: Family Camp Session 2*

Find details, registration and campership information [here](#).

The Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center is still hiring summer staff (18+ years old) to provide a fun, enriching and supportive experience for campers, *June 24-Aug. 8*, including lifeguards (can be 16+), canoers and kayakers, ropes course facilitators, music leads and general counselors. The summer salary range is \$2,100-\$2,500 (depending on training and certifications), with on-site room and board and WiFi. Find the application [here](#).

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**All are invited to join  
Juneteenth, World Refu-  
gee Day and Pan-African  
celebrations**

The Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries, together with the bishops, invite all to take part in one or more of these special upcoming events:

Gather with Bishop Gayle E. Harris for a virtual **Juneteenth Celebration** on *Sunday, June 19 at 3 p.m.*, commemorating the ending of slavery in the U.S. and marking the Feast of Bernard Mizeki. Find more details and register for the Zoom link [here](#).

**World Refugee Day** on June 20 is an international designation by the United Nations. The Diocese of Massachusetts will celebrate online on *Friday, June 24 at 3 p.m.* Bishop Alan M. Gates will give the reflection. Find details and register for the Zoom link [here](#).

A one-day **Pan-African Conference** of the people of African descent in the diocese, in conjunction with the African Clergy Caucus, is scheduled for *Saturday, July 2*, beginning with a service at 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter's Church (750 Main Street) in Waltham, with lunch, music and entertainment to follow. Bishop Gayle E. Harris will be the celebrant and preacher. All are welcome, including children, family and friends. More details are posted [here](#).  
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries ([jbntagengwa@diomass.org](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 400).

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**Mark the calendar:  
Diocesan Convention is  
Oct. 28-29**

Earlier-than-usual submission  
deadline: **Friday, Sept. 2**

“By This They Will Know You: The Call of Love in Our Time and Place” is the theme for the 237th annual Diocesan Convention, to take place *Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-29* at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore in Danvers.

Early plans include Friday afternoon sessions focused on pressing questions of discipleship, and an evening dinner with a hymn/spirituals sing. Business sessions and the convention Eucharist will take place on Saturday.

The deadline for submitting all materials will be *Friday, Sept. 2*. This will be the final day to submit materials to the Convention Office, including nomination forms for elected positions, resolution submission forms and written reports.

All congregations are reminded to submit their congregational leadership reports, including certification of lay delegates, to make sure that their convention delegation will receive upcoming convention communications. Questions may be e-mailed to [convention@diomass.org](mailto:convention@diomass.org).

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**Nominating Committee  
seeks to broaden leader-  
ship diversity**

The recently reconstituted Nominating Committee is seeking to fulfill the mission strategy charge to “broaden the diversity of leadership for all diocesan project teams and governing bodies.” The committee invites members of the laity to respond via [this brief form](#) regarding skills and experience they have to offer. Clergy are invited to share the link with their congregations and ministries: [https://edom.formstack.com/forms/diomass\\_recruitment](https://edom.formstack.com/forms/diomass_recruitment)  
FOR INFORMATION: Rob Kelleher, Nominating Committee member ([rmkelleher@gmail.com](mailto:rmkelleher@gmail.com)) or The Rev. Rachel Wildman, Secretary of the Diocese ([secretary@diomass.org](mailto:secretary@diomass.org)).

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## NEWS & EVENT NOTES:

- The diocesan community's prayers and presence are invited for the **ordination of deacons and transitional deacons** on *Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. A livestream will be available via [www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org).

- **El Comité Hispano will host Volvemos Encendidas y Encendidos: Una Fiesta Pan-Latina Episcopal** on *Saturday June 4, 1-3 p.m.*, at Piers Park on Marginal Street in East Boston. The gathering will be conducted in Spanish, will bring together Latin@s Episcopales from throughout the diocese for fellowship and will launch joint work around Beloved Community vital in communities as multiracial and multi-ethnic as those of this diocese. Come, enjoy some delicious food, fellowship and prayer on the eve of Pentecost. Click [here](#) to offer any questions and to RSVP.

- **New England Episcopal dioceses to gather for annual conference:** The annual conference of the seven Episcopal dioceses of New England (Province I) is coming up, and will be held via Zoom over two evenings. The opening session, on *Tuesday, June 7, 6-8:30 p.m.*, will include a discussion with members of diocesan deputations to the General Convention, coming up in July in Baltimore. A business session follows on *Wednesday, June 8, 7-8:30 p.m.* The conference is open to all New England Episcopals. Find more information and registration [here](#).

- The **Creation Care Justice Network** continues to meet roughly every other week under the auspices of its "Action and Advocacy" subgroup. Its next online meeting is *Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m.* The group is continuing its work to develop "An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice" as a resource for Massachusetts congregations to use as they respond to the climate emergency with prayer, learning, action and advocacy. For more information, e-mail [creationjusticeepisma@gmail.com](mailto:creationjusticeepisma@gmail.com).

- **Update on Clergy Professional Development Days:** Two opportunities remain for clergy to attend this year's Professional Development Days (each includes a workshop on microaggression and a safe church review session): *Tuesday, June 14* and *Friday, Sept. 9*. Find registration [here](#). Clergy who are due to renew their safe church training (required every three years) should attend both the workshop and review session. All clergy are encouraged to attend the workshop.

The Racial Justice Commission committee planning the microaggression workshop has decided that, due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, **the workshop and safe church review will now take place virtually on Zoom**. The start time has been moved to 9 a.m., and there will be a one-hour break scheduled between the two online sessions. An e-mail reminder with instructions on how to prepare for these and information about joining via Zoom will be sent a few days prior to the meeting to those who have registered.

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- **“Rooted and Rising in Love,” a summer solstice in-person retreat**, will be offered on *Tuesday, June 21, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at the Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover, led by the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, who serves as creation care advisor for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

In the face of converging social and ecological crises, what spiritual practices and perspectives can sustain us? As we struggle to protect the web of life and to create a more just society, where do we turn for meaning and strength? This one-day retreat will include a mix of presentations, small group conversations, individual reflection and free time for contemplative wandering and prayer. Participants will explore a framework for the heart for becoming compassionate, prophetic leaders who can take up the mantle of moral leadership that this decisive moment in history requires.

Find event details and registration [here](#); registration is open until June 10.

- Interested in learning **how to lead the Daily Offices, in particular, Morning Prayer**? The Rev. Carol Morehead of Grace Church in Medford will give an online training on *Sunday, June 26, 4-6 p.m.* Register [here](#). This training is especially appropriate for anyone who wishes to be licensed by the bishop as a lay worship leader. (The application for licensing can be found [here](#).)  
*FOR INFORMATION: Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation ([mgardner@diomass.org](mailto:mgardner@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 403).*

- The online **Finance Forum for Congregational Leaders** continues on *Tuesday, June 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.* Clergy, wardens and treasurers are invited to this opportunity to gather and share information. Register [here](#) for the Zoom link.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Cynthia Hallenbeck, Interim CFO ([challenbeck@diomass.org](mailto:challenbeck@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 554).*

- **Student loan forgiveness for clergy:** Because clergy and some lay employees are now considered public service workers, they are eligible to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for student debt forgiveness. The deadline for applying is *Oct. 31*.

Visit [this website](#) for application details; additional webinar materials are available through the Church Pension Group [here](#).

## CHURCHWIDE:

- With ongoing COVID-19 concerns in mind, the design group charged with planning a **“shorter, smaller, safer” General Convention in Baltimore this summer** has recommended reducing the gathering’s duration from eight to four days, *July 8-11*, and restricting in-person attendance to bishops, deputies, essential staff and volunteers and a limited media presence. Other modifications for worship and the legislative process are to be announced, with the final plan to be formalized the first week of June. Find Episcopal News Service’s ongoing General Convention coverage [here](#), and visit the General Convention website [here](#).

- Following the leak to news media in May of a draft opinion suggesting the Supreme Court may soon strike down the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations reaffirmed, in a [May 3 statement](#), the church's commitment to "equitable access to women's health care, including women's reproductive health care," viewed by the church as "an integral part of a woman's struggle to assert her dignity and worth as a human being." The Office of Government Relations will continue to advocate at the federal level to protect reproductive rights, the statement said. Find an **overview of The Episcopal Church's positions on abortion and women's reproductive health** [here](#).

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**GRANTS & LOANS:**

- **Mission Initiatives Grants applications for existing grantees:** The Mission Initiatives Committee, a committee of Diocesan Council responsible for making recommendations to Council and Convention regarding congregations, programs and chaplaincies that receive funding through the annual diocesan budget, has opened the process for reporting and re-application for existing Mission Initiatives grantees for the coming 2023 budget development cycle.

Applications and reports will be due by *June 30* and, as in the past, they will be submitted online. The traditional gatherings to discuss applications and share thoughts and ideas will be scheduled for a time in July, to be determined. The gatherings will be online as a precaution against transmission of COVID-19 and as an overall scheduling and logistical convenience.

The Mission Initiatives Committee earnestly looks forward to receiving reports and applications and, best of all, to discussions as an occasion to reflect on past accomplishments and challenges and look forward to future mission endeavors.

Find the Mission Initiatives reporting form for 2021 funding [here](#). Find the Mission Initiatives Grants application for 2023 funding [here](#).

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**DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

The May 19 Diocesan Council meeting was canceled, and an additional meeting, on *Thursday, Aug. 11, 6-8:30 p.m.*, has been added to the schedule.

**Next Council Meeting:** *Thursday, June 16, 6-8:30 p.m.*, via Zoom.

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

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## **CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:**

**CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. Brett Johnson will begin as interim assistant rector at Christ Church in Andover on June 1.

The Rev. Angel David Marrero-Ayala concluded his time as priest-in-charge at Christ Church in Hyde Park on May 1.

The Rev. Sarah Mato concludes her ministry as rector of St. Paul's Church in North Andover on June 12 and begins as associate rector at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham on July 1.

The Rev. Jeffrey Mello, the rector of St. Paul's Church in Brookline, was elected bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut on May 21.

The Rev. Benjamin Njoku was received into The Episcopal Church on May 21.

The Rev. Eleanor Prior comes from the Diocese of Maine to begin as priest-in-charge at St. Andrew's Church in Methuen on July 15.

The Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole concludes her ministry as rector of St. Michael's Church in Holliston on June 19.

The Rev. Harry Walton will retire as rector of Trinity Church in Canton and Trinity Church in Stoughton on June 30; the Rev. Rachel Wildman will begin as priest-in-charge of those churches beginning July 1.

**Central Region**

Regional Canon Carol Gallagher  
[cgallagher@diomass.org](mailto:cgallagher@diomass.org)

**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

BOSTON, St. Stephen's Church  
CAMBRIDGE, St. Bartholomew's Church  
HYDE PARK, Christ Church  
MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent  
ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's 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.)*

[WESTWOOD, St. John's Church](#)

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

*None at this time.*

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

MEDWAY, Christ Church, *part-time*

**INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

BOSTON, St. Stephen's Church, *part-time*

**OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:**

BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church: [Curate/Associate](#)

NEWTON, Grace Church: [Minister for Christian Formation](#)

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**Northern and Western Region**  
Regional Canon Martha Hubbard  
[mhubbard@diomass.org](mailto:mhubbard@diomass.org)

**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

AYER, St. Andrew's Church  
BEVERLY, St. Peter's Church  
HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church  
HUDSON, St. Luke's Church  
LOWELL, St. Anne's Church  
LOWELL, St. John's Church  
MARBLEHEAD, St. Michael's Church  
NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church  
WESTON, St. Peter's Church

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

GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church

**CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

WAKEFIELD, Emmanuel Church

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

[GROVELAND, St. James's Church](#)

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

CHELMSFORD, All Saints' Church

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

HAVERHILL, Trinity Church, *half-time*

MALDEN, St. Paul's Church, *quarter-time*

**INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

*None at this time.*

**OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:**

SUDBURY, St. Elizabeth's Church: [Associate for/Director of Parish Life](#)

**Southern Region**  
Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell  
[koconnell@diomass.org](mailto:koconnell@diomass.org)

**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

FOXBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church  
MARSHFIELD, Trinity Church  
PROVINCETOWN, Church of St. Mary of the Harbor  
SANDWICH, St. John's Church  
WOODS HOLE, Church of the Messiah

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

HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church

HOLBROOK, St. John's Church

**CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

*None at this time.*

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

[BRIDGEWATER, Trinity Church](#) *half-time*

[BUZZARDS BAY, St. Peter's Church](#) *half-time*

[SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Church of the Holy Nativity](#) *half-time*

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

*None at this time.*

**INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

BARNSTABLE, St. Mary's Church *full-time*

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

SANDWICH, St. John's Church *full-time*

WOODS HOLE, Church of the Messiah *full-time*

WRENTHAM, Trinity Church *part-time*

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***NEXT fyi:***

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of the month. The deadline for the July issue is **Wednesday, June 29 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

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