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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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Registration now open for Diocesan Convention

Nominations and proposed
resolutions due by **Sept. 2**

Online registration is now open for Diocesan Convention, to take place *Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-29* at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Danvers. This year's theme is "By This They Will Know You: The Call of Love in Our Time and Place." Convention is open to all in the diocesan community and includes non-business programming on Friday. Early registration is encouraged. The registration link and other details can be found on the diocesan website at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2022.

The deadline for submitting all materials is *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](#) (find resolutions guidelines [here](#)) and written reports.

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

NEWS & EVENT NOTES:

- **Mission Initiative Discussion Sessions with current funding recipients**, hosted by the Mission Initiatives Committee of Diocesan Council, will be conducted via Zoom on *Tuesday July 12, Wednesday, July 13 and Thursday, July 14, each starting at 7 p.m.* These discussion sessions are for current funding recipients. Each funding recipient will have five minutes for presentation followed by several minutes for Q&A amongst the attendees. Contact the committee for Zoom arrangements and/or direct questions by e-mail to missioninitiatives@diomass.org.

- **Updates to fall Confirmations schedule:** Please take note of the following adjustment and addition to the Confirmations schedule (find the full schedule [here](#)):

Location change: The service on *Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m.* will take place at Trinity Church in Concord (rather than at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center as previously planned).

Service added: The service on *Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m.* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul is now full. A second service has been added on *Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m.* at the cathedral.

To register candidates, e-mail Brad Rothrock, Cathedral Administrator (brothrock@diomass.org), as soon as possible.

- **Clergy interested in providing Sunday supply:** Your colleagues could really use your help. Priests canonically resident or licensed in the diocese who would like to be on the clergy supply list should send their name, e-mail address and phone number to Margaret Lias at mlias@diomass.org. Questions can be directed to the Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell at koconnell@diomass.org.

- **Clergy Day is Sept. 29:** All clergy are invited to save the date for the annual Clergy Day gathering which will take place at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston on *Thursday, Sept. 29, 12:30-4:30 p.m.*, followed by an optional supper. A livestream of the program will also be available. More information will be announced soon.

- Two **fall luncheons for retired clergy and their spouses and survivors** will be offered by diocesan chaplains on:
 - *Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. Peter's Church in Weston (RSVP/direct questions to Skip and Kathy Windsor at 617-605-4241 or rgroverw@gmail.com); and
 - *Friday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at St. David's Church in South Yarmouth (RSVP/direct questions to Bill Heuss at 508-398-6792 or mizzentopwm@gmail.com).

- **New Safe Church training modules:** Several new modules are now available on the Praesidium Academy platform. These modules replace the 20-year-old Safeguarding modules. Since several of those have been decommissioned, the diocesan policies, including the chart which indicates which courses to take depending on ministry roles, will be updated by Aug. 1 to reflect this change. *FOR INFORMATION: Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation (mgardner@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 403)*

- Clergy who last completed requirements to renew Safe Church training in 2019 or before are reminded that the **final opportunity to attend the compulsory Clergy Professional Development Day** is *Friday, Sept. 9* (offered in two sessions, a workshop on microaggression presented by the Racial Justice Commission at 9 a.m. and a Safe Church review session at 1 p.m.). Register by *Sept. 7* [here](#).
 Only full attendance will be credited. Those who weren't able to be present for the entirety of a previous session, or missed a session for which they were registered, should consider attending on Sept. 9. Those who need to adjust a previous registration in order to attend should contact Jennifer Garrett at jgarrett@diomass.org.
 With completion of online training modules in Praesidium Academy and a successful national background check, clergy will remain in good standing with the Diocese of Massachusetts. The deadline to complete all three aspects of the renewal is the end of the calendar year. Those clergy will receive a certificate of completion by e-mail and files will reflect a next renewal date of 2025. *FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Assistant for Networking and Events (jgarrett@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 421).*

- **Hymn-sings on the steps of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul** in Boston are scheduled for *Wednesdays, July 20 and Aug. 3 and 17 starting at noon* and followed by lunch. All are welcome. *FOR INFORMATION: Louise Mundinger, Music Director, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (lmundinger@diomass.org).*

- Church musicians in the Diocese of Massachusetts are invited to a **Musicians Retreat** on *Friday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, on Laurel Lake Road in Erving, to include Morning Prayer, meeting time, lunch, conversation and lake activities. RSVP by *Sept. 6* to Louise Mundinger, the music director at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, at lmundinger@diomass.org, with “Musicians Retreat” in the subject line.

- **Sheet music for choirs**, from two closed music libraries, is available until *Sept. 30*. The music, from a wide range of styles old and new, is mostly for adult choirs with some for youth and handbell choirs as well. Contact Louise Mundinger at lmundinger@diomass.org to get a list of titles and arrange for a date and time to pick up music at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston.

- “The Way of Love for the Second Half of Life” is a **one-day retreat for older adults**, to be held at the Bertram Conference Center of the Society of St. Margaret in Duxbury on *Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*
 The second half of life is the time after building family and career for turning to focus on other things that really matter. In this program sponsored by the diocesan Lifespan Ministry with Older Adults, participants are invited to explore the elements of “The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life” as envisioned by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, through guided learning, discussion, prayer, fellowship and silence. This program will be facilitated by the Rev. Joe Robinson and the Rev. Deacon Phil Flaherty.
 A registration fee of \$25 will help with the cost of materials and lunch. Find additional information and registration [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Deacon Phil Flaherty (philflaherty@outlook.com or 617-257-8169).

- **“Take heart, it is I” Retreat for Creation Season**, *Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-noon*, led by the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas via Zoom (free): Like the disciples in their small boat, we may feel “battered by the waves” (Matthew 14:24). This retreat is a time to gather to pray for the courage to meet Christ in rough seas, the serenity to trust in Christ’s presence and the boldness to bear public witness to Christ’s love. The retreat will include silence and guided meditation, presentations and small group conversation, and free time for solitary prayer and a contemplative walk outdoors. The retreat will be held the day before [Faiths for Climate Justice](#) launches a week of faith-based climate events (*Oct. 2-9*); consider planning or joining an event so that prayers can be offered for you during the retreat. Register for the retreat [here](#).

CHURCHWIDE:

- The **Episcopal Church's 80th General Convention** takes place *July 8-11* in Baltimore, Md. Follow along via a suite of online resources, [here](#), offered by the Office of Public Affairs, including the [Media Hub](#) where each day's legislative and worship activities will be livestreamed as well as posted for later viewing. Find daily news coverage from Episcopal News Service [here](#) and from House of Deputies News [here](#).

- The Episcopal Church Office of Creation Care has announced the **opening of the 2022 creation care grant funding cycle**, with applications—available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)—being accepted until *Aug. 15* for local and regional eco-ministry projects.

The 2022 Creation Care Grants seek to support long-term ministries that focus on addressing the inequitable and systemic impacts of environmental racism and support regional and local collaborative eco-justice projects. The grant committee is interested in supporting programs that go beyond secular environmental work to provide resources for faith-based community organizing and theological reflection.

Up to eight projects—ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each—will be awarded to Episcopal institutions by a committee comprising former members of the churchwide Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism. The grant committee is committed to supporting efforts led and aided by youth and young adults, communities of color and Indigenous peoples.

- [Forward Movement](#) has announced that it is the new official purveyor of **Episcopal Church street signs**, having acquired the business from Faith Goods, part of Day1, in late 2021. The “Episcopal Church Welcomes You” street signs have been used as a visible community invitation for churches for more than a half century.

Churches can request estimates and place orders for new signage at signs.forwardmovement.org.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its June 16 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Voted to approve the opening of a separate checking account for the bishop diocesan's discretionary funds.

Heard a report from the Treasurer's Office and Budget Committee about the 2023 budget.

Heard a presentation from the Trustees of Donations about their structure and practices.

Heard a report from the Mission Initiatives Committee about additional 2022 funding allocations.

Next Council Meeting: *Thursday, Aug. 11, 6-8:30 p.m.*, via Zoom.

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

CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Bill Bradbury completed his ministry as bridge priest at St. Andrew's Church in Methuen on June 26 and began on June 27 as bridge priest at St. James' Church in Groveland, where **the Rev. Dee Woodward** has completed her time as bridge priest as of June 12.

The Rev. Julie Carson will complete her ministry as rector of St. Andrew's Church in Framingham on Aug. 31, and begins as the interim priest of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutton, in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, on Sept. 1.

The Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole begins her work as interim assistant for youth at St. Andrew's Church in Wellesley in July.

The Rev. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer began serving as bridge priest at St. Stephen's Church in Boston on June 5.

The Rev. Liz Steinhauser completed her ministry at St. Stephen's Church in Boston on June 30 and will begin working for the American Federation of Teachers in July.

The Rev. Evan Thayer has been called as rector of Trinity Church in Demopolis, Ala. He will conclude his ministry at the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin in Boston on July 31.

The Rev. Jennifer Vath concluded her ministry as assistant rector at Christ Church in Andover on May 15 and began as rector of Trinity Church in Topsfield on June 7.

The Rev. Stephen Voysey completes his ministry as bridge priest at St. Paul's Church in Malden on July 10 and begins as interim priest at St. Michael's Church in Marblehead on July 14.

Central Region

Regional Canon Carol Gallagher
cgallagher@diomass.org

CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

BOSTON, Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin

BOSTON, St. Stephen's Church

BROOKLINE, St. Paul'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:**

LEXINGTON, Church of Our Redeemer

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*

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INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS: *Contact the regional canon.*

BOSTON, Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin

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

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church: [Curate/Associate](#)NEWTON, Grace Church: [Minister for Christian Formation](#)

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

CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church

HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

LOWELL, St. Anne's Church

LOWELL, St. John's Church

NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church

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

BEVERLY, St. Peter's Church

GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church

HUDSON, St. Luke's Church

MARBLEHEAD, St. Michael's Church

WESTON, St. Peter'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.*

AYER, St. Andrew's Church

NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church

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

Southern Region
Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell
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CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

BARNSTABLE, St. Mary's Church

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

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HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

HOLBROOK, St. John's Church

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*

NEXT fyi:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of the month. The deadline for the August issue is **Wednesday, July 27 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
