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Registration now open for Diocesan Convention

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

Save the dates for resolution
comment period and pre-
Convention forums

Exhibits welcome at convention:
Apply by Oct. 14

Creation Season begins Sept. 1

Online registration is open for Diocesan Convention, to take place *Friday-Saturday, Oct. 28-29* at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Danvers. Convention is open to all in the diocesan community and includes non-business programming on Friday exploring this year's theme, "By This They Will Know You: The Call of Love in Our Time and Place." Early registration is encouraged. The registration link, hotel reservation information and other details can be found 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 [nominations](#) for [elected positions](#), [resolution submission forms](#) (find resolutions guidelines [here](#)) and written reports.

Additional important dates: An open comment period to collect feedback on proposed resolutions runs *Sept. 9-14*, with a **Zoom discussion on resolutions** scheduled for *Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.* (An online feedback form will also be available during the comment period.) **Pre-Convention Forums** will be held via Zoom as follows:

- *Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.:* Central Region
- *Thursday, Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m.:* Northern and Western Region
- *Friday, Oct. 7, 2-3:30 p.m.:* All Regions
- *Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7-8:30 p.m.:* Southern Region

Sign-up for any and all sessions is via the convention registration process, [here](#).

The form to request **exhibit space** (virtual, in-person tables at the venue or both) during this year's Diocesan Convention, including fee details, is now available online [here](#) for companies, organizations and programs. Application deadline is *Friday, Oct. 14*.

Questions may be e-mailed to convention@diomass.org.

Creation Season—*Sept. 1-Oct. 4*—presents a special opportunity to pray and learn about what can be done for the precious creation of which we are a part, act to reduce our burden on the Earth and advocate for just solutions—all for the love of God. Notable offerings that invite participation in new ways this year include:

- **"Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration":** A new curated liturgical resource authorized by the bishops for use in 2022, available at www.diomass.org/creation-care;

- **"Preaching Climate Justice":** An online conversation for preachers, lay and ordained, with Jim Antal and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, on *Thursday, Sept. 15, 10-11:15 a.m.* ([register here](#)); and

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• **“Take heart, it is I” Zoom Retreat for Creation Season**, Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-noon, led by Margaret Bullitt-Jonas. Find retreat details and registration [here](#).

Sign up [here](#) to get connected with the **Creation Care Justice Network**, a growing group of Episcopalians across Massachusetts engaged in working together to help congregations and individuals pray, learn, act and advocate on behalf of God’s creation.

Prep for fall stewardship campaigns with TENS resources & Sept. 21 webinar

This year’s stewardship theme from TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) is “More Than Enough”: “As we take inventory of our spiritual resources, the strength of our community and our capacity for generosity, we realize that there is now, and always has been, ‘More Than Enough.’”

This stewardship pledge campaign from TENS includes **complete resources for a fall campaign** for Liturgical Year C: Logos and artwork; timeline and campaign implementation; Prayers of the People; sample campaign letters and pledge cards; and weekly reflections. All are available to congregations through the diocesan membership. Visit <https://www.tens.org> and use password: Luke9:17

Sign up for **“Shape Up Your Stewardship! Best Practices for 2022 Campaigns”** on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom. The Diocese of Massachusetts is partnering with TENS to provide training on the challenges and opportunities of raising money for ministry in 2022. If you’re a seasoned stewardship leader or just starting out in your first campaign, come learn some best practices, share your stories for success and prepare for a great fall campaign. Register for this free, virtual event [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Brian Raiche, Development Consultant (braiche@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 515).

Indigenous Peoples’ Day weekend events invite sacred listening

The Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries and the Racial Justice Commission of the Diocese of Massachusetts, together with the Indigenous Peoples Justice Network of the dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts, are pleased to share that the Rev. Canon Cornelia Eaton of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland has accepted an invitation to be in the Diocese of Massachusetts for Indigenous Peoples’ Day weekend.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, Eaton will preach at Old North Church in Boston. On Monday, Oct. 10 at Christ Church in Plymouth, she will join the bishops of both dioceses and Indigenous leaders from the Commonwealth for a morning of sacred listening and responding, lunchtime conversations and a worship service of lament and commitment. All are welcome. Details and registration will be available in September.

FOR INFORMATION: Margaret Lias, Assistant for Congregations and Grant Administration (mlias@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 229).

NEWS & EVENT NOTES:

- **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.

 - **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 chart which indicates which courses to take, depending on ministry roles, has been updated and can be found [here](#).
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).

 - Two **fall luncheons for retired clergy and their spouses and survivors** will be hosted 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).

 - Friends and colleagues are welcome for a retirement celebration for **the Rev. Tom Barrington** on *Friday, Aug. 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, at the American Legion Hall in North Chelmsford. RSVP or contribute to a scrapbook of memories [here](#).
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- **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered via Zoom on *Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.* Register [here](#).

To be licensed by the bishop as a lay eucharistic visitor, one must complete training, be up to date with Safe Church training and have signed authorization from their congregation's clergy person. The application for licensing is online [here](#).

For those interested in providing local trainings at the deanery level, it will be helpful to attend the Nov. 19 training.

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- **Opportunities for lay formation and discernment:** For the third year, the Diocese of Massachusetts is joining the Diocese of Western Massachusetts to offer the **Loving the Questions** program, a community of contemplation and discernment that honors the Spirit's unique call from God to each person. The program focuses on learning to prayerfully listen more deeply to God in the presence of community; gaining clarity about our unique calling and gifts; and identifying necessary supports. Loving the Questions will meet biweekly on Zoom from September to March. More information and registration can be found [here](#); financial assistance can be requested.

Bexley-Seabury's **Pathways for Baptismal Living** offers life-long, life-wide and life-deep learning for all the baptized. More than 20 courses are being offered this fall in a variety of areas (fundamentals of our faith, lay licensure, churchwide imperatives, discernment and more). Find information about Pathways [here](#) and details about the courses [here](#). The Diocese of Massachusetts can offer a discount for several of the courses.

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

- "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).

- 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 Munding, the music director at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, at lmunding@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 Munding at lmunding@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.
- **MANNA** (Many Angels Needed Now and Always), the Cathedral Church of St. Paul’s ministry of and with the homeless community of downtown Boston, has a **new newsletter**, the first issue of which is available [here](#). To learn more about MANNA and receive forthcoming publications, sign up [here](#).

CHURCHWIDE:

- Episcopalians across the church are invited to **apply for appointment to the various interim bodies created by General Convention**. These committees, commissions and task forces carry out the work of The Episcopal Church between conventions. Applications are due *Aug. 12*, and initial appointments will be made in September. The application form, [here](#), allows applicants to select areas of interest and identify relevant skills and experience. Questions may be e-mailed to the General Convention Office at gcoffice@episcopalchurch.org.
 - The Episcopal Church Office of Creation Care is accepting grant applications until *Aug. 15* for local and regional eco-ministry projects; applications are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). 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.
 - Employees of religious not-for-profit organizations may benefit from the time-limited **federal student loan forgiveness program** closing *Oct. 31*. The Church Pension Group will offer a webinar on *Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2-3 p.m.*, covering who and what qualifies for loan forgiveness, application filing and practical guidance on next steps. Register [here](#).
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- Those discerning a call or seeking seed grant funding to start a new Episcopal community are invited to participate in an **online “Discerning Missional Leadership” retreat** over four *Mondays* (Sept. 12, 19 and 26 and Oct. 3, 12-4:30 p.m.) that is being offered by The Episcopal Church’s Office of Church Planting. Find more details and registration [here](#). The registration deadline is Aug. 15.

- **Nominees are being accepted for Episcopal Church bishop suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.** Based in Washington, D.C, the bishop suffragan is a member of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s staff. The deadline for submitting nominees or applying is Sept. 15. The election is slated for the March 2023 meeting of the House of Bishops. Find details [here](#).

GRANTS & LOANS:

- The application and program information for **2023 Clergy Sabbatical Program Grants** are now available [here](#). Applications are due by *Friday, Oct. 17, 2022*, for sabbaticals in 2023; award decisions will be announced by *Nov. 18, 2022*.

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas (theakl@mit.edu) or The Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole (sjrobbinscole@gmail.com), Sabbatical Grant Committee.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

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. Jack Clark began her ministry as priest-in-charge of Trinity Church in Haverhill on Aug. 1.

The Rev. David Fredrickson will conclude his ministry as rector of Christ Church in Plymouth on Aug. 10.

Janelle Hiroshige, a postulant for ordination, began as associate for youth and outreach at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester on Aug. 1.

The Rev. Joe Kimmel began as curate at St. Anne’s in-the-Fields Church in Lincoln on July 1, and **the Rev. Kristian Kohler** will begin there as assistant rector for liturgy and congregational care on Sept. 1.

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
MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent
ROXBURY, St. Cyprian’s Church

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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.*

CAMBRIDGE, St. Bartholomew's Church

MEDWAY, Christ Church

WEST ROXBURY, Emmanuel Church

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS: *Contact the regional canon.*

BOSTON, Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin

BOSTON, St. Stephen's Church

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian'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

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PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS: *Contact the regional canon.
None at this time.*

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS: *Contact the regional canon.*
 AYER, St. Andrew's Church
 NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:
None at this time.

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
 SANDWICH, St. John's Church
 WOODS HOLE, Church of the Messiah

RECTOR SEARCHES

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church
 PROVINCETOWN, Church of St. Mary of the Harbor

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.*

FOXBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church *part-time*
 PLYMOUTH, Christ Church *full-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 September issue is **Wednesday, Aug. 31 at noon.** E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.