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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

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Celebrate new ministry with Bishop Gallagher on May 27

A celebration of the **new ministry of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher as assistant bishop** in the Diocese of Massachusetts is being planned for *Saturday, May 27 at 3 p.m.* at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan. All are welcome at this celebratory occasion; save the date and watch for more details!

New deacons to be ordained on June 3

The diocesan community's prayers and presence are invited for the ordination of new deacons on *Saturday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m.* at the [Cathedral Church of St. Paul](#) in Boston. **Margaret Lias** (sponsored by Emmanuel Church, Boston) will be ordained to the diaconate. Those being ordained to the transitional diaconate are: **Joshua (Paddy) Cavanaugh** (Emmanuel Church, Boston), **Lisa Faber Ginggen** (Grace Church, Medford), **Katherine Hoyer** (St. Michael's Church, Marblehead), **Paul Keene** (St. Peter's Church, Cambridge), **Keith Nelson, SSJE** (Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge), **Eva Ortez** (Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston), **Max Sklar** (St. Peter's-San Pedro Church, Salem), **Michael Thompson** (Trinity Church, Melrose) and **Kevin Vetiac** (Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban).

Diocesan Convention dates & materials deadline announced

The 238th annual Diocesan Convention will take place *Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28*, once again at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore in Danvers. Early plans include Friday afternoon sessions focused on the theme of collaboration and an evening dinner. Business sessions and the convention Eucharist will take place on Saturday.

The **deadline for submitting all materials** will be *Friday, Sept. 1*. 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.

*Has your congregation submitted
its leadership reporting for 2023?*

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.

Regional canon application period open until June 15

Applications are now being accepted for the position of regional canon for the diocese's Central Region. The full job description and details can be found [here](#) and via [www.diomass.org/clergy transition](http://www.diomass.org/clergy-transition). Applications will be accepted until *Thursday, June 15*. Resumes and OTM profiles should be submitted to Jocelyn Collen, Administrator for Congregations and Development, at jcollen@diomass.org.

NEWS & EVENT NOTES:

- **Free stewardship training** on *Thursday, May 11, 6:30-8 p.m.*: The Diocese of Massachusetts is partnering with TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) to provide free training on the challenges and opportunities of raising money for ministry in 2023. If you are 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. This will be a virtual gathering. Bring your questions about stewardship and come learn together. Register for the webinar [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Brian Raiche, Development Consultant, (braiche@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 515).

 - Episcopal churches and the Diocese of Massachusetts, through the B-PEACE campaign of past years, have had a strong presence at the annual **Mother's Day Walk for Peace** since 2013, in support of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. This year's walk, under the theme "Cultivating Cycles of Peace," takes place on *Sunday, May 14, with an 8 a.m.* opening ceremony at Town Field Park in Dorchester. Bishop Alan M. Gates will be on hand to greet walkers as they step off for the 4.3-mile walk whose route loops back to Town Field Park for a 10 a.m. closing rally.
Walkers and teams can register themselves directly on the walk's website, pledge to support other walkers and teams and find complete details at www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org.

 - **Calling all lay preachers:** A regular Zoom gathering for lay preachers in the diocese is underway, with the next gathering scheduled for *Monday, May 15, 7-8 p.m. (rescheduled from May 22)*. Register to receive the meeting link [here](#).
FOR INFORMATION: Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation (mgardner@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 403).

 - **EfM graduates invited to online gathering:** Join Diocese of Massachusetts Education for Ministry coordinator David Bresnahan and Missioner for Networking and Formation Martha Gardner on *Tuesday, May 16, 7-8 p.m.*, to meet other graduates and hear from one another about "life after EfM graduation." Register for the online gathering [here](#). Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based on small-group study and practice. EfM helps participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship and engage in theological reflection together.
FOR INFORMATION: E-mail efmmass@gmail.com or Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation (mgardner@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 403).
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- Two opportunities remain between May and September to attend 2023 **Clergy Professional Development Days**, offered in two parts, with the next set of sessions to be held on *Thursday, May 18* at St. Andrew's Church in Marblehead: Session I in the morning is a **workshop led by The Samaritans of Boston** and is in support of 2018 General Convention resolution [C014](#), "Urging Clergy Training on Suicide Prevention." All clergy are encouraged to attend the workshop. Session II in the afternoon is a **Safe Church review** segment that will fulfill the refresher requirement for those clergy who are due for one this year to maintain good standing. Clergy who are unsure if they are due for Safe Church renewal this year may contact Jennifer Garrett at jgarrett@diomass.org.

Find the schedule and registration for all sessions [here](#).

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

- **Life Together fellowships still available:** Know a young adult who cares about social justice, longs to explore spiritual life and wants to live in community with other young adults? [Life Together](#) is still looking for a few more fellows for its 2023-2024 cohort in Dorchester. Fellows receive housing, a cost-of-living stipend and a monthly transportation pass, among other benefits. If Life Together isn't the right fit, the Episcopal Service Corps offers nine affiliated programs across the country. Apply [here](#).

Additionally, tickets are on sale for "**Walking in the Light,**" **Life Together's annual fundraiser** on *Friday, May 19, 5-7 p.m.*, at Christ Church in Cambridge. This festive evening will feature inspirational stories, music, a silent auction and more. The event is the culmination of Life Together's efforts this spring to raise \$30,000 in individual and parish gifts to support prayerful and prophetic young leaders. Visit www.lifetogethercommunity.org/contribute for more information and to purchase tickets. Event sponsorship opportunities for parishes are also available.

FOR INFORMATION: Kelsey Rice Bogdan, Life Together Executive Director (kelsey@diomassintern.org).

- Congregational Consultants host **accounting and chart of accounts seminar for congregations:** The chart of accounts should allow congregations to produce good balance sheets and budget vs. actual reports for monthly vestry meetings and to provide all the numbers needed to prepare the page 5 financial section of the Parochial Report. This one-hour seminar, based on chapters 2-6 of the [Treasurer's Handbook](#) on the [Business Practices Resources page](#) of the diocesan website, will discuss how to set up a good chart of accounts for your congregation.

Conducted by Terry Robinson, longtime congregational consultant and auditor, the seminar will be given twice on Zoom: *Wednesday, May 17* ([register here](#)) and *Saturday, May 20* ([register here](#)), both at 9 a.m.

FOR INFORMATION: Chris Meyer, Congregational Consultants coordinator (chris@centrestent.com).

- The diocesan Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries, in conjunction with the African Clergy Caucus, will hold its second **Pan-African Conference** on *Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan. All are welcome; no advance registration is required. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Canon Walter Brownridge, Canon to the Ordinary for Cultural Transformation in the Diocese of Vermont.

The Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries also invites all to join for a **Multicultural Juneteenth Celebration** on *Monday, June 19 at 3 p.m.* on Zoom. Register [here](#) for the link.

Two upcoming [Refugee Immigration Ministry](#) events are also open to all: an **Interfaith Concert** on *Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m.*, at Trinity Church in Topsfield, and the **Annual Walk for Refugees** on *Sunday, June 25, 4 p.m.*, at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield. *FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries (jbntagengwa@diomass.org).*

- The Cathedral Church of St. Paul invites the diocesan community to the first **Barbara C. Harris Hymn Sing** on *Sunday, June 11 at 4 p.m.* (the eve of her birthday). The event is free and open to all, and there will be opportunity to share stories, “buy” an extra verse of a hymn, bid on dinner with the dean and enjoy a festive reception following. Congregational choirs are invited to offer an anthem in tribute to Bishop Harris. The hymn sing is an occasion to come together to celebrate the legacy of this beloved bishop and raise funds for the cathedral.

FOR INFORMATION: Louise Munding, Music Director, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (lmunding@diomass.org).

- **Summer retreats available for “young(ish)” clergy:** Two retreats for “young(ish)” clergy will be offered this summer, *June 22-24* and *Aug. 24-26*, at [Heartberry Hollow Farm & Forest](#) in East Roxbury, Vt., each offering time for reflection, fellowship and rest. Cost is \$200 per person—a 75 percent discounted rate with the support of a Province I Sowing Seeds for Mission Grant. More information is available by contacting the retreat facilitators, the Rev. Mo Lederman (revmopl@gmail.com) and the Rev. Rachel Field (rachelf2000@gmail.com).

- **“Why go to church?”:** The St. Paul Center for Theology and Prayer invites all to spend a day considering this important question. Clarify your own answer and deepen your capacity to invite others into the gift of gathering “in real life,” through reflection on the theological, pastoral and missional value of Christian assembly. Join for this event on *Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*, at one of three locations (the same program is being offered simultaneously): The Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston, St. Paul’s Church in Newburyport or St. Thomas’s Church in Taunton. Find more information at www.stpaulboston.org/tspcwhychurch.

CHURCHWIDE:

- A **churchwide “It’s All About Love” festival** of worship, learning, community and action is being organized for *Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12* at the Baltimore Convention Center. Registration by May 8 qualifies for an early-bird rate.

Three festival “tents”—devoted to evangelism, creation care and racial reconciliation—will each offer an evening revival worship service and major plenary speaker, plus dozens of daytime workshops, panels, practice opportunities and other ways to engage. Participants can stick with one tent or explore across the tents, following the themes of worship and liturgy, formation, justice and advocacy, leadership, preaching, stewardship, youth and children.

Find complete festival information at www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love.

- A multiyear collaboration among academic experts and Episcopal leaders and chaplains culminated this spring in a project that explores just war theology and curates resources for both military chaplains and the public.

Funded by a Constable Grant and called for in 2015 General Convention resolution [A048](#), the **Military Chaplains Just War Education Project** seeks to “advance the study of just war principles” and to extend “this religious teaching to the formation of the church’s military chaplains for meeting the pastoral needs of current members of the Armed Services and veterans, including those coping with moral injury and other forms of combat-related trauma.”

The project includes videos featuring military chaplains and academic, government and military experts; articles on just war, pacifism and moral injury; and an updated chaplains handbook—all housed on a new webpage, [here](#).

GRANTS & LOANS:

- **Children of clergy** canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for **scholarship grants for undergraduate degree programs**. The application deadline is *Friday, May 12*, with notification of awards by *June 12*. The 2023 grant application materials are available [here](#).

FOR INFORMATION: Laura Simons, Executive Assistant to the Bishop Diocesan (lsimons@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 407).

- For those who have been invited to apply for a **Congregational Development Grant**, the **application deadline has been extended** to *Friday, May 12*.

FOR INFORMATION: Margaret Lias, Administrator for Governance and Grants (mlias@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 229).

- The diocesan budget for 2023 sets aside \$40,000 for initial **funding for new mission initiatives**. The Mission Initiatives Committee of Diocesan Council is responsible for making recommendations regarding congregations, programs and chaplaincies that receive this funding and invites applications in May. Find application details at www.diomass.org/mission-initiatives-grants. Please note that priority will be given to under-resourced congregations and newly initiated programs for funding during this budget year. Applications are due by *Friday, May 19*.

FOR INFORMATION: Margaret Lias, Administrator for Governance and Grants (mlias@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 229).

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its April 20 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a report from the treasurer, Ted Ts'o.

Heard a report from the chief financial officer, Debra Thomas.

Heard a report from the Rev. Dan Bell and the Rev. Greg Perez on the Clergy Wellness Survey (conducted as part of Mission Strategy).

Next Council Meeting: *Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., on Zoom.*

FOR INFORMATION: Margaret Lias, Administrator for Governance and Grants (mlias@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 229).

CLERGY SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

Please direct inquiries about this report to the [regional canons](#).

CLERGY CHANGES:

The Rev. Meg Ingalls begins her ministry as interim at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham on May 24.

The Rev. Zachary Kinyua began as half-time priest-in-charge at St. Bartholomew's Church in Cambridge on March 19 while he continues to serve as priest-in-charge at St. Mark's Church in Dorchester. This is a clergy collaboration pairing St. Bartholomew's and St. Mark's.

The Rev. Brian McGurk has announced his retirement from St. Christopher's Church in Chatham.

The Rev. Diana Scheide has been called as rector of the Church of the Holy Nativity in South Weymouth.

The Rev. Suzanne Wade has been called as rector of Trinity Church in Bridgewater.

CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:

MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent

RECTOR SEARCHES

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

BOSTON, St. Stephen's Church

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE: *None at this time.*

Central Region

Alewife & Charles River deaneries: Contact Regional Canon Martha Hubbard mhubbard@diomass.org

Boston Harbor & Neponset River deaneries: Contact Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell koconnell@diomass.org

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CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES: (Apply directly to parish.)[LEXINGTON, Church of Our Redeemer](#)**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:** None at this time.**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:** Contact the regional canon.

DORCHESTER, St. Mary's Church 3/4 time

MEDWAY, Christ Church 1/3 time

NEWTON, Grace Church full time

NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church 1/2 time

WEST ROXBURY, Emmanuel Church 1/4 time

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS: Contact the regional canon.

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

Northern and Western RegionRegional Canon Martha Hubbard
mhubbard@diomass.org**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

LOWELL, St. John's Church

ROCKPORT, St. Mary's Church

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

AYER, St. Andrew's Church

FRAMINGHAM, St. Andrew's Church

HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church

HUDSON, St. Luke's Church

NORTH ANDOVER, St. Paul's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE: None at this time.**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:** (Apply directly to parish.)[GROVELAND, St. James's Church](#) (Short list search) 1/2 time**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

BEVERLY, St. Peter's Church

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

LOWELL, St. Anne's Church 1/2 time

MARBLEHEAD, St. Michael's Church full time

WESTON, St. Peter's Church full time

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS: Contact the regional canon.

None at this time.

Southern RegionRegional Canon Kelly O'Connell
koconnell@diomass.org**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

MARSHFIELD, Trinity Church

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

BARNSTABLE, St. Mary's Church

HINGHAM, Parish of St. John the Evangelist

NEW BEDFORD, Grace Church

PLYMOUTH, Christ Church

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SANDWICH, St. John's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES: *(Apply directly to parish.)*[BUZZARDS BAY, St. Peter's Church](#) 1/2 time[FOXBOROUGH, St. Mark's Church](#) and [WRENTHAM,](#)[Trinity Church](#) full-time collaboration[HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church](#) 1/2 time[HOLBROOK, St. John's Church](#) 1/2 time**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

PROVINCETOWN, St. Mary of the Harbor Church

WOODS HOLE, Church of the Messiah

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

ATTLEBORO, All Saints' Church 1/4 time

INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS: *Contact the regional canon.*

NEW BEDFORD, Grace Church full time

PLYMOUTH, Christ Church full time

NEXT *fyi*:

fyi is published the first Wednesday of the month. The deadline for the June issue is **Wednesday, May 31 at noon**. E-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.
