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### **Preparation begins for annual Diocesan Convention**

The 239th annual Diocesan Convention will take place on *Saturday, Nov. 9* at the Marriott Boston Quincy hotel in Quincy. Preliminary information will be e-mailed to clergy, delegates and leadership in mid-June, and registration will open in late July.

**The deadline for submitting all materials will be *Friday, Sept. 6*.** 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. The Diocesan Convention webpage will be updated as more information becomes available: [www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2024](http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2024).

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

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### **St. Paul Center convenes diocesan community for “Why Pray?” on July 27**

[The St. Paul Center for Theology and Prayer](#) each summer hosts an in-person day to tackle a “big question” and this year asks: “Why Pray?” All are invited and welcome to explore this important question together, in honest and open conversation. The day will include teaching, conversation, reflection and, of course, prayer. All participants will leave with materials to bring back to their congregation, to continue the conversation and learning.

“Why Pray?” will be hosted at St. Paul’s Church in Newburyport, St. Thomas’s Church in Taunton and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston on *Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.* Participants may register to join at whichever location they wish. Find more details and sign up at [www.stpaulboston.org/why-pray](http://www.stpaulboston.org/why-pray).

The St. Paul Center for Theology and Prayer exists to form disciples of Jesus in every congregation by equipping and resourcing local congregations for the tasks and joys of faith formation, teaching and learning, catechesis and the life of prayer. The center is “housed” at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul and regionally at St. Paul’s Church in Newburyport and St. Thomas’s Church in Taunton, along with an online presence.

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### **There’s still time to sign up for summer camp at the BCH Center**

Family Camp is coming up and registration is open for all summer camp sessions at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center: Families of all configurations can enjoy an extra-long weekend of activities, worship and family-oriented fellowship during the *June 29-July 2* Family Camp session. The summer schedule also includes four week-long youth Overnight Camp sessions, running between *July 7 and Aug. 2*, for those completing 3rd through 12th grades. For details and registration (including camperships for those who need them), visit [bchcenter.org/bchcamp](http://bchcenter.org/bchcamp).

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## NEWS & EVENT NOTES:

- This year's stewardship campaign theme from [TENS \(The Episcopal Network for Stewardship\)](#) is "Walk in Love / Anden en amor." The diocesan membership allows congregations **free access to TENS stewardship campaign materials**, including reflections, a timeline for campaign implementation, artwork, pledge cards and more. Access the campaign resources via [www.tens.org/annual-pledge-campaigns/walk-in-love-2024](http://www.tens.org/annual-pledge-campaigns/walk-in-love-2024); use password Ephesians5:2  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Brian Raiche, Development Consultant ([braiche@diomass.org](mailto:braiche@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 515).*
  - All are welcome to join for **"Challenges and Promises of Asian and Asian American Christians,"** with the Rev. Dr. Jim Kodera, presenter, on *Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*, at the Church of Our Saviour in Brookline. The gathering is being organized by the Asian Pacific Islander American Episcopalians of the diocese. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVPs and questions are welcome to Grace Knowles at [booker04@msn.com](mailto:booker04@msn.com).
  - **Summer Dinner for BIPOC Episcopal Community:** BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Episcopalians from across the diocese are invited to come together for a time to support and share with one another over good food in the joy and gift of community as summer begins. The BIPOC Support Committee of the [Racial Justice Commission](#) invites all BIPOC Episcopal clergy and lay people to dinner on *Sunday, June 9, 5-7 p.m.*, at St. John's Church in Jamaica Plain. RSVP online [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).*
  - The Ministry of Immigration Partnership convened by the Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries invites all to the **annual Juneteenth Celebration** on *Wednesday, June 19 at 3 p.m.* at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan. Guest preacher will be the Rev. Charles Wynder. All are welcome.  
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  - Diocesan clergy are invited to **save the date for the annual Clergy Day** gathering which will take place on *Wednesday, Sept. 25, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. More information about registration and the day's program will be announced soon.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Garrett, Administrator and Event Coordinator ([jgarrett@diomass.org](mailto:jgarrett@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 421).*
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**CHURCHWIDE:**

- In affirmation and celebration of The Episcopal Church's LGBTQ+ members, a **new Pride shield graphic** was recently unveiled and is available online for churchwide use. Learn more and download the new shield [here](#).
- The **Episcopal Church's 81st General Convention** takes place *June 23-28* at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. Among the highlights are the "Love Always" Episcopal Revival, *7-9 p.m. on July 22*, featuring Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry preaching his 27th and final Episcopal Revival sermon as he concludes his nine-year term; the *June 26* election of a new presiding bishop from a slate of five nominees; and elections for president (on *June 26*) and vice president (*June 28*) of the House of Deputies. Here are some ways to follow along from afar:
  - **Livestreaming and on-demand recordings** of the Episcopal Revival, daily morning worship services and legislative sessions in both the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, and more, **will be available via the General Convention Media Hub** at <https://media.episcopalchurch.org/video>.
  - Peruse the **Virtual Binder of the 257 resolutions** submitted to date and follow their progress through both houses [here](#).
  - **Episcopal News Service coverage** is available via the Media Hub and on the ENS site [here](#).
  - Visit the **81st General Convention site**, [here](#), for the [full schedule](#) and links to additional information and materials.

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**GRANTS & LOANS:**

- The Mission Strategy Committee of Diocesan Council encourages congregations, organizations and networks in the Diocese of Massachusetts to apply for **Wicked Good Idea Microgrants** of up to \$2,500 to take on a ministry idea in their mission settings. The application is available [here](#). Questions may be e-mailed to [missionstrategy@diomass.org](mailto:missionstrategy@diomass.org).
  - The Church Home Society has launched a three-year pilot grant program, allocating up to \$40,000 a year to support **youth ministries in Episcopal churches**. Grant awards will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Applications (form available [here](#)) are due the last day of the month, August 2024 through April 2025, and they will be reviewed at the following monthly board meeting.
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## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its May 16 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Approved that the Church of Our Saviour in Milton be transferred from the South Shore Deanery to the Neponset River Deanery.

Heard a report from the Healthy Congregations Task Force.

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

Approved the renaming of the Green Loan Fund to the Bud Cederholm Green Loan Fund.

Heard a report from the Evangelism Working Group.

Heard an update from the secretary, Julie Shea, about the special Diocesan Convention to elect the 17th bishop diocesan.

Heard a report from the Executive Committee.

**Next Council Meeting:** *Thursday, June 20, 6 p.m., via Zoom.*

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

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

### **Central Region**

Regional Canon Gregory Perez  
[gperez@diomass.org](mailto:gperez@diomass.org)

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

**The Rev. Pauline Wanjiru Njiru** began as priest-in-charge at Grace Chapel in Brockton in May 12.

**The Rev. Edward Thornley** will begin as rector of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham on July 15.

### **CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

BURLINGTON, St. Mark's Church

DORCHESTER, All Saints' Parish, Ashmont

SHARON, St. John's Church

### **RECTOR SEARCHES**

### **CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**

NORWOOD, Grace Church

ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

### **CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

*None at this time.*

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

[NEWTON HIGHLANDS, Parish of St. Paul](#)

### **CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

BOSTON, Church of the Advent

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church

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

*None at this time.*

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

*None at this time.*

### **OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:**

[BOSTON, The Crossing:](#) Pastor and Community Leader

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

**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

DANVERS, All Saints Church of the North Shore

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

HUDSON, St. Luke's Church

LYNN, St. Stephen's Memorial Church

READING, Church of the Good Shepherd

ROCKPORT, St. Mary's Church

SHIRLEY, Trinity Chapel

WESTFORD, St. Mark's Church

**CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:***None at this time.***CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:** *(Apply directly to parish.)*[FRAMINGHAM, St. Andrew's Church](#)[HOLLISTON, St. Michael's Church](#) 1/2 time**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**

AYER, St. Andrew's Church

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.**None at this time.***INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:***None at this time.***OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:**Marblehead Youth Cooperative Ministry: [Youth minister](#)**Southern Region**Regional Canon Kelly O'Connell  
is on sabbatical until July 1.

For South Shore and Cape and  
Islands deaneries, contact  
Regional Canon Martha Hubbard  
[mhubbard@diomass.org](mailto:mhubbard@diomass.org)

For Taunton River and Mt. Hope-  
Buzzards Bay deaneries, contact  
Regional Canon Gregory Perez  
[gperez@diomass.org](mailto:gperez@diomass.org)

**CHURCHES INITIATING DISCERNMENT PROCESS:**

SWANSEA, Christ Church

**RECTOR SEARCHES****CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:***None at this time.***CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

CHATHAM, St. Christopher's Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:** *(Apply directly to parish.)*[BUZZARDS BAY, St. Peter's Church](#) 1/2 time**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:***None at this time.***PRIEST-IN-CHARGE APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.*

ATTLEBORO, All Saints' Church 1/4 time

FALL RIVER, St. Luke's Church 1/8 time

HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church full time

MARSHFIELD, Trinity Church full time

**INTERIM PRIEST APPOINTMENTS:** *Contact the regional canon.**None at this time.*

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**Clergy Supply List:** To request a copy of the most up-to-date Clergy Supply List, or to be added to it, e-mail Jocelyn Collen, Administrator for Congregations and Development, at [jcollen@diomass.org](mailto:jcollen@diomass.org).

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***NEXT fyi:***

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of the month. The deadline for the July issue is **Wednesday, June 26 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

Find the newsletter **deadline schedule for 2024** [here](#).

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