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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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**Join MA Episcopalians  
at Mother's Day Walk for  
Peace**

Massachusetts Episcopalians are invited to join Bishop Alan M. Gates and the B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign again this year in making a public witness against gun violence by walking together in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace on *Sunday, May 13*.

This annual pledge walk is sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and is a fundraiser for the institute's support of families affected by murder and its efforts to create more peaceful communities.

Walkers can start off together at 8 a.m. from Town Field Park (1520 Dorchester Avenue) in Dorchester, or join the walk at the second entry point at 9:45 a.m. at Madison Park High School (75 Malcolm X Boulevard, Roxbury Crossing). The walk concludes with a rally at Boston City Hall Plaza at 11 a.m.

Walkers can get ready by signing up, seeking pledges and spreading the word. Register with the B-PEACE for Jorge team and find more information about the walk at [www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org](http://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org). Updated information on Diocese of Massachusetts and B-PEACE participation will be posted at [www.diomass.org/mothers-day-walk-2018](http://www.diomass.org/mothers-day-walk-2018).

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**April 21 Global Mission  
Summit: "Partnering  
with God"**

The Jubilee Global Mission Committee's Global Mission Summit, to take place on *Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston, will be "an opportunity to explore God's expectations of our partnerships in a number of different contexts and share our own experiences of best practices as partners of God," according to organizers.

Whether new to mission engagement or experienced, participants will hear from thought-provoking speakers, take part in interactive workshops, have time for networking and participate in a joyous international celebration of the Eucharist.

Scheduled speakers include the Rev. Canon Petero A. N. Sabune, the re-entry chaplain and director of the master's degree program at Sing Sing, the maximum-security prison in Ossining, N.Y., and former Africa partnership officer for the Episcopal Church; and the Rev. Dr. Christopher Duraisingh, former Episcopal Divinity School faculty member and director of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches.

All are welcome. Find information and register online [here](#).  
FOR INFORMATION: Laura Walta, Global Mission Projects (617-482-4826, ext. 422 or [lwalta@diomass.org](mailto:lwalta@diomass.org)).

[Visit the Events calendar here.](#)

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**NOTES:**

- **Creation care survey:** A network of clergy and lay people in the diocese are working together to help churches and communities care for creation. This network would like to improve how it communicates its work and increase the number of people working together to care for creation. To that end, the group has created a quick online survey, available [here](#), and welcomes responses from across the diocesan community.

In preparation for Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, the Creation Care Task Force offers several suggestions for preaching a creation care message, available [here](#).

- **Spring 2018 Diocesan Confirmation Services:** Any congregation anticipating bringing candidates to any of these services should contact cathedral administrator Ethel Crawford (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org)) no later than three weeks before the service. Those unable to attend their own deanery's service are welcome to come to another location.

All services are on *Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.*:

- *April 14:* Merrimack Valley Deanery, St. Paul's Church in North Andover;
- *April 28:* Boston Harbor Deanery (location to be announced);
- *April 28:* Cape and Islands Deanery, Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans;
- *May 5:* North Shore Deanery, Church of the Ascension in Ipswich;
- *May 5:* Neponset River Deanery, All Saints' Church, Ashmont in Dorchester;
- *May 19:* Concord River Deanery, Trinity Church in Concord;
- *June 9:* Taunton River Deanery (location to be announced);
- *June 16:* Diocesanwide service, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; and
- *June 23:* Mystic Valley Deanery, Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester.

*FOR INFORMATION: Ethel Crawford, Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org)).*

- **It's not too early to get ready for camp:** Registration is now open for summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. Five one-week camp sessions run from *July 1-Aug. 3* for junior campers entering grades 4-9 and senior high campers in grades 10-12. Find program, financial aid and registration information at [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org).

**Clergy who are interested in volunteering as camp chaplains** for a week are invited to contact camp registrar Abby Holmes ([abby@bchcenter.org](mailto:abby@bchcenter.org)) for more information.

- **Scholarship fund for children of clergy:** Children of clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts (and their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for scholarship grants. Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2018-2019 academic year.

The deadline for submission of applications is *Friday, May 11*. Application materials are available online, [here](#).

Notification of awards will be made by June 22.

*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Office of the Bishop (617-482-4826, ext. 407 or [dpound@diomass.org](mailto:dpound@diomass.org)).*

- The **Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Altar Guild** will be held on *Saturday, April 28* at St. Peter's-on-the-Canal Church (165 Main Street) in Buzzards Bay. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m., with Eucharist at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon, speaker and short business meeting. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Matthew Potts of St. Barnabas's Church in Falmouth. RSVP by April 18 to Diane Grondin, as below. The luncheon fee is \$20.

*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Grondin, Diocesan Altar Guild (781-335-2198 or [dmgrondin@comcast.net](mailto:dmgrondin@comcast.net)).*

- **Music, Mission and More: Empowering Women and Preschool Children in South Africa:** *Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m.*, at Christ Church (149 Court Street) in Plymouth will be a fun afternoon of music and stories from congregations involved in mission in South Africa. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support teacher training and other needs through the Masakane Trust and the Anglican Diocese of the Highveld. All are welcome. *FOR INFORMATION: Nancy Campbell ([bluevw53@aol.com](mailto:bluevw53@aol.com)) or Kathy Bombara ([knewton2017@rcn.com](mailto:knewton2017@rcn.com)).*

## **CHURCHWIDE:**

- A new **Episcopal Evangelism Toolkit** is available online for congregations, dioceses, groups and individuals, for use in exploring evangelism and growing capacity to share the good news of God in Christ far and wide. The toolkit is organized in four sections, covering the practical theology of evangelism, "Evangelism 101" workshop materials, exploring evangelism through social media and a "Beloved Community StorySharing" guidebook. Presented by the Episcopal Church Evangelism Team, the Episcopal Evangelism Toolkit is available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole [here](#).

- The Episcopal Church Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (PB&F) **invites comments on the current draft of the churchwide budget** for the 2019-2021 triennium. Find the draft budget that PB&F received from Executive Council in February [here](#). Feedback can be recorded [here](#) until *Thursday, May 31*. PB&F's next step will be to prepare a final budget for approval at General Convention in July.

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## **TRAINING & LEARNING:**

- **“Intro to Wisdom Christianity”:** This free workshop, on *Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, will introduce core interspiritual contemplative practices — meditation, sacred chant, embodied prayer and sacred reading—led by the Rev. Steven Bonsey, a student of Cynthia Bourgeault’s Wisdom Schools. The workshop is co-sponsored by Wisdom & Money, Contemplative Outreach of Boston and the Cathedral Church of St Paul.
  
- An **Episcopal Relief & Development disaster preparedness training** will be offered on *Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The training will focus on the disaster preparedness planning process and will facilitate the development of a ministry that helps congregations anticipate and prepare for local, unexpected disastrous events, as well as how to respond effectively to natural disasters. The session will explore how members of congregations can create and become familiar with various models and approaches, what resources and tools are available, and what supports and structures already exist to use when doing this important work. At the conclusion of the session, participants will be prepared to function as the ER&D point person for the congregation. Clergy are welcome and lay participation encouraged. RSVP by e-mail to [jay@stpauls-nbpt.org](mailto:jay@stpauls-nbpt.org) (please indicate any dietary restrictions).  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Jay Jordan (978-465-5351 or [jay@stpauls-nbpt.org](mailto:jay@stpauls-nbpt.org)).*
  
- **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin (29 Lenox Street) in Boston. Register online [here](#).  
Eucharistic Visitors are lay people who have been trained to administer the Holy Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church services. The training provides the needed licensing to be a Eucharistic Visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts.  
Those interested in hosting Eucharistic Visitor Training at their parish or becoming a trainer are invited to contact coordinator Connie Melahoures at [conmel@aol.com](mailto:conmel@aol.com).
  
- **Christian Education Train the Trainer Workshop, Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston: Would you or a member of your congregation or staff like to become a trainer in the Diocese of Massachusetts? Current opportunities to become a Christian education trainer exist in the areas of safe church practices, racial reconciliation and social justice, and eucharistic visitors. Participants in this program will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the theological and spiritual nature of this ministry, develop skills, access current program information and become part of a transformative experience.

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To participate in this Train the Trainer Workshop, complete an application (available online [here](#)) and return to the Rev. Karen Montagno, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 or [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org).

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and participants will be notified of their acceptance no later than April 27.

- A **Safe Church Training event, open to all**, takes place on [Saturday, May 12](#) at St. John's Church (23 High Street) in Sharon. Click on the date link to register online.

This training is designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse and to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs. The diocese is committed to healthy church environments and needs the shared wisdom and experience of everyone to make them so.

Additionally, a **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Training** will be offered on *Tuesday, May 15, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*, at St. Andrew's Church (3 Maple Street) in Framingham. There is no fee for this training, but pre-registration is required. Register online [here](#). All clergy canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts are expected to attend Safe Church Training once every three years.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Karen Montagno, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 413 or [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org)).*

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## **DIOCESAN GRANTS & LOANS:**

- Applications for **2018 Deanery Grants** (Sending Serving and House of Mercy Grants) are now available [here](#). Award decisions must be submitted from deaneries to the diocesan office by *Monday, Oct. 15*.

*FOR INFORMATION: Lauren Zook, Grants Administration (617-482-4826, ext. 306 or [lzook@diomass.org](mailto:lzook@diomass.org)).*

- Applications are being accepted monthly for **Mission Tithe Matching Grants**, with separate applications available for pilgrimages and for second and third-year grants for work with the same mission partner as a previous grant. Concept papers and applications from congregations with previously approved concepts are due on the 15th of each month for review at the end of the same month. Staff assistance with discernment and document preparation is available. Application materials are available [here](#). *FOR INFORMATION: Laura Walta, Global Mission Projects (617-482-4826, ext. 422 or [lwalta@diomass.org](mailto:lwalta@diomass.org)).*
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## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its March 22 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

Heard a treasurer's report from the chief business officer, Gerry Sullivan, that included the proposed 2019 assessment formula to be voted on at the April 19 meeting.

Heard an Audit Committee report from committee member Lynn Smith regarding selection of a firm to conduct an internal controls audit and voted to transfer a sufficient amount--approximately \$50,000--from invested agency funds to the operating budget to pay for said audit.

Heard a report from coordinator Chris Meyer on the work of the diocesan Congregational Consultants.

Held a discussion in executive session and voted to provisionally approve the North Shore Mission Hub's draft budget, with conditions to be met by June 1 and a requested report to Diocesan Council at its June 21 meeting.

Received an update from the Strategic Ministry Committee and heard initial site visit reports.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, April 19, 5:30-8:45 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Canon Bill Parnell, Canon to the Ordinary (617-482-4826, ext. 205 or [bparnell@diomass.org](mailto:bparnell@diomass.org)).*

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## **JOB POSTINGS:**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org)  
(Resources for Congregations &  
Clergy > [Employment](#)).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site: several positions on the diocesan staff, including [regional canons](#) and [controller](#); [lead organizer](#) at Episcopal City Mission; [sabbatical accompanist](#) at St. Michael's Church in Milton; [parish administrator](#) at Christ Church in Waltham; [parish administrator](#) at All Saints' Church in Chelmsford; [minister of music](#) at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable; [minister of music](#) at All Saints Parish in Brookline; [parish administrator](#) at All Saints of the North Shore Church in Danvers; [music minister](#) at St. David's Church in South Yarmouth; [church musician](#) at Church of Our Saviour in Milton; three positions, [dean of academics](#), [lead science teacher](#) and [school nurse](#), at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence; [staff accountant](#) at Trinity Church in Boston; [director of youth ministry](#) at St. Mark's Church in Southborough; and [Sunday school teacher](#) at the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Waban.

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

Communication regarding deployment and parish transitions should be directed to the Rev. Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or [jbntagengwa@diomass.org](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org)).

### **CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:**

HARWICH PORT, Christ Church  
HAVERHILL, Trinity Church  
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church  
NATICK, St. Paul's Church  
WATERTOWN, Church of the Good Shepherd

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

CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church  
LYNN, St. Stephen's Church  
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

### **CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:**

BOSTON, Trinity Church  
VINEYARD HAVEN, Grace Church

### **CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**

DUXBURY, Church of St. John the Evangelist  
WRENTHAM, Trinity Church

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

COHASSET, St. Stephen's Church  
FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church  
HANOVER, St. Andrew's Church  
MEDFORD, Grace Church  
WALTHAM, Christ Church

### **CLERGY CHANGES:**

The Rev. Mark Anderson has been appointed bridge priest at Trinity Church in Wrentham starting March 4.  
The Rev. Paul Bresnahan has been appointed interim priest at Trinity Church in Haverhill starting March 3.  
The Rev. Dr. Clarence Butler has been appointed bridge priest at St. James's Church in Somerville starting March 4.  
The Rev. Kathryn Elledge has been appointed interim priest at St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church in Lincoln.

## **NEXT *fyi*:**

*fyi* is published the first Wednesday of each month. The deadline for the May 2 issue is **Wednesday, April 25 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

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