

DIOCESAN EVENTS & NOTICES

CONVENTION NOMINATIONS, RESOLUTIONS DUE 9/7

The 226th Annual Diocesan Convention will be held Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010.

Business includes elections to diocesan Standing Committee (one lay, one clerical member); 2012 General Convention (four lay, four clerical deputies, and up to four alternates each order); and Province One Synod (one lay, one clerical deputy).

Nominees will need to be present at a "meet the candidates" forum tentatively scheduled for mid-day Oct. 22. Voting on nominees, as well as presentation, discussion and voting on resolutions, are tentatively scheduled for Oct. 23.

Resolutions and all nominations are due by September 7, 2010. Forms and more info are on the Annual Convention page of the diocesan website, www.ctdiocese.org. Under the "News & Events" tab select "Annual Convention."

Regular eNewsletters with updates and links to all nominees, resolutions, reports and other material for the convention will be sent to subscribers to the Annual Convention eNews; sign up online (www.ctdiocese.org) or if you are a subscriber to another diocesan eNewsletter, click on "Update Profile/Email address" at the bottom of any eNewsletter and add it to the newsletters you receive.

NEW POLICY SET FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Beginning this December, everyone seeking a new license or a renewal of a license to serve as a Eucharistic Visitor (EV) must take Safe Church training and have a background check completed. EVs are authorized to take communion to the ill or homebound following a Sunday service; their ministry is licensed by Bishop James E. Curry's office. Licenses are currently for three calendar years.

Bishop Curry said the ministry "is often with people who are in situations where they can be vulnerable," and the change is in keeping with diocesan theology to do Safe Church training. New licenses and renewals will only be issued if the rector/vicar/priest-in-charge verifies by his/her signature on the application for licensing that the person has attended Safe Church training and has had a public record background check.

Additional training sessions have been added to the fall schedule. Any of the sessions listed online are ok; there are no specialized training sessions. (see Safe Church training schedule in the A-Z listing of the diocesan website, www.ctdiocese.org)

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR GRANTS

Oct. 1: Millennium [Development] Fund;

Oct. 1: Mission Development Fund;

More at www.ctdiocese.org under the "Mission" tab.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11, "Telling our stories" for parish teams, Stamford;
Sept. 25, Bishops' Conference on Stewardship, W. Hartford;
Sept. 25, Deacon Information day, Manchester.

Other September events include a Recovery Eucharist; four-week course on science and religion; multi-church walk for Haiti; peace walk; clergy association meeting; church anniversary celebration; Marcus Borg lecture; Rhythms of Grace training; "Encounter Islam" program; Quiet Day with service project; concerts; fall festivals; church suppers; a chili cookoff; tag sales; and more. (select "Calendar of Events" from the "News & Events" tab on www.ctdiocese.org)

PARISH AND CLERGY NOTICES

- **The Rev. Kathleen Berkowe** as become assistant to the rector at St. James, Stamford effective July 7, 2010.
- **The Rev. Mary Canavan** has been appointed interim rector at Christ Church, Stratford effective Sept. 1, 2010.
- **The Rev. Barbara Cheney** has retired from St. Paul's/St. James' Church, New Haven effective June 30, 2010.
- **The Rev. Harlon Dalton** has retired from St. Paul's/St. James' Church, New Haven effective June 30, 2010. He has become assistant interim rector at St. Ann's, Old Lyme effective July 8, 2010.
- **The Rev. Mary Jane Donohue** has been called as the Episcopal chaplain at MIT, Cambridge, MA. effective Aug. 1, 2010.
- **The Rev. Alex Dyer** has become priest-in-charge at St. Paul's/St. James' Church, New Haven effective Aug. 1, 2010.
- **The Rev. Hope Eakins** has been appointed interim rector of St. James' Church, Farmington effective January 1, 2010.
- The Rev. William Eakins has been appointed interim associate at St. James', Farmington, effective July 1, 2010.
- **The Rev. Mary Gates** has been appointed priest at Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall effective September 1, 2010.
- **The Rev. Sharon Gracen** has been called as rector of Trinity Church, Branford effective August 29, 2010.
- **The Rev. Lesley Hay** has been called as rector of St. Joseph's on the Mountain, Mentone, Alabama effective Aug. 5, 2010.
- **The Rev. Eric Jeuland** has become part time youth minister at St. Paul's, Shelton effective June 12, 2010 and part time interim campus minister at St. Mark's Chapel, Storrs effective May 20, 2010.
- **The Rev. Dr. David K. McIntosh** has been called as assisting priest at Trinity, Torrington effective July 18, 2010.
- **The Rev. Norman MacLeod** has been appointed interim rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury effective July 7, 2010.
- **The Rev. Blake Wamester** has been appointed interim pastor of St. David's Church, Gales Ferry effective July 12, 2010.
- **The Rev. Harrison West** has been called as rector to Christ Church, Guilford effective August 22, 2010.
- **The Rev. Adam Yates** has been called as Associate Priest for Member Incorporation at St. Paul's on the Green, Norwalk effective July 15, 2010.



PARISHES IN TRANSITION (8/31/10)

ORGANIZING TO CALL

After the retiring or resigning priest departs the wardens and vestry begin a process that leads to the call of a new rector. This includes a meeting with the Canon for Transition Ministry, congregational participation in "Telling Our Story" and the nomination and election of a search committee.

St. David's, Gales Ferry
Christ Church, Stratford
St. John's, Waterbury
St. James', Farmington

SELF-STUDY

Self-study invites parishioners to explore their life together as a way to develop a vision for the future and identify the priestly skills and qualities required to carry it out.

St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston
St. John's, Guilford
Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven

RECEIVING NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION

Clergy interested in a position in the Diocese of Connecticut are invited to have conversation with the Office of Transition Ministry staff and to submit a CDO profile and resume.

Christ Church, Quaker Farms (Oxford)
Trinity, New Haven

INTERVIEWING

The search committee interviews candidates and presents a list of finalists to the vestry. Parishes interviewing candidates are no longer receiving names.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Orange
St. Paul's, Fairfield
St. Ann's, Old Lyme
Calvary, Stonington
Christ Episcopal Church, Norwich
Zion, North Branford (part time)

CALL COMPLETE

The vestry interviews the short list of finalists and discerns the call. The call is complete once the Letter of Agreement is drawn and signed by the bishop.

PART-TIME POSITIONS OPEN

Clergy interested in part-time positions are invited to contact the Office of Transition Ministry.

Christ Church, Waterbury
Christ Church, Middle Haddam

ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Clergy seeking assistant positions or rectors seeking assistant clergy are asked to contact the Office of Transition Ministry.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Register online under "News & Events" Online Registration at www.ctdiocese.org, or by contacting Mary Hart at Diocesan House, 860-233-4481 or 800-842-0126 (in CT) ext. 108 or mhart@ctdiocese.org.

Basic Safe Church Training sessions are held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch provided).

9/25/10 St. Mark's, New Canaan
10/2/2010 St. Paul's, Wallingford
10/9/2010 St. David's, Gales Ferry
10/16/2010 St. Paul's Shelton
11/6/2010 Trinity, Collinsville
11/13/2010 Christ & the Epiphany, E. Haven

Safe Church Lay Recertification Training (6:30p.m.-9:00p.m. light supper provided, unless other time specified)

10/2/2010 St. Mark's, New Britain (9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)
11/4/2010 St. James', Danbury (evening)

To report clergy misconduct or for clergy with questions related to sexual harassment or misconduct and related pastoral concerns, contact Robin Hammeal-Urban at 860-233-4481 ext. 122. Parishes wishing to host a Recertification training should contact Robin Hammeal-Urban, as above.

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