



MASSACHUSETTS
COUNCIL of CHURCHES



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Dear People of God,

We write to share some good news, which we share together because we trust in the God of abundance. We need not be afraid of change. When we work together, we always have enough.

The Rev. Cristina Rathbone – hired in January 2025 on a special, one-year contract as Massachusetts Council’s Congregational Coordinator – has received a new call to serve God and all of God’s people as the Executive Director of Ecclesia Ministries - *common cathedral*.

The Massachusetts Council of Churches is deeply grateful for Rev. Tina’s dedicated work connecting so many of our churches to those most affected by the current administration’s immigration policies. She has done so much, so well.

Ecclesia Ministries rejoices that she will be joining us this September, and looks forward to welcoming her back as a leader in the work through which she began her own ministry more than 20 years ago.

Moving forward, both the Massachusetts Council of Churches and *common cathedral* look forward to building upon our already close relationship as we work, together, to reveal the transformative power of Christian love -- and Christian unity -- in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Rev. Tina will start with *common cathedral* on September 22nd. Massachusetts Council of Churches is right now seeking a new colleague to complete the contract that Rev. Tina began and will let you know when there is more to share.

In the meantime, the work continues! Please join the Massachusetts Council of Churches, Episcopal City Mission and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for an essential training in faith-based, non-violent non-cooperation on Saturday September 13th. Click [here](#) to register. For other immigration related Mass Council news click/[here](#), and for more information on *common cathedral*, [click here](#).

In the love of Christ – always, and in hope,

Rev. Laura Everett, Executive Director, Massachusetts Council of Churches

Rev. Omari Aarons-Martin & Bro. Mark Kingston, Board Co-Chairs, *common cathedral*