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Welcome. DEN, the (Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI) Diocesan Environment Network is active in many ways in promoting care for and involvement in environmental and related causes. We publish a weekly (FB) News, articles in the Diocesan Times, promote many means of expressing concern for our “fragile island home” and beyond – all things living and having movement (including mountains, molten core, and universes beyond ours – seen and unseen). We provide support and teaching through eco-grief session (with Nancy Blair, regular online session), links to many environment concerns/groups, encouraging – strongly, the use of Season of Creation, as well as retreats and special events like our recent Hope and Inspiration Art Show which is now a permanent online gallery. We are now offering a chance to pray together. Please see info below.



Thursday Evening Gatherings continue on February 11 at 7 pm via Zoom: Session 6 will be TWO-WAY BRIDGES

Recently DEN asked Margaret Bateman Ellison and Judith Cabrera to be DEN representatives to the Healthy Forest Coalition (HFC) to provide a bridge between DEN and HFC. In the past two months they have been apprised of many concerns in respect to forest management and in particular the lack of action in respect to implementation of the Lahey Report. This presentation will provide an overview of these concerns and suggestions as to how DEN and members can address them as well as other environmental issues. A tentative plan to determine government representatives’ understanding of environmental issues will be considered. Hopefully the presentation will provide insight on how DEN and individual members can be prepared to address concerns about the environment as there is a new Premier and probably a provincial election in the near future.

Judith B. Cabrita Anglican by birth and Nova Scotian by choice, graduate and silver medalist, Ryerson Hotel & Tourism Program, practiced in Ontario, England and Nova Scotia. Member, CPAWS, TFPG and DEN, awarded the Canada 125 medal and inducted to Canadian Tourism Hall of Fame in 2017. Certified Hotel Administrator (CHA) by American Hotel and Lodging Association; dedicated promoter of professional credentials for tourism employees. Involved in the broader tourism community and involved in establishing MSVU Tourism Management Degree program. President of Canada CHRIE, tourism educator, and tourism program designer for NS Dept. of Advanced Education. While Managing Director of Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS) developed partnerships with the World Travel and Tourism Council as well as International Green Globe to promote sustainable tourism as a business practice. Included environmental responsibility and protection of our natural and built history into TIANS' tenants in 1992. Established a dedicated department for education and training for the tourism industry and was founding Board Member of Tourism Human Resources Canada where instrumental in the development of Occupational National Standards and Certification program. On behalf of the tourism industry served as member of Colin Stewart Forest Forum. Throughout career has maintained an active community service role serving on various non-profits and charities including lighthouse preservation, environmental protection and community beautification.

Margaret Bateman Ellison is an Anglican and Maritimer by birth; Home Economist and educator by choice for over 50 years. Margaret retired as Associate Professor and Professor Emeritus from Mount Saint Vincent in 2005. The interdisciplinary doctoral program in environmental factors she completed in the College of Human Ecology at the University of Tennessee in 1980 provided a foundation for a career that focused on environmental design, family resource management and community development. Her doctoral research on consumer assessment of energy conserving residential innovation led to exploring theories related to: human ecology, innovation diffusion, managing change and social marketing. All areas of study with conceptual frameworks that are beneficial if applied, collectively or separately, to family resource management and/or environment related challenges. Since residing in Nova Scotia she has received a Nova Scotia Energy Award for leadership in efficient energy management. Served on: The National Energy Board advocating for business sustainability and the Residential Building Committee for the National Building Code. In 2010 the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia awarded her their Human Resource Leadership Award acknowledging *she ensured her students were talking about environmental issues well before it was the "in" thing to do.*

To acquire the link Email endionspei@gmail.com

Praying with the DEN Community led by the Rev. Tory Byrnes continues each Friday 9:30 am on Zoom. To obtain the link, please email endionspei@gmail.com

Each Friday at 9:30 we will host morning prayers. Prayers will take shape from different traditions and focus on various aspects of our relationship with Creation.

We hope that weekly (or more often) prayers will continue after Epiphany, through all seasons, led by you – individuals, parishes or other groups, who would like to lead online prayers once – or more often. The DEN leadership can provide support, and some training in using Zoom if needed. Think about it. It would be a wonderful thing for every parish to take turns leading prayers on a regular basis. For more information or questions or to share how you/your parish or group are praying for creation, please e-mail victoriabyrne02@gmail.com

Ecological Grief: The DEN Ecological Grief Support Group takes place on the third Monday of each month, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us February 15th. Please note we may go a little longer than an hour. Do you experience ecological grief...once in a while, once or twice a week... every day? If ecological grief is becoming part of your life, this support group is for you. You are not alone. We will begin each Group with a short presentation about some aspect of ecological grief. There will be lots of time for discussion - for those who want to talk.

Nancy Blair, the Group Facilitator, is a Registered Counselling Therapist (RCT) in Nova Scotia, with a Masters of Education (Counselling) from Acadia University and a Masters of Environmental Studies from Dalhousie University. As a Certified Pet Loss and Bereavement Counsellor, she has extensive experience working with individuals experiencing grief for humans and for non-humans. For further information, contact: Nancy Blair at nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com

Hope & Inspiration Art Gallery. The Hope & Inspiration Art Show is now a permanent Art Gallery. We will be featuring painter Ed Coleman very soon. Our first four artists continue to be showcased and we have some ideas for the next year which look very exciting. Please invite your friends to like this page. If you would like to submit art for inclusion in the gallery, please leave a message on that page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/373394600384260>

or our website:

<https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery>



Stop Clear Cuts on Crown Land. Protect Mainland Moose Habitat

Marilyn Cameron, a small woodlot owner and a farmer in Kings County, has postcards for the Minister of the Environment which she is willing to send you to support the protest against clear cuts in moose habitat.

To get cards, contact Marilyn Cameron with the number you want and your mailing address. Maricameron0@gmail.com. If you want to distribute them at a church service, please contact your church leaders first to work out Covid protocol.

Moratorium & Inquiry on Offshore Drilling in Nova Scotia

For more information, please see the press release here:

<https://canadians.org/update/offshore-petroleum-board-extends-bps-exploration-license>

https://canadians.org/action/call-moratorium-and-inquiry-offshore-drilling-nova-scotia?mc_cid=00a0149f8a&mc_eid=a561bab729

Say No to the 780 km long Quebec pipeline due to impacts on the climate crisis, natural environment and bio diversity. <https://www.non-gnl-quebec.com/greenpeace/>

Ask RBC to commit to phasing out fossil fuel financing. In the last 5 years, RBC financed \$183 billion in fossil fuel projects. <https://www.leadnow.ca/rbc-divest-FF/>

Rainforest Action Network would like support. While Valentine's candy corporations are making *billions of dollars* this week, they're ignoring the rainforest destruction and exploitation in their sweets. There's *nothing* sweet about deforestation, land theft, and child labor. Land is stolen from Indigenous and local communities, rainforests are destroyed, fires spew pollution, and critical wildlife habitat is fractured, threatening already-endangered species. All so candy makers can get cheap ingredients for a huge profit. https://act.ran.org/page/25986/action/1?ea.tracking.id=e_en&en_og_source=e_en&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=forests&utm_content=Valentine+Candymakers+Feb+2021+Email+1+D&ea.url.id=745973&forwarded=true

Submissions to the Canada Water Agency – The Council of Canadians is calling to update our water policies and coordinate water management and protection efforts. Click on this link for more info:

https://canadians.org/action/submissions-canada-water-agency?utm_source=Council+of+Canadians&utm_campaign=f8db6d24bc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_01_29_05_42&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f477a42a0b-f8db6d24bc-384099924&mc_cid=f8db6d24bc&mc_eid=5aac9d93f5



Lenten & Earth Day Resources

Diocese of Toronto Creation Care

Download a "Fast for the Earth PDF: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lent-Fast-2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2hijkcXWXd-nHdHysKCR9Pp6yhoWkPgg65ILQhhOjXACo0ldResaG5Wwl>

PWRDF Creation Care / Climate Action Lent Resource Launch.

Please join the authors of this year's PWRDF Lent resource, Bishop Jane Alexander (Edmonton) and PWRDF Diocesan Representative Rev. Patrick Stephens (Ottawa), as they introduce the resource focused on Creation Care: Climate Action. It will include: 40 days of Lent + 40 days of stories about PWRDF + 40 reflections on Creation Care/Climate Action + 40 prayers for the Earth

When: Thursday, February 11 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Eastern / Where: Zoom, please register at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkduitqDsrH93IzMLQjvxAI4smP3COBsZs>

Stations of Creation: The on line version can be obtained by Emailing endionspei@gmail.com

Other resources can be found on our website: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network>

International Development Week Panel Discussion: Food Security in a Time of COVID-19

Monday, February 8, 11 a.m. ET One year into this global pandemic, has COVID-19 made an impact on international development? How has the pandemic affected food security at the local, national and international levels? Are there lessons from 2020 that we can learn regarding the future of development work, and in particular, on food security? To mark International Development Week, PWRDF has assembled a group of international experts to discuss these issues in a Zoom panel.

Our panelists are Dr. Agnes Abuom, Central Committee Moderator, World Council of Churches; Kevin Muneene Kamuya, CEO, Utooni Development Organization and Andy Harrington, Executive Director, Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Our moderator is Mike MacKenzie member of the PWRDF Youth Council and board member, Diocese of Nova Scotia/PEI.

Register on Eventbrite at the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/food-security-in-the-time-of-covid-19-an-idw-panel-tickets-138012947441>

Drawdown – this website has an excellent list of solutions to reduce emissions and other environmental solutions. www.drwdown.org

Climate Hub is connected to www.climatereality.ca and www.climaterealityproject.com

David Suzuki excellent info including 10 best actions we all can do. david Suzuki.org/what-you-can-do/top-10-ways-can-stop-climate-change

New Brunswick Environmental Network is working on Children’s Environmental Bill of Rights for NB. Information at nben.ca

Change your Corner of the World <http://changeyourcorner.com/> Carl Duivenvoorden is a Climate Reality Leader who lives in NB. The link below is a video power point presentation explaining the science behind the climate crisis, the specific impacts of the climate crisis worldwide and on Eastern Canada. He also shares local stories and inspiring solutions. It is about 30 min long plus questions and answers. Advance to 7.00 min as the first mins appears blank. <https://www.facebook.com/climaterealitycanada>

EcoJustice webinar Fighting for Fairness – Challenging premier Kenney’s inquiry into “Anti Alberta” activities (environment groups) <https://ecojustice.ca/webinars/>



Grant Programs

PEI Community Energy Solutions is a new grant program that includes a FREE energy audit and may cover up to 50% of the total energy efficiency upgrade to a max. of \$25,000. The program is to benefit small businesses and non-profits including churches. For more information, click on the link.

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/transportation-infrastructure-and-energy/community-energy-solutions>



Good News

Loblaw's, parent company of Atlantic Superstore, has announced it will be cutting unnecessary plastic and investing in recycling and reusable options.



DEN Videos Link

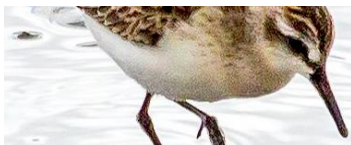
Webinar Creation Care/Climate Action Launch video:

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/52rPS-hr8ht2ieYNSyswZEjKAR74MfxLw1ALvt1gTBeNNtX17-dACx4xIHZ88usr.xH6WOTyK9JC3DC5T>

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DEN Thursday evening gatherings, this week's subject: Municipal Climate Action

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNzSshdCqus&t=17s>



Prayers

Lord Jesus,
the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea;
help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy;
help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love.
Amen. **Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham**

Deadline for Submissions is Friday before publication. Email them to endionspei@gmail.com

Our Mission



“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”