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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". We provide support and teaching through eco-grief session (with Nancy Blair, regular online session), links to many environment concerns/groups, encourage the use of Season of Creation, as well as retreats and special events like our recent Hope and Inspiration Art Gallery. We are now offering a chance to pray together. Please see info below.



Thursday Evening Gatherings continue on February 25th at 7 pm via Zoom: Session 8 will be Energy efficiency & greening our church buildings with Ben Grieder. Everyone is welcome to join our guest as he shares his knowledge of energy efficiency in church buildings. Ben is passionate about Community Energy Planning, Sustainable Building Sciences, Active Transportation and anything related to Energy Efficiency. Ben graduated from Acadia University with a Professional Studies degree in Community Development and Environmental Sustainability Studies. In recent years, he has worked as a Community Energy Planner with a goal to help people understand the benefits of energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy. Ben is an energy efficiency specialist, with a background in building sciences and energy analysis. For more information, call Rev Marian at 902-483-6866 or Email endionspei@gmail.com If you have specific questions you would like addressed, please send them to Nancy Blair, DEN Thursday Gathering Moderator. She will send them to Ben. nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com Please put "Questions for Ben" in the Subject line.

March 4 Green Burial: Carrying our living environmental values into end-of-life choices with Ray Mattolie & Louisa Horne

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 through all liturgical 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. Our next session will be March 15th. 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 if you wish.

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 Gallery of the Arts We have changed the name to acknowledge the breadth of mediums used to reflect the beauty of the earth. We will be featuring painter Ed Coleman very soon along with three new photographers. Please click “Like” to follow our page and see all the new offerings and invite your friends as well. Our first four artists continue to be showcased and we have just launched a Poetry section kicked off by a poem from Carol Scott who is a DEN member and constant attendee to our Thursday

evening gatherings on Zoom. If you would like to submit art or a poem for inclusion in the gallery, please leave a message on that page.

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

or Email: endionspei@gmail.com

Our Gallery can also be viewed at: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery>



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>

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: Go to the link below to subscribe and download this resource focusing on 40 days of Lent, 40 days of stories about PWRDF and 40 prayers for the earth. <https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/lent2021/>



Papal Encyclical: *Laudato Si* ("Praise be to you, my Lord")

Book source: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Schedule: Every Wednesday at 10 am beginning Feb 24.

Facilitator: Bruce Langhus (brucelanghus@gmail.com), email Bruce to receive the link.

This book study will enter this encyclical to learn its teachings, its radically different viewpoint on climate action, and its urgent message to all people of Faith. Come join us, we await your contribution. This book will change you as a climate activist.

All Saints Cathedral Lenten Journey with the Poetry of Mary Oliver – every Friday during Lent beginning Feb 19th, 3:15 to 5 pm. Please send an email to Debbie Fice (widgetsbeads@gmail.com) to receive your study guide and the weekly emails with the poems for the week.



Advocacy

Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Fifty years ago, the world needed a nuclear weapons treaty to prevent mass destruction. We need the same for fossil fuels. Unprecedented levels of international cooperation will be required to prevent the proliferation of fossil fuels, to phase-out existing stockpiles and infrastructure, and to fast-track a just and peaceful transition to safer and cleaner alternatives.

<https://fossilfuel treaty.org>

Reduce Canada's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Sign a letter to the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, asking the federal government to commit to reduce Canada's national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 60 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and invest in a just transition to a fair, inclusive, green economy that creates good secure jobs, and promotes the well-being of everyone in Canada. Warning: there is a bit in the letter for each of us to say what we will commit to do (write in the custom box at the bottom of the letter and your answer is inserted in the letter).

<https://forthe love of creation.ca/advocacy/emissions-transition>

Ecology Action Centre – Make Room for Nature “Fill out the short form below to send a message to your MLA calling for a 17% land protection commitment and a deadline for implementation. **It's time for Nova Scotia to make room for nature!** “

<https://ecologyaction.ca/tell-your-mla-make-room-nature?fbclid=IwAR1nAQs-4DqKOiSaZiq8KcolZiKFYOvwGuXKqRCB3QZdhGRADqabLtNzMb0>

High Energy Burdens 20% of all Canadian households face high energy burdens – spending more than double the Canadian median on home energy needs as a percentage of income. As the Government of Canada prepares the 2021 Federal Budget, we need to come together to ensure that everyone is included.

<https://www.encycanada.org/low-income-energy-efficiency>

Green and Just Recovery Sign a letter Greenpeace has composed to your Member of Parliament and The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, and The Honourable Navdeep Bains. This letter is particularly good because it starts off with *“the response to the COVID-19 pandemic has shown what Canada can do when we treat a crisis like a crisis. We have thrown out the old rulebook of what is politically possible and focused on what is politically necessary to protect ourselves and our loved ones.”* It then asks for a green and just recovery.

https://act.greenpeace.org/page/60053/action/1?_ga=2.199655214.123208044.1613786619-996855826.1598989999

Support a Clearcut Moratorium Consider writing your MLA with this sample letter.

Dear (insert your MLA name) Please see attached the February 12th article in The Nova Scotia Advocate - "Members of Minister's Forestry Advisory Committee request clearcut moratorium". I am writing to say I would like this moratorium to be effective immediately. We must save our forests and protect biodiversity. We must implement the Lahey Report. I am very pleased that the NDP is calling for a moratorium.

<https://nsadvocate.org/2021/02/12/members-of-forestry-advisory-committee-request-clearcut-moratorium/?fbclid=IwAR3kUqLkQg-CUEnAkjFpzXK7f0pMI1n95oNCKW21-ss6nCdaVy8NNsoaVF>



Bill C-15 Webinar Thursday Feb. 25th What will this legislation adopting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples mean for settler and indigenous peoples and communities. A recording will be sent if you cannot attend in person. Simply register at this link: <https://e-activist.com/page/email?mid=9d2f53af821f471aad5a2aa6549fd464>

Indigenous Sovereignty & Energy Justice Webinar has been postponed until March 25th. To register please go to: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u6gNw82MQbi-hAfnOXjoig

Sacred Earth Community Click on the link for more information and resources exploring how every spiritual tradition needs to contribute to healing the earth. <https://www.sacred-earth.net/a-vision-of-earth-community>

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

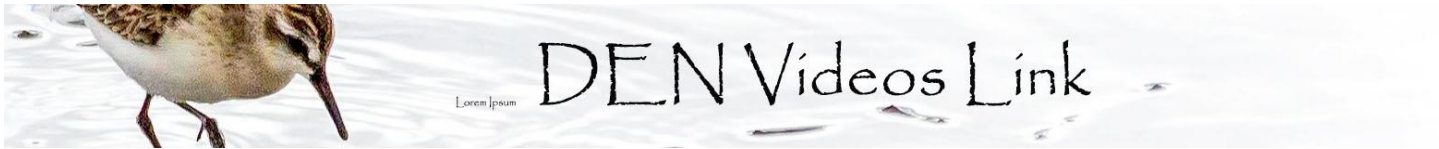
Climate Hub is connected to www.climatereality.ca and www.climaterealityproject.com

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

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/>



Webinar Creation Care/Climate Action Launch video:

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

Access Passcode: !7iBasJf

Video from last week’s DEN Thursday evening gathering:
2021 02 18 Living a Faith that is Committed to Care to the Earth with Nancy Blair
<https://youtu.be/htvqEgNSbFs>



Everlasting God
whose Spirit broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters,
and endows them with form and colour:
give us, we pray, the mind and heart
to rejoice in the majesty of creation.
Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world
and to seek the common good,
that through your blessing all may flourish,
and creation sing your praise
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen Rt Revd Robert Atwell
Bishop of Exeter and Chair of the Liturgical Commission

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.”