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Welcome to our weekly Enews. **DEN**, the **Diocesan Environment Network** of the Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI, was formed in response to the Fifth Mark of Mission and the latest addition to our Baptismal Covenant which has become our Mission Statement.

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

We educate and encourage avenues of stewardship with weekly news via email, our website, Facebook and articles in the Diocesan Times plus weekly Zoom gatherings. We provide links to other environment groups, encourage the use of Season of Creation in liturgies, provide an opportunity to pray together plus support and teaching through eco-grief sessions. Understanding that you protect what you fall in love with, our Hope & Inspiration Gallery of the Arts celebrates creation and encourages stewardship.



Thursday Evening Gatherings continue on March 4 via Zoom : Green Burial: Carrying our living environmental values into end-of-life choices with Ray Mattolie & Louisa Horne.

Green burial is a growing global movement and interest in this environmentally sensitive approach to disposition of one's body in a way that has a useful purpose is rapidly increasing.

Although Green Burial can be a choice made for interment in any burial ground, there is an increasing demand for dedicated areas to be created in existing cemeteries, or for cemeteries exclusively for green burial. The ultimate choice is for green burial to be in a designated conservation site. There is only one such site in Canada, off the coast of BC, whilst 10 have been established in the USA and many more in the UK.

This session will provide an overview of the principles of green burial, and consider the opportunities it offers to support wider conservation endeavours. This will include an outline of a plan being developed by a parish in the Diocese to develop a conservation area, with green burial as one of the opportunities it offers.

Louisa Horne and Ray Mattholie are passionate supporters of green burial, and members of Green Burial Nova Scotia, a project of the Ecology Action Centre.

Praying with the DEN Community Each Friday at 9:30 we host Morning Prayer live streamed on Zoom. Prayers take shape from different traditions and focus on various aspects of our relationship with Creation. To obtain the link, please email endionspei@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 by Zoom. Next session: 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



WELCOMING OUR NEW ARTISTS: We are currently featuring painter Ed Coleman along with three new photographers; Trevor & Darlene Awalt and Lidvald Haugen-Strand. Please click "Like" to follow our page and see all the new offerings. We encourage you to share the link and invite your friends as well.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY: The Gallery has also just launched a new initiative called Art as Poetry and invite original poems to be submitted. We will post these as they are sent and will choose one to highlight on Earth Day. That poem will become the challenge poem for Poetry as Art. We will invite art in any medium to be created inspired by the poem and the winner will be revealed during the Season of Creation in the fall. If you would like to submit art or a poem for inclusion in the gallery, please leave a message on the gallery 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-nHdHysKCR9Pp6yhoWkPgg65ILQhhOjXACo0ldResaG5WwI>

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/>

Seven Weeks for Water 2021 “The World Council of Churches (WCC) Ecumenical Water Network invites you to use the season of Lent to reflect on God’s gift of water. Since 2008, the WCC– through its “Seven Weeks for Water” campaign – has been providing weekly theological reflections and other resources on water for the seven weeks of Lent and for World Water Day on 22 March (which always falls during the Lenten period). <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/seven-weeks-for-water-2021>

Lent 2021 Children’s Resource from PWRDF For ages 6-12, this pdf explores Lent and partner stories week by week. <https://pwrdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Lent-2021-A-PWRDF-Childrens-Resource.pdf>



DEN Lenten Book Study of Papal Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island sponsors a weekly study of the Papal Encyclical *Laudato Si'* Wednesday mornings at 10 am throughout Lent by Zoom. The Encyclical represents a moral breakthrough in the literature of Climate Crises. Pope Francis joins the plight of the world’s poor with the destruction of the world’s larger environment. The result is the presentation of a dire moment in the history of Humanity – we are urgently called to repair our only common home and bring dignity to the homeless and voiceless.

Up-to-the-minute science is matched with moral lessons of the world's teachers. One of the most powerful messages in the duty passed on to all serious people – Hear the cry of the poor; hear the cry of the Earth. This book will make you a climate activist or will indeed make you a better activist. The book is available as free download: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Join us this Wednesday morning at 10am. Email the facilitator (brucelanghus@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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



Do Petitions Work? Do petitions work? Sometimes they do. Yesterday our Advocacy editor, Eva Evans, had an email from 350.org saying that their campaign to keep oil company executives and lobbyists off the Net Zero Advisory Panel worked! “Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson released the names of that panel and I’m happy to report that there are no members from Shell, Suncor or any of the other Big Oil companies that have undermined climate action for decades.¹We did this. Together. After thousands of people signed the petition calling on federal leaders to be brave and strengthen Bill C-12, the topic was debated in the House of Commons. Of course, we still have a lot of work to do. The fossil fuel industry will continue doing what it can to slow down and weaken climate action. But, today we did something that felt impossible for a long time in Canadian politics, we kept Big Oil out of the room.”

Annapolis Waterkeepers Please consider supporting this group who are fighting the development of a toxic waste dump in their watershed. For more information, go to their FB page <https://www.facebook.com/AnnapolisWaterkeepers/>

The Amazon and Facebook The BBC has just revealed land-grabbers are selling stolen Amazon rainforest on Facebook. Fuelled by the cattle ranching industry, and in the knowledge that remote locations won't be inspected by the authorities, 'investors' are clearing forest ready for farming and selling it off. This petition is asking Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg to immediately stop stolen land being advertised on FB. <https://actions.sumofus.org/a/the-amazon-is-for-sale-on-facebook/?akid=85883.12756693.Ye2357&rd=1&source=fwd&t=2>

Just Recovery To help communities, provinces and territories transition away from fossil fuels, federal help is needed. This petition is asking key federal ministers as well as your MP to do this instead of bailing out corporations by supporting privatization and public-private partnerships (P3s)

<https://canadians.org/action/cib-just-recovery>

Coal Mining in Australia & the Great Barrier Reef There's a huge disastrous coal mine being built in Australia. To finish it, it needs a key piece of train signalling technology that only German engineering giant Siemens is willing to provide. Siemens said it can't get out of its contract unless it's proven that the coal mine is breaching environmental conditions. Now the proof that they are doing that is there. If not stopped, the Adani Carmichael mine could be exporting massive shiploads of dirty coal through the Great Barrier Reef in as little as six months.

<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/act-now-siemens/?akid=85742.12756693.utCfHw&rd=1&source=fwd&t=10>

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>

Creating an Environmental Bill of Rights Thanks to those of you who registered and took part in ECOPEI's 2021 Annual Meeting and panel discussion, *Creating and Environmental Bill of Rights*. For those of you who were not able to join in, and for anyone else who wishes to review the presentations, you can find the recording of the session: [Creating an Environmental Bill of Rights, February 23, 2021](#).



Podcast – What is the Greatest Action we can take to help counteract climate change. Only 25 minutes long. Lister to “11 climate professionals.... address how individual actions can thwart the biggest existential crisis known to humanity”

https://earthfeelspodcast.com/episode-128-what-is-the-greatest-action-we-can-take-to-help-counteract-climate-change-eleven-climate-professionals-weigh-in/?fbclid=IwAR2OIO_QZgshBdId5r9yv_lakPQzRZmZsqCnNzmREFnLahPx0JLHBoWYAyN8

Webinar Series with The Ecology Action Centre – Mobilizing for a Just & Sustainable Future
Wednesday March 3. Starting at 5:30. Join a panel discussion exploring how climate policy is impacting our

communities, and what is possible here in Mi'kma'ki / Nova Scotia in the next ten years. The panel of community experts will share their perspectives on successes, shortcomings, and opportunities for equity and climate justice, community-owned renewable energy, and energy efficiency.

<https://ecologyaction.ca/exploring-climate-goals-and-community-realities>

Dialogue 8 – A Conversation Across Ways of Knowing & Relating to Land Thursday Mar 4th. This is a ticketed event to cover costs. Please see the website for more info.

<https://www.waysofknowingforum.ca/dialogue8?fbclid=IwAR2py7F5rHRoHq1bwApODuOleTH4YMsX6VaEVGcBEng8S0brh4HUQvcJ-sU>

Developing Creation Care Ministry

After 15 years of experience helping Christians in Canada with the ecological transition in their church, Norman Lévesque, M.Th. has launched the new online course **DEVELOPING CREATION CARE**

MINISTRY: Complete training to establish this new ministry in your church. The course only costs \$60 for 8 hours (approx.) of online training at your own pace.

<https://creationcare.teachable.com/p/creation-care-ministry>

There is also a **FREE** course, **Greening Your Church: 10 proven steps to inspire your faith community towards sustainability.** The course lasts less than one hour, at your own pace, and you keep access to review it months later if you want.

<https://creationcare.teachable.com/p/10-steps-to-greening-your-church>

Mr. Norman Lévesque is also working on other online courses, like Transmitting ecological values in the Bible, Harvesting the ecological values in Christian Tradition and Cultivating a Christian eco-spirituality.

Try a course while we patiently wait for the pandemic to end, and share it with interested people around you.

Indigenous Sovereignty & Energy Justice Webinar has been postponed until March 25th. To register please got: 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



Letter to the Editor

From the Green Churches Network in Canada:

After our recent Annual General Assembly, the Green Churches Network will strive to reaffirm ourselves as ECUMENICAL. After consulting many Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants, we got every sign we needed that the Green Churches Network must strengthen its inter-church dynamic. We were growing worried about losing a balance when considering the higher proportion of Catholic Churches in the network, but that can simply be explained by the fact the network grew from word to mouth in Quebec first. As the network expands in other provinces, a higher number of Anglican and Protestant churches will join. Oh, and the Anglican Diocese of Montreal will be officially jumping on board the network (after years of schmoozing). Yeah!

So, could you please invite churches of all denominations to register to the Green Churches Network ? (this year, no fee is necessary because of the pandemic)



Lorem Ipsum

DEN Videos Link

Greening Church Buildings with Ben Grieder: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3I_rRPloHc



Prayers

Creator God,
We acknowledge that as your handiwork,
we stand alongside all that you have made.
Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys,
soaring birds and scuttling creatures,
all are held within your care.
May we grow in our love and appreciation
for the fabulous variety around us;
and may our awe and wonder draw us closer
to the natural world, and through it to you,
the God of all things.
We pray in Jesus name,
Amen.

Revd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer, Diocese of Gloucester

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