

**March 16, 2021**

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Welcome to our weekly Enews.  **DEN**,the **D**iocesan **E**nvironment **N**etwork 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 via Zoom: March 18 The Art of Sharing** **with Dale Cook.** Dale is a New Brunswick painter who uses her gift to share her love of the environment. In 2009 her series of paintings based on the theme of food security inspired by photographs of people and places in Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Bangladesh were auctioned to support the PWRDF.

**Act Fast – This starts Tonight – Training for hosting Faithful Climate Conversations.** Tuesday, March 16th, 6:30-8:30pm. Register in advance here:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvceGorDsqG9KbtA0gwJnWzs7LeyjLIoqM](about:blank) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.(space will be limited to 20 participants)

The [**Faithful Climate Conversations**](about:blank) are a series of guides for use by faith communities or other groups interested in having conversations about climate justice and creation care. They have been prepared by “[For the Love of Creation](about:blank)”, a national faith-based coalition.  These guides offer an easy-to-follow format for facilitators to lead a group of 6 to 8 people through a conversation that pays attention to personal knowledge and experiences while also encouraging people to consider their response to climate change. The series contains three guides:

***Creation, Climate and You***– Designed for people who have rarely, if ever, talked about climate change in a group setting before, this guide focuses on gently surfacing peoples’ emotions and underlying thoughts about climate change.

***From Concern to Action*** – For people who may have a basic understanding of climate change or are concerned about the effects of climate change, but remain uncertain about the best ways to act in light of this reality.

***Building a Better Future*** – Meant for people who have already been involved in climate action at some level, this guide focuses on enacting political and systemic change to address the climate emergency. You can find all these guides at: [https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/resources/](about:blank)

 This training is being co-organized by DEN (Diocesan Environmental Network /Anglican) and the Ecological Justice Working Group (UCC/Regions East) and Kairos Canada.

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**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](about:blank)

**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: April 19th. 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](about:blank)

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**WELCOMING OUR NEW ARTISTS:** We are currently featuring two painters Ed Coleman and Karen Phinney 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. **No Poems – No Poetry as Art.**  **Please let everyone know we need your poems.**

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](about:blank) or Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank)

Our Gallery can also be viewed at: [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery](about:blank)

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**Stations of Creation:** The on line version can be obtained by Emailing [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank)Other resources can be found on our website: [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network](about:blank)



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

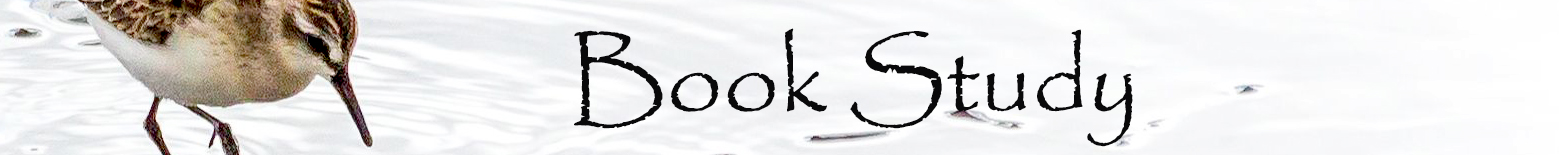
The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island sponsors a weekly study of the Papal Encyclical ***Laudato Si’***  Wednesday mornings at 10 am throughout Lent by Zoom. The Encyclical represents a moral breakthrough in the literature of Climate Crises. Pope Francis joins the plight of the 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](about:blank)

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

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**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 ([widgetsbeads@gmail.com](about:blank)) to receive your study guide and the weekly emails with the poems for the week.



**Climate Church, Climate World – an Invitation to an Online Book Study.** Climate change is more than a science issue, it's a spiritual and moral issue too. Our churches have an important role to play. Join this discussion group to learn more about how to lead or support your community of faith in engaging to make a difference for future generations. To get a taste of the type of information and hope that you will encounter in the book, take a listen to Jim Antal interviewed by Laura Hunter, Minister for Justice and Mission at the United Church of Canada on her podcast “[Making Hope Visible](about:blank)” .

**The book study will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays April 7 to May 19, from 11:30 to 1:00pm. Feel free to bring your lunch.** This initiative is Sponsored by the Anglican Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) of the Diocese of NS and PEI and St. Mary’s Anglican Church in Fredericton, NB. All are welcome (this is not an Anglicans-only gathering). To register Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com)



**Strengthen Bill C12.** “In November 2020, the federal government tabled the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Bill C-12). If passed, it will provide the foundation to get Canada to net-zero emissions by 2050.The current version of the bill represents an important step forward in the fight against climate change. But it needs to be strengthened to ensure it will be up to the task of holding politicians to account for delivering Canada’s climate commitments.”

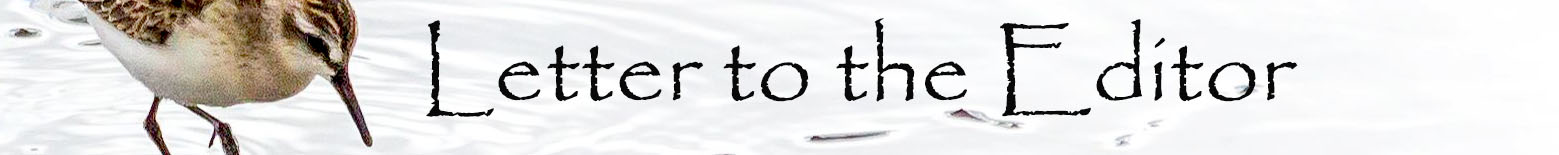
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**Rainforest Action Network** [**The ongoing human rights violations around some of the biggest producers of palm oil go from illegal land grabs to workers rights abuses and criminalization of entire Indigenous communities.**](about:blank)Thanks to public pressure from people like us, many megabanks are choosing to pull out of the palm oil. There’s one bank that’s grown into a global megabank over the past decade AND officially aims to become “the world’s most trusted financial institution”: MUFG. But it’s one of the top palm oil financiers in the world, and it’s bankrolling one of the worst human rights abusers of the palm oil sector.

[**https://act.ran.org/page/27222/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=e\_en&en\_og\_source=e\_en&utm\_medium=Email&utm\_source=EngagingNetworks&utm\_campaign=Forest&utm\_content=KFS+human+rights+MUFG+Mar+2021+email+1+C&ea.url.id=780318&forwarded=true**](about:blank)

**Primary Forests to produce Wood Pellets? We are seeing more and more whole trees from primary forests in Canada being chopped down to produce wood pellets that are then exported around the world.** Amidst an ever growing climate crisis, we simply can’t afford to keep chopping down primary forests – a critical carbon sink.

[**https://act.stand.earth/page/27270/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=email-ea&utm\_campaign=forests\_pelt&utm\_content=button&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=email-ea&ea.url.id=779194&forwarded=true**](https://act.stand.earth/page/27270/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=email-ea&utm_campaign=forests_pelt&utm_content=button&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email-ea&ea.url.id=779194&forwarded=true)



From Brianna Maxwell who joined our Thursday Gathering on Jan 21st:

I hope you have all been well since I we last spoke in January. In the weeks since, I have been continuing to evolve my Nudge Sustainability Impact plan which I briefly introduced at the end of my presentation on January 21st.

I am hosting 2 systems mapping workshops (1 to introduce the concept, and the other to practice finding solutions) with service providers and advocates (like yourselves) in the housing, homelessness, poverty, and health fields. The overarching intent of this work is to identify ways to reduce the impacts of climate change and poverty that people experience day to day. The goal is to create a common language for recognizing root causes and to create opportunities for connection and collaboration between different sectors.

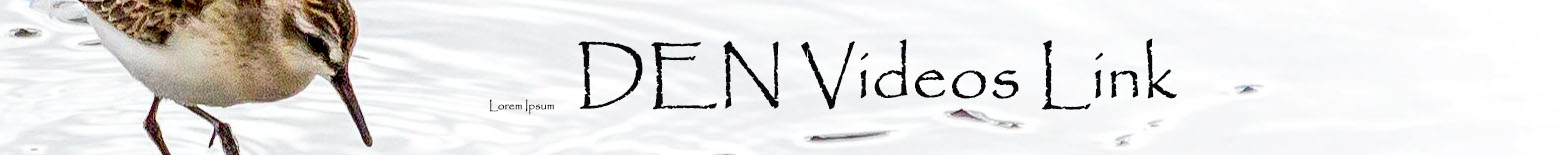
**I would be honoured if 2-6 people from your group would be interested in participating in these workshops.** To choose a date for the first workshop, I have created this Doodle poll [https://doodle.com/poll/q9ces4rp6cwefm8i?utm\_source=poll&utm\_medium=link](about:blank) If you are interested in attending, please click the link and select which dates (between April 12-17) would work best for you. I will be selecting the date **March 26th** so please respond before then!

To run these workshops in April, **I am also looking for one individual from each group to be trained as a facilitator.** These individuals will be trained in how to lead the systems mapping process and will be expected to help lead their group in workshop 1 and 2 with help from myself and other facilitators. To choose a date for the facilitator training, I have created a separate Doodle poll:  [https://doodle.com/poll/svd2nz6qub2mrqze?utm\_source=poll&utm\_medium=link](about:blank) If you are interested in being a facilitator , please click the link and select which dates (between March 29-April 1) would work best for you. I will be selecting the date **March 19th**. Also remember to fill out the workshop poll above!

Please share this invite with the rest of the DEN group. If there are other groups who you feel should be invited to these workshops, please let me know (FACE and local housing providers are already on the mailing list). I am also happy to answer any questions about the workshops.

I look forward to connecting again soon!

Brianna



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| **The Watermark Project** – An interview with Kelly Schnare <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2hovx7aAqI> When we access our videos through our You Tube channel please don’t forget to hit SUBSCRIBE    All our DEN Videos can also be accessed through our website under DEN Videos: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network> |



**Deadline for Submissions is Friday before publication. Email them to** [**endionspei@gmail.com**](about:blank)