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| **March 30, 2021**  Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) Website: [nspeidiocese.ca/den](about:blank)  Facebook: [Environment Network Diocese of NS & PEI](about:blank)  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. |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners upcoming events.jpg  **Climate Church, Climate World – an Invitation to an Online DEN 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”.    **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.**  [**REGISTER NOW**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmarconf.us7.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D68d245cd166ea986748f14a1a%26id%3D730f64cd81%26e%3D5f15cd0358&data=02%7C01%7Clhunter%40united-church.ca%7C7cb7d4f5aa334e13878208d85641d288%7Ccf18b5a826784011931215f0f7157574%7C0%7C0%7C637354187989745640&sdata=bXGEf%2BJAHOAdkKUgAR21sifvnkBcLYlN4V5WsMgIa%2BM%3D&reserved=0) to participate. [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqf-mqrDMuEtMPfeXiSUSLOR7YqhMWEFaD](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtJUqf-mqrDMuEtMPfeXiSUSLOR7YqhMWEFaD&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cde727b60dfb74361e13c08d8eac51df8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637517479615252876%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=M0DLCnfJPsVSOQBp2cfG9tf9W2bw2fEg9PfLxWV%2BWvI%3D&reserved=0).  Space is limited.  Here are some places you can get Climate Church, Climate World by Jim Antal (prices vary).  Make sure to order yours in time to start the study:   * Paperback – [Chapters](https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/climate-church-climate-world-how/9781538110690-item.html?ikwid=jim+antal&ikwsec=Home&ikwidx=0#algoliaQueryId=29df9bb7d81908a01c2f92385e6760cd) or your local bookstore * Audiobook – [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/audiobooks/details?id=AQAAAECMmS7ZsM&gl=CA&hl=en-CA&source=productsearch&utm_source=HA&utm_medium=SEM&utm_campaign=PLA&pcampaignid=MKT-FDR-na-us-1000189-Med-pla-bk-Evergreen-Jul1520-PLA-Audiobooks_Nature&gclid=Cj0KCQiA-aGCBhCwARIsAHDl5x-jugwNP14qQp84JJ_NtIdKRgg8qM7ts9VQ6RZbskNkXoRqeGsfdewaAhSrEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) or [Amazon (Audible)](https://www.audible.ca/pd/Climate-Church-Climate-World-Audiobook/B07GS843H4?source_code=GDGGBRF0814170003&ipRedirectOverride=true&gclid=Cj0KCQiA-aGCBhCwARIsAHDl5x86jxgLAhuTrKqJtIp-bS3FQ65B9oIfdoKUKCK-X96CsjwtERXNM5kaAvqiEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) * Ebook - [Kobo](https://www.kobo.com/ca/en/ebook/climate-church-climate-world-1) or [Vital Source](https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/products/climate-church-climate-world-jim-antal-v9781538110706?duration=120)   **Thursday Evening Gatherings on Zoom: April 8 @ 7 pm with Gerald Giles . The topic will be Gardening - Planting the seeds of change.**  **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)  **Why does DEN offer sessions on EcoGrief? Read this article:** https://thewalrus.ca/therapy-for-the-end-of-theworld/?fbclid=IwAR1trXXM8z5eNoXuLMELsCiMhYHuOKW99DoJQIHmuzQBJ4MnkCDC3GvFIzs  **Seeking Justice together** – Virtual Conference May 17 – 20, 2021. Through a variety of [keynotes and workshops](https://cpj.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a90945b6cbae71eebd4485b0b&id=a481ec62cd&e=9cb955a0aa), participants will explore living examples of what it looks like to seek justice as people connected to one another and to the lands in which we live. We will consider how our identities, histories, systems, and geography shape our experiences of power and privilege, and how this informs the ways in which each of us are called to seek justice together. Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights. For more information: <https://cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together/> |

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| **F:\0.Art Show\Gallery banner of the Arts Papyrus regular strong.jpg**  All of our featured artists now have their own album. To preview these, click on Media and choose the one you wish to visit. We hope to introduce you to the work of painter Dorothy Mosher after Easter. Our Gallery can be viewed at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/373394600384260](about:blank)  or  [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery](about:blank)  Contact us by email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners Advocacy.jpg  **End Fossil Fuel Subsidies** - Join people across Canada in asking the PM, the Minister of Finance and your own MP in asking for an end to fossil fuel subsidies and shift spending to a Green and Just Recovery, strong climate legislation, ambitious climate targets, and policies that enable climate justice, protection of 25% of land and ocean by 2025 and support Indigenous-led conservation; and expand and leverage nature-based climate solutions.  <https://action.cpaws.org/page/65706/action/1>  **Arctic Oil** - French oil giant Total wants to pump the equivalent of 535,000 barrels of oil per day from under the Arctic's fragile ice and the French government is ready to guarantee Arctic gas megaproject -- to the tune of €700 million! Total's plans directly threaten the survival of Indigenous people and will drive runaway climate change.  <https://actions.sumofus.org/a/stop-bankrolling-oil-and-gas-drilling-in-the-arctic/?akid=87320.12756693.DycZJj&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>  **Cruise Industry Dumping** - The coast off of British Columbia is the cruise industry’s favourite dumping grounds for billions of litres of toxic pollution. Cruise ships are getting away with this because our rules on dumping in Canada are *18 times less strict* than our U.S. neighbours in Washington and Alaska. As a result, threatened sea otter populations and critically endangered populations of resident killer whales are left swimming in the pools of toxins cruise ships leave in their wake – and it’s perfectly legal. Please consider signing this petition to Parliament.  <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Sign/e-3303>  **Rainforest Action Network** have a petition to the CEO and to the Chairman of Ferrero asking them to stop using, in their candy, conflict palm oil, soy, cocoa, even paper (for the wrappers and boxes) linked to land theft from Indigenous and local communities, the burning and bulldozing of forests and critical wildlife habitat, and buying from plantations guilty of worker exploitation, including child labor!  <https://act.ran.org/page/27933/action/1?ea.tracking.id=e_en&en_og_source=e_en&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=Forest&utm_content=KFS+Candy+Easter+2021+email+2+Ferrero+E2T+C&ea.url.id=807422&forwarded=true>  **Vancouver-based company, ReconAfrica,** is engaging in oil and gas exploration and potential hydraulic fracturing in the protected Kavango Basin region of Namibia and Botswana. The Kavango Basin region is a biodiversity hotspot with conservation areas and parks, wildlife reserves, and two UNESCO World Heritage sites. The ReconAfrica project poses threats to the human rights of the indigenous San people of southern Africa and local Namibian and Botswana citizens. The Canadian company has already started hauling in heavy equipment, much to the distress of local people who were not properly consulted. They’re also clearing people’s fields without compensation! Below is the link to a petition to Parliament.  <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3256&fbclid=IwAR2g-8JjrHWeMieDTIWYDcFzXtYiukeXX328fTqrKd4yc2gMnZzr-h9nHVE>  **Wood Pellet Production** - 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>  **Net Zero Emissions Acy needs Strengthening** - A petition from the Council of Canadians is calling on parliamentarians to strengthen the [Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act](https://canadians.org/analysis/federal-net-zero-emissions-legislation-2050-too-late) to give us a chance to attain net zero.  <https://canadians.org/action/petition-net-zero?utm_source=Council+of+Canadians&utm_campaign=dd57b74a6e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_25_02_49&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f477a42a0b-dd57b74a6e-383789016&mc_cid=dd57b74a6e&mc_eid=595c39542e> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Biodiversity.jpg  **Breeding Season** – A post on The Healthy Forest Coalition Facebook page by Mike Lancaster warns that harvest occur in the peak of breeding season for migratory birds. These practices break the law of the Migratory Birds Convention Act. Mike links his post to a Saltscapes magazine article of affected species. <https://saltscapes.advanced-pub.com/?shareKey=jx30Vx>  **“Pushback from Landholders Guts Nova Scotia’s Biodiversity Bill” –** This article is about a woodlot owner who supports the bill. <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2021/03/30/news/pushback-landholders-guts-ns-biodiversity-bill?fbclid=IwAR3swv9cJLWMGzqt4Lx64ftcOR_hHht5lI42KB2R7kF42x3-jaiudCIgB1Q>  **Ministerial Mandate Letter –** Stella Lord encourages us to read these mandate letters for better advocacy and for holding the ministers accountable. <https://novascotia.ca/exec_council/PDF/letters/2021MinEMLF.pdf#page=3&zoom=auto,-17,208> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Raging Grannies.jpg  The local Halifax group disbanded several years ago and there is interest in reviving the group. You do not actually have to be a grandmother but it is for “older women”. Men can assist but not sing with the group. You do not have to be able to sing as in a choir. No auditions necessary! Simply a desire to make a statement of protest/encouragement/ demand for action – peace, social justice and environment- some of us have come together by common interest in climate crisis and care for environment through our faith groups (For Love of Creation, Sacred Earth/ Sacred People). And of course not worry about making a fool of oneself! I expect you have all experienced the Raging Grannies at some time or other. If you are interested, please email [endionspei@gmail.com](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com) and we will put you in touch with Margaret Sagar who has graciously agreed to spearhead this new group. |

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| *F:\DEN Enews\banners Grandmas Going Green.jpg*  **Newspaper planters**  Hello again.  Grandma would like you to save a couple laundry detergent bottles. This is a very easy craft or DIY activity  During the spring, summer or fall, if you have a place to collect, save just a laundry bottle or two of sand, gravel or soft ground. You have your own organic de-icer next winter. Now if your household uses other detergent holders, as some come in bags or even boxes of paper strips, ask family or neighbours. I expect they would save a couple for you. Just air dry the container before adding your de-icer.  You REDUCED what went to the landfill. You have REUSED a container. You also REPURPOSED as it wasn’t originally intended for this use. By using sand or gravel or even leftover potting soil you are BEING ORGANIC. In the spring you can sweep off your walkway and improve your lawn.  Oh, and that empty laundry detergent bottle could be filled several summers before the plastic breakdowns, By then there may be another way to save plastic.  No photo description available.  ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  Getting closer to spring. Time to get ready. Let’s make planting pots from newspaper.  For this we will need newspaper, flyers or other wastepaper. Grandma saved some brown paper that was crumpled in her delivery boxes. Any paper that is about 6 inches wide and a foot or two long, will do. A bit of tape is needed to hold them together.  Ask Mom for a soup can. One of the smaller ones for skinny soup.  If you have news paper, cut full sheets of newsprint in half. Then cut those 2 pieces in half again. Lay the soup can so at least a bit of the can sticks out. Roll the can along the paper, wrapping the can. Stick one TINY bit of tape to keep the paper together. Fold in the bottom of the can and add another piece of tape. Pull out the can and repeat.  These can be filled with soil to start plants indoors. When transplanting to the garden, tear off the bottom and plant directly into the ground.  Grandma will always remind you of doing service work. Make a few for your own Grandma, neighbour or take them to church to give out on Rogation Sunday.  When we were able to buy tomatoes is long skinny plastic trays, they were perfect holders for the planting pots to grow in  REPURPOSE, REDUCE Any other R’s here?  No photo description available.    ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  Now for a sweet. This week we aren’t even putting that much effort into getting a very yummy treat.  My Grandbabies call it  “The Cracker Desert”  A sleeve of soda crackers  1 can pie filling (or cook fruit till it is pie filling consistency)  1 container dream whip (or whip your own cream)  Using a regular 8 x 8 cake pan  Place a layer of crackers, a layer of pie filling and a layer of dream whip  Repeat once or maybe twice according to the height of your pan  Now the hard part, put in in the fridge overnight and try to stay out of it until at least lunch.  We make this over Christmas or birthday weekends when we have so much else we want to do.  ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  I want to start bragging or praising when we see Random Acts of Green (Grandma does belongs to RAOG.ca also). This week I was told that next take out meal, customers are going to be asked to bring their own baskets, box or bag when picking up their take out. We take bags to grocery stores so why not for take out meals. So this week I am bragging for The Board of Directors of the Blandford Community Centre for trying to reduce their plastic use.  Remember to send ideas to [caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com](mailto:caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com)  Till next week  Grandma’s sending hugs. |
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| God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen. **Rt Revd Nicholas Baines**, **Bishop of Leeds** |