

**May 11, 2021**

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Welcome to our weekly Enews.The Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) 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.”***

To do this we educate and encourage stewardship through social media and liturgies, connect with other environment groups, pray together, celebrate art with each other and grieve together.

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| **Tomorrow May 12– Creation Care in Places of Worship –** Sponsored by the Green Group of the Diocese of Ontario. For more info on this webinar, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/421075434684182> |

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| **Tomorrow – May 12. Free Webinar with the Ecology Action Centre** – Protecting the Ecosystems that Sustain us. <https://ecologyaction.ca/protecting-ecosystems-sustain-us-free-webinar> |

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| **Praying with the DEN Community** Morning Prayer every Friday at 9:30 by Zoom. To obtain the link, please email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) |

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| **DEN Ecological Grief Support Group:** The 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 to 8:00 pm by Zoom. Next session: May 17. 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. For further information, contact:  Nancy Blair at [nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com](about:blank) |

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| **Open Dialogue Live – Climate Law and Human Rights** – Wednesday May 19,2021. How can climate law and human rights approaches to litigation help to reduce and remedy climate harms? Click on this link to register:  <https://alumni.dal.ca/events/open-dialogue-series/?utm_source=Dalhousie+Office+of+Advancement&utm_campaign=fc5838dd16-EMAIL_odl-climate-law&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9581d45f60-fc5838dd16-41368349> |

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| **WHAT REALLY COUNTS – the Case for a Sustainable and Equitable Economy** – a book by Ronald Colman. This new book will be launched by Bookmark, Halifax’s locally owned, independent bookseller on May 13th at 7pm. Click here for more info on this Facebook live launch <https://www.facebook.com/events/292593835694598> |

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| **Trouble in the Atlantic Bubble** – click here to read more from the Sierra Club’s newsletter and an excellent article by Tynette Deveaux <https://www.sierraclub.ca/en/atlantic-activist/may-3> |

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| **PWRDF Webinars in May-** In Canada Emergency Response Guidelines. What are the guidelines for dioceses to request support from PWRDF. Wed. May 19 ay 2 pm ADT. Register at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIpc--spjktHNFIpxtJ_vszukfSMcZDO9lI>  **Faithful Climate Conversation Part 2 From Concern to Action**. May 25, 3-5 pm ADT To learn more contact [kumbach@pwrdf.org](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org)  **Fundraising Webinar – A Light for Every Birth** – Promoting solar suitcases for the All Mothers & Children Count Program. We encourage all Diocesan Representatives to attend and share with Parish Representatives in your network. Wednesday May 26 at 4 pm ADT. Zoom registration link to come. |

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| **Old Growth Forests** One of Canada's natural treasure could disappear in 5 to 10 years if we  don’t take action now. British Columbia’s old-growth forests are being chopped down at an  alarming rate. Despite Premier John Horgan's promises to protect old-growth  forests in B.C., old-growth logging approvals are up by 43% this year over last  (CBC). A provincial report provides a clear path forward to protect forests but it  needs to be put into action.  <https://act.greenpeace.org/page/81519/petition/1?locale=en-us&ea.tracking.id=en_forests_trees_score1_email_20210507_sign_ew_ecd_oldgrowthreminder%20C&utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=forests&utm_content=en+forests+trees+score1+email+20210504+sign+ew+ecd+oldgrowthlaunch+C+11:40:12&ea.url.id=5296490&forwarded=true> |
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| **Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act** Last November, the federal  government tabled Bill C-12, a piece of legislation that can put Canada on the road  to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. The bill has been held up in the House of  Commons for the past few months, but this week we had a breakthrough. Bill C-12  has finally passed second reading and will now go before the Standing Committee  on Environment and Sustainable Development for review and (very necessary)  amendments. Ecojustice has prepared a letter for you to send to your MP and  other federal leaders.  <https://www.support.ecojustice.ca/page/63016/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Email_2021_05_07_BreakingNews&utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=bn.2021.05.07&utm_content=2021.05.07+Bill+C-12+ETT+advocacy+action+committee+members+B&ea.url.id=5296907&forwarded=true> |

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| **Line 3**Today, in dozens of cities around the world, **protests and gatherings are taking**  **place to draw attention to Line 3**– the dangerous tar sands pipeline that would  contribute as much damage to our climate as 50 new coal-fired power plants.  **Enbridge, the Canadian company behind the project, is pushing ahead despite**  **strong opposition** from local water protectors and the Ojibwe people. If  constructed,**this pipeline would carry 760,000 barrels of tar sands oil from**  **Canada every day** through a three-foot-wide pipe, as big as Keystone XL –  devastating our climate, threatening the Mississippi River, and violating treaty  rights. True to its claim as one of the world’s biggest fossil fuel funders, **RBC has**  **lent billions to Enbridge**, without a regard for the devastating environmental  impacts of its projects. Stand Earth has prepared a letter to RBC executives  making it easy for us to join the protests.  <https://act.stand.earth/page/29250/action/1?ea.tracking.id=email-ea&utm_campaign=clim_finance&utm_content=textlink&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email-ea&ea.url.id=846067&forwarded=true> |

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| **Factory Farms & Antibiotics**  Avaaz advise that factory farms are pumping animals full of powerful antibiotics, **creating vicious new superbugs.** But if we push McDonald's to slash antibiotics, its sheer size could shift the global industry to more sustainable farming -- and help stop the superbugs. **McDonald's is deciding right now…** so let's push them to stop the next pandemic and help millions of desperate animals**.** <https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/mcdonalds_antibiotics_loc_dn/?bxWDqib&v=132779&cl=18229403071&_checksum=fe637f1b2a9d4da2ba9bb2bd8995fbeb6c010851912b9a527115e95809b13b2c> |

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| **A liveable climate**, where Indigenous rights aren’t violated, water isn’t poisoned, and land isn’t contaminated, doesn’t exist if industry keeps building new pipelines. Rainforest Action Network haveexposed that three megabanks have poured $688 billion into fossil fuel companies in the last 5 years, while in the same breath saying they care about the future of people and the planet. Right now, Chase, MUFG, and Wells Fargo are still pouring billions of dollars into Enbridge’s Line 3 and the flow of tar sands.  <https://act.ran.org/page/29116/action/1?ea.tracking.id=e_en&en_og_source=e_en&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=utm_campaign&utm_content=Climate+-+May+Line+3+-+5.3.2021+B&ea.url.id=843315&forwarded=true> |

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| **Nova Scotia needs the Coastal Protection Act** – a petition by the Ecology Action Center <https://ecologyaction.ca/nova-scotia-needs-coastal-protection-act-contact-your-mla> |

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| **LNG Subsidy – Say NO to financial assistance for Goldboro LNG** <https://www.support.ecojustice.ca/page/81542/action/1?ea.tracking.id=leadgen_Website&en_og_source=website> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Owl's head.jpg  From the website: <https://saveowlshead.org/artists-for-owls-head/?fbclid=IwAR2X2O-F2qHqJhjdVdmA7Zibk7mKI0wloW1mDNJj0g2ntGVqsLo3Oq91z0w>  *“Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty.”*  – John Ruskin Beloved Nova Scotian artist [Joy Laking](http://www.joylakinggallery.com/) has devised an art-based awareness initiative: Artists for Owls Head. We are looking for artists, photographers, songwriters, poets, sculptors, and other creative folks to help capture the rugged beauty of Owls Head Provincial Park. We invite submissions on the theme of saving Owls Head Provincial Park, in the medium of your choice. Paintings, poems, songs, and sculpture are all welcome. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Good news.jpg  With thanks to Cynthia Pilichos for this good news story of a local company <https://www.saltwire.com/cape-breton/business/note-embargoed-until-10-am-monday-april-19-roger-taylor-nova-scotia-based-clean-tech-company-wins-prestigious-nrg-cosia-carbon-xprize-100576842/>  Congratulations to Dr. David Suzuki on his receipt of an Honourary Degree at the recent AST Convocation. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Interesting Read.jpg  Climate Scientists: Concept of Net-Zero is a Dangerous Trap. This article was submitted and we would like your opinions; <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2021-04-22/climate-scientists-concept-of-net-zero-is-a-dangerous-trap/> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Raging Grannies.jpg  The Halifax Raging Grannies are back with an all new cast of characters! Their debut at the no-fighter-jets protest organized by NS Voice of Women for Peace was well received and the group has been welcomed by other RG gaggles and former RGs. We would love to increase our numbers and are looking forward to more gigs. There’s plenty to rage about! Contact quarterdeck@ ns.sympatico.ca. |

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| **GREEN STORY – The Gates Family**  I am starting this week with my local GREEN story. You must know by now that I love to BRAG about my village and the people that live here. This week I want to brag about an 11-year-old girl called Paityn Gates.  Paityn, her brother Cameron, Mom Amanda and Dad, Kyle, were always willing to help with anything in the community and church. It was no surprise when they turned up last year to get the little planting kits. Soon, I was sent photos of the “church” lettuce was transplanted in a bigger pot. Again, I got a photo of how Paityn had a box garden. It was a great start to what I hope is a lifetime of gardening.  Paityn isn’t one to give up on something she enjoys. Last year in the middle of a lock down she told me “I always like helping people, wherever I can. I can’t help people now, but my plants are like plant people that need help to grow.”  And how her gardening did grow!  This week I got this photo from Mom, Amanda Gates. Paityn was given her dream of a greenhouse earlier. This week, the fence was constructed around two long box gardens outside that greenhouse. There was 5-year-old Cameron shoveling topsoil off the back of the truck while Paityn raked and leveled her garden boxes.  Kids outdoors working at their gardens. What more could a parent want?  Photo courtesy of Amanda Gates: |

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| **Journals**  Making a journal to write down all those memories of a camp, a vacation or a road trip is as simple as finding a cereal box and a few sheets of paper.  Cut the size of your cereal box so when it is folded in half your stapler will reach the middle. If you want it bigger then use a darning needle with the help of a tack hammer to push the yarn through paper and cardboard.  Spend time decorating your cover with pages from a magazine or even photos. I used a duct tape to seal the edges of this journal. Cut your paper slightly smaller than the cover. Fold both cover and paper before stapling or sewing them together.  Consider making these as gifts for family or neighbours. |

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| It is a little early in the year but I thought it best to start you off with how to make fruit leather. This is an excellent snack. Even the fussiest, nutritionally inclined Grandma would find it hard to find fault with this.  **FRUIT LEATHER**  You will need  parchment paper or overly greased cookie sheet  an oven  fruit, we will start with 2 cups unsweetened applesauce  Grease your cookie sheet and line with parchment paper (or carefully grease every spot of the cookie sheet well)  Pour the applesauce onto the pan and evenly spread it out.  Bake at 175 to 200 F for 3-4 hours and then check every 15-20 minutes till there are not any wet spots left.  Let cool 15 minutes and then cut in 1 inch wide strips.  Roll them up with a strip of wax paper on top to prevent them gluing together.  Put in a bag or airtight container. Will be good in the fridge for a couple weeks (if they last that long)  As berries or fruit become available, just make a mush in a blender and dehydrate in the oven as you did for applesauce.  Experiment! |

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| **The Garden is Rich**  The garden is rich with diversity With plants of a hundred families In the space between the trees With all the colours and fragrances. Basil, mint and lavender, Great Mystery keep my remembrance pure, Raspberry, Apple, Rose, Great Mystery fill my heart with love, Dill, anise, tansy, Holy winds blow in me. Rhododendron, zinnia, May my prayer be beautiful May my remembrance O Great Mystery Be as incense to thee In the sacred grove of eternity As I smell and remember The ancient forests of earth.  *- Chinook Psalter* |