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| **June 1, 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.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 this newsletter, weekly meetings on zoom, social media and liturgies, connect with other environment groups, pray together, celebrate art with each other and grieve together. |

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| **June is National Indigenous History Month**. DEN wishes to acknowledge the lessons learned and the lessons we still need to learn from First Nation’s stewardship of this beautiful land, lovingly and respectfully called Turtle Island. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Season of Creation.jpg  Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God’s creation as part of the [global Season of Creation](https://seasonofcreation.org/), observed from September 1 to October 4 every year. [General Synod 2019 passed a resolution](https://gs2019.anglican.ca/cc/resolutions/resolution-number-a202-the-season-of-creation/) adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education, and action and encouraging dioceses and parishes to participate.  There are many ways your community can participate in the Season of Creation. Hold an ecumenical or interfaith prayer service; worship outdoors; go for a hike with members of your parish; work to reduce your plastic or energy consumption; or advocate for stronger environmental policy.  Let us know if you would like a guest preacher or speaker during Season of Creation and please share with DEN the innovative ways your parish will be celebrating God’s creation this September.  For more information check out the DEN webpage for Season of Creation at <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/pages/den-season-of-creation--288> or Email endionspei@gmail.com |

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| |  | | --- | | **Thank you to those who joined us on The DEN Journey this past year.** Our weekly Thursday night gatherings are taking a break for the summer but our advocacy and work for our earth continues. We would love to hear about your activities as you enjoy the summer months. Indeed, we want to celebrate each and every one of you and your efforts. Please keep us up to date and we will share your stories. [endionspei@gmail.com](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com) | |

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| **Praying with the DEN Community** Morning Prayer will be on the first Friday of the month for the summer. Join us on June 4th, July 2nd and August 6th 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:** There will be no meetings during the summer. |

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| **Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education – Falling in Love with the Earth: Embracing Compassion for all Life.** June 13-16,2021. Online. The virtual sessions, held over three days, feature interactive, on-site presentations and fireside discussions, a film night, as well as a series of experiential activities including sit-spotting, storytelling, and nature listening. The sessions will be led by Stephen and Hilary Scharper, both professors at the University of Toronto, who are currently Earth-Scholar and Writer-in-Residence, respectively, at the Canadian Ecology Centre.  Registration and information:  <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/aste-2021-falling-in-love-with-the-earth-embracing-compassion-for-all-life-tickets-150943641495>  Facebook Page  <https://www.facebook.com/AtlanticSeminarInTheologicalEducation/about/?ref=page_internal> |

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| **Say Yes! To Kids – Raising Funds for the Anglican Foundation of Canada** May 23 – June 13 join us for a community cleanup and fundraiser for post-pandemic programs for children, youth and young adults in Canada. *“Through this campaign AFC will fund initiatives that help young people rise above cycles of poverty and hardship,” says Canon Rois. “With the support of Canadian Anglicans, we will invest in a brighter future with better learning outcomes, diverse enrichment opportunities, improved health and well-being, and restored faith and community connections.”* For more information:  <https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/kids/?fbclid=IwAR0Vy-MkgEFMrk3xb15A_thd8_YwC3eirGH-70jDQ7a_LfYn_byI_lvoIzE>  https://www.canadahelps.org/uploads/p2pcampaign/0/7612/Say%20Yes!%20to%20kids%20oblong_5_CanadaHelps_cBT31PG.png   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Congratulations everyone!**  Not only has the DEN team passed the halfway point of its $5,000 fundraising goal for the Anglican Foundation of Canada’s ***Say Yes! to Kid*s** Campaign, **but all the teams across the country have combined to reach the $25,000 mark, so the matching $25,000 came on board – we are over $50,000 now**!  Remember: **Litter pick-up** for all ages runs from **May 23 to June 13.**  Click on the link and **join our NS & PEI diocesan team**! Don’t be left out of this exciting campaign!  <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-anglican-foundation-of-canada/p2p/say-yes-to-kids/team/environment-network/>  Any questions, contact Cynthia ([cjp2320@gmail.com](mailto:cjp2320@gmail.com) or 902-858-2350) | **C:\Users\cayla\AppData\Local\Temp\202105-20 NS & PEI Milestone 1.png** | |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Hope & Inspiration.jpg  Please enjoy our gallery as we present the work of our newest painter Helen Shindeler. Watch for poems from published author Carol Scott. 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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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Book Launch.jpg  If you were unable to attend the May 13th book launch for Ronald Colman's new book, **What Really Counts: The** **Case for a Sustainable and Equitable Economy**, here is the recording:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQARRJ-eH_M> |

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| **Recon Africa –** It is very disturbing that a Canadian company is conducting oil and gas exploration in the watershed of the Okavango Delta. Recon Africa has a petroleum licence to drill and potentially frack an estimated 120 billion barrels of oil and gas across a huge swath of Namibia and Botswana. As well as destroying habitat for many species, wasting and polluting water in an arid part of the world, it is disturbing the life of many indigenous people.  <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-oil-exploration-in-the-okavango-and-regulate-the-global-financial-system>  Info on the Namibia genocide: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-57279008> |

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| **Canada needs to update its legislation to protect our right to repair and fight against planned obsolescence of electronic devices:** Our electronic devices are not only designed to have short life spans, **manufacturers are standing between you — and your right to repair your own stuff at a fair and competitive price.** Measures **imposed by manufacturers** are having massive environmental and economic impacts. Higher consumption, short product life cycles and few options for repair have made electronic waste the fastest growing type of waste in the world. The European Union and a number of states in the U.S. are working to restore the right to repair for consumers. [: https //act.greenpeace.org/page/82759/petition/1?locale=en-US&utm\_campaign=overconsumption&campaign\_project=righttorepair&utm\_source=facebook.com&utm\_medium=post&utm\_term=sign&utm\_content=image&content\_specific=overconsumption.righttorepair.printermeme&ea.tracking.id=en\_overconsumption\_righttorepair\_facebook.com\_post\_20210526\_sign\_image\_overconsumption.righttorepair.printermeme&fbclid=IwAR06ubWnkFxpdYuK8\_ykvhfpUdnqeuVG89bD1vs2byhYvqM5w7gRuHzbyuo](https://act.greenpeace.org/page/82759/petition/1?locale=en-US&utm_campaign=overconsumption&campaign_project=righttorepair&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=post&utm_term=sign&utm_content=image&content_specific=overconsumption.righttorepair.printermeme&ea.tracking.id=en_overconsumption_righttorepair_facebook.com_post_20210526_sign_image_overconsumption.righttorepair.printermeme&fbclid=IwAR06ubWnkFxpdYuK8_ykvhfpUdnqeuVG89bD1vs2byhYvqM5w7gRuHzbyuo) |

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| **Have you Written Your Email Yet?** **URGENT – Emails needed now Re: Adoption of French River Watershed Regulations.** Please see <https://sunns.org/our-team> and this link for an 8 minute presentation by hydro-geologist Dr. Ann Maest in Tatamagouche.She was commissioned by SuNNS to research the potential risks of gold mining in our Wartershed.  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSJIlpd1aIU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR287iesrycnMtaRA9hERZ2qAD_DlB1PrpnqsEHZHfZIHUzoq6tdzs_c4LI>  **A message from the North Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians** We strongly support the campaign by SuNNS (Sustainable Northern Nova Scotia)  to ensure that gold mining does not happen on Warwick Mountain. Please our Facebook page for more from the council. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/101542159983749> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Owl's head.jpg  **Save Owls Head Provincial Park!**  We are calling on the government of Nova Scotia to save Owls Head Provincial Park by stopping the sale and formally designating Owls Head Provincial Park. Owls Head Provincial Park is a Tier 1 (top-priority) conservation property with 45 years of promised protections.  **Stand up for our parks, sign the online petition**  <https://www.change.org/p/save-owls-head-provincial-park>  Good article:  <https://www.change.org/p/save-owls-head-provincial-park/u/29106828?cs_tk=Aieji2hmFVuARU-RtWAAAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvIoSen57dVywb3RLAAWJxeA%3D&utm_campaign=4fee7a44f8e94fbea6eca40c35de011e&utm_content=initial_v0_5_0&utm_medium=email&utm_source=petition_update&utm_term=cs>  This article links to:  <https://saveowlshead.org/action-center/> |

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| **Editor’s Note**: “Meet our Members” will be a regular feature as a way of introducing you to other members in the network and where their passions lie. We will start by introducing you to our DEN Coordinators and look forward to featuring others as the weeks progress. It is hoped you will be inspired by their stories and be encouraged to create your own. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Meet Our Members.jpg   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies**, spent her childhood on the Grand River in southern Ontario, surrounded by the Indigenous lands of the Haudenosaunee, which fine-tuned her sensitivities to Indigenous rights and care for creation from an early age.  As a young adult, Marian and her husband Graham moved to New Brunswick in 1974, where, after a few years as a professional musician, Marian studied nursing and following graduation, embarked on a career in addiction services. They raised two sons on the Wolastoq (St. John) River. Marian also worked in the co-operative movement and as a community development worker locally and internationally. After a food study tour of East Africa in 1999, where God yelled loud enough for her to discern the call to ordained ministry, Marian spent three years travelling between Nova Scotia and home in New Brunswick while attending the Atlantic School of Theology. Ordained a deacon in Halifax in 2006 and priested in Fredericton in 2007, she served in parishes in King’s County before moving to the South Shore of Nova Scotia and serving in the Parish of Blandford. Marian most recently served in the Collieries Parish in Cape Breton.  Knowing Marian’s commitment to social and environmental justice, the spring of 2012, the call went out for a task force to address environmental issues on a diocesan level and Bishop Sue Moxley requested Marian form such a group. It was on the drive back to Blandford that afternoon that she realized the issues were too broad and diverse for a task force or committee. A network was required and so began the germination of the Diocesan Environment Network recently shortened to DEN.  Today, more than 600 people have connected with network and those numbers are growing everyday as people from mostly Anglican, mostly from our diocese, but other people from other faith walks and other places join us in a network that educates and supports their interests and environmental activism. As our intrepid leader, Marian works tirelessly to connect DEN with other groups, open lines of communication and inspire us to do what we can, where we can, when we can. Marian sees her role as our cheerleader and her positive support of all the members yearn for and accomplish is her greatest gift to the network.  **In common cause, together we care for creation.** | F:\DEN Enews\Marian.jpg | |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Raging Grannies.jpg  The Halifax Raging Grannies are back with an all new cast of characters! We would love to increase our numbers and are looking forward to more gigs when restrictions are lifted. There’s plenty to rage about! Contact quarterdeck@ ns.sympatico.ca. |

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| **GREEN STORY - RAIN BARRELS**  Grandma is on a water theme this month.  We learned about the plastics in the ocean.  Then we learned about rivers taking the debris to the ocean  Now, how does it get into the rivers?  Rainwater runoff is the main cause.  No one is deliberately doing anything bad here. The rain comes down quite heavily at times. Whatever may be on the sides of roads, or driveways get washed down to storm drains or to some ditch or gully nearby. This could be a leak from a car or a chemical used for weed control or plastic debris.  Once into the water, it can harm the plants and animals that live near that ditch or gully or build up trash piles that could go to the rivers and then to oceans. Stopping things early is the main way to prevent trash problems.  We can’t stop the rain from washing things away, but we can do something to reduce some of the rainwater runoff and then use it to help our gardens. This also can reduce the pollution that may go in storm drains or ditches.  One thing that helps, spring to fall, is a rain barrel. By collecting rainwater to water your gardens, you REDUCE what needs to come from either your well or the city water system. Since “water bills” exist inside towns or cities, you can also reduce the amount of water you need to pay for.  Plants prefer rainwater. It does not contain chlorine or fluoride that may be in public water systems.  There is a group in Sackville, New Brunswick that changes containers thrown away by industries into rain barrels or other gardening equipment. Check them out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EcoContainersCo/> Now if we had a Nova Scotia company that did the same I could drum up a great Earth Day fundraiser.  I did find a few videos you may enjoy. These show you how to make and install water barrels. Adding in a few barrels together in a daisy chain or manifold system is an interesting approach  How to set up water barrels  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2qoLtvTYN0>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8D6leyW47U>  Daisy chain multiple barrels  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZfyiWXCxD8>  Rainwater collection, manifold system  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdqznxPT_cY>  MY FAVORITE, a RAIN ROOF  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5Y2vCGz2k4> |

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| **CRAFT**  **Plastic Bottle Sun Catcher**  You will need a plastic water bottle. (I know, we have grown to have our reusable bottle but there may be a plastic one somewhere in a blue bag.) markers, stickers (optional) and a pair of scissors.  Decorate the plastic water bottle. Colour it, put stickers on it, paint it, whatever your creative genius suggests.  Cut off the bottom of the bottle.  Cut the bottle in a spiral up the bottle, leaving a little room before the cap.  Pound a nail in the cap to make a hole. Thread through some string, thread, yarn or twine.  Hang them in a window or in a tree.  They are so pretty but Grandma uses them to scare the deer so they won’t eat her hosta plant.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |

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| **SOMETHING TO EAT**  Grandma has been on vacation this week. It gave me time to make a few big meals I wanted. I also had times where we just wanted something quick for supper.  A quick supper for us is to boil potatoes, cut up an onion and open a tin or two of salmon. Somehow that combination tastes so good.  My rhubarb was finally big enough to pull and cook. I made a rhubarb crumble and am enclosing my recipe.  **Rhubarb Crumble**  Pull, peel and cut up 3-4 cups of rhubarb. (Extra can be thrown in a bag and froze)  Put rhubarb in a baking dish and in a bowl mix  1 cup oatmeal  1 cup brown sugar  1 cup flour  ½ cup butter or margarine  Mix those together till they are a crumble  Put on top of the rhubarb and add a little water  Bake at 350, maybe 20-30 minutes  Check it at 20 minutes as it may need a bit more water to make it juicy  You can do the same with apple, blueberries, peaches, and so much more.  Happy spring folk. A new year of fresh food eating awaits us. |

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| **Chat to you all next week. Grandma’s sending hugs** [**caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com**](mailto:caz@grandmasgoinggreen.com) |

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| **An Amazing Day**  I thank You God for most this amazing day: for leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes.  *- E.E. Cummings* |