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| **June 8, 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](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com)  Launch of Celebration Guide and Theme: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/season-creation-launch-celebration-guide-and-theme?fbclid=IwAR0H4vK1cQ_rZBf4UmvGEJwGzBLMmqn30TJLAkaU8nMcAKXBMHItNgXp-Tw> |

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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 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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| **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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| **Film screening + June 15 7:30pm panel discussion: Invisible Hand - Rights of Nature Documentary** More info and to register, [HERE](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pRj9kPPhT7i6MogZeOeiWw)  The Rights of Nature Network Atlantic Canada and the Sierra Club Canada Foundation Atlantic Chapter (CRED-NB core member) are inviting everyone to join a virtual screening of the award-winning film Invisible Hand about the global Rights of Nature movement, followed by a Q&A with organizers from the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). Invisible Hand is a “paradigm-shifting” documentary about the Rights of Nature Movement, the defining battle of our times where Nature, democracy and capitalism face off. The film will be available for viewing starting at 7:30pm Atlantic on June 14 for you to watch anytime leading up to the live Q&A on Zoom at 7:30pm Atlantic on June 15. |

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| **COP26 is the next UN climate change conference** and it will be in Glasgow, Scotland in November. COP stands for Conference of the Parties, and the summit will be attended by the countries that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) **CLIMATE JUSTICE MEANS URGENT ACTION AT COP26.** Despite decades of scientific evidence and the obvious worsening of climate impacts, current international pledges to cut emissions place us on track for more than 3°C of warming. The Paris Agreement aims to limit warming to 1.5°C to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, which threaten human lives and livelihoods, the viability of ecosystems, and the very fabric of life upon which all living creatures depend. There is an effort to gather signatures from around the world to present in Scotland. (For the Paris COP 1.8 million signatures were gathered.) Many other actions are being planned. Go to <https://www.prayandact4climate.org/> for more information and to sign the petition. |

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| Canada is about to set our course on the ocean economy for years to come. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is writing the **Blue** Economy Strategy that will determine the future of our relationship with the ocean. We know that destructive industries like oil exploration, mining, and reckless open-net fish-farming will be lobbying hard.  <https://act.naturecanada.ca/page/80032/action/1?ea.tracking.id=email&utm_campaign=World%20Environment%20Day&ea.url.id=5342730&forwarded=true> |

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| **Stop fossil fuel pollution: clean air, water, and soil are basic human rights.** Governments and corporations across the globe are investing in fossil fuel infrastructure that threatens our right to a healthy environment and shutting down resistance efforts. The SAFE Cities movement is uniting people from all walks of life and helping them push back against the expansion of fossil fuels and fast-track the just transition to a clean energy future.  <https://act.stand.earth/page/29777/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=email-kick&utm_campaign=safe_cities_&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email-ea&utm_content=textlink&ea.url.id=879344&forwarded=true> |

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| |  | | --- | | **What's your vision for a sustainable future?** | |  | | It’s finally happening! Last week the [Nova Scotia government announced](https://ecologyaction.ca/civicrm/mailing/url?u=22867&qid=2127922) the long-awaited public consultations for the Sustainable Development Goals Act, giving all of us living in Mi’kma’ki/Nova Scotia the chance to share our vision of a sustainable, equitable future for our province.  [Consultations](https://ecologyaction.ca/civicrm/mailing/url?u=22868&qid=2127922) will run until Monday, July 26 with multiple ways to participate, including virtual workshops, making submissions by phone, mail, or email, hosting an online session in your own community, and making a submission online. The [first virtual workshop](https://ecologyaction.ca/civicrm/mailing/url?u=22869&qid=2127922) is Thursday, June 10!  Click the link below for more info on the SDGA consultations and how you can help mobilize your community to participate!  <https://ecologyaction.ca/sdga-public-consultations> | |

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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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| F:\DEN Enews\banners CRED NB.jpg  CRED ( Coalition for Responsible Energy Development) The following are a few items from their most recent newsletter.  a) The Sustainable Energy Group Carleton County is a core member of both CRED-NB and the New Brunswick Environmental Network caucus that developed the **NB Environmental Bill of Rights: An Act to Protect Children, all New Brunswickers and Nature**. The Bill was launched last week. Read it, and add the name of you or your group as a supporter, [HERE](https://nben.ca/en/show-your-support.html)   b) CRED-NB is working with a network of groups across Canada urging our MPs to exclude new nuclear development from all federal government funding sources. **Tell Ottawa: no more funding for nuclear reactors!** Use our simple letter action tool, [HERE](http://cleanairalliance.org/smr/smraction.html)  c) The New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance (NBASGA), a CRED Champion group, is requesting support for the **campaign to stop the proposed Goldboro liquified natural gas (LNG) export facility in Nova Scotia**. Read more about it on the NBASGA website, [HERE](https://www.noshalegasnb.ca/environmental-groups-request-federal-impact-assessment-for-goldboro-lng/#more-2171). CRED-NB core member, the Sierra Club Canada Foundation Atlantic Chapter, is also part of the coalition opposing this project, led by Ecojustice. |

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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 - Water**  Why is Grandma so concerned about water; be it oceans, rivers, or rain barrels?  Spend a little time looking at worldatlas.com when you have a minute. Just search oceans, for a start  Seawater covers 71%, almost ¾ of the earth’s surface. Seawater accounts for 97% of our planet’s water.  SO, if all of us humans are living on 29% of the earth’s surface and need and use 3% of the water found on this planet, then we better look after that water. We better find more than one way to get water to use. Having a sustainable water project isn’t just a fun thing to do, it is a way to teach the children survival skills.  Now, maybe that is a little strong.  When I was a child I was taught how to cook, bake, can foods, tend a garden, dehydrate food, cold rooms, and so much more. Our life revolved around a cellar full of food and then a freezer full of food to “get us through winter”  Dad cut wood so we had a warm house. We all split (at least kindling) wood, moved it, and piled it.  Clothes were bought but some were made. I admit sewing was more to have that new “whatever” that every girl wanted than making clothes just to wear. For one “Grading Day” I had a white shift dress (the newest fashion) that I sewed and my mother fabric painted flowers down one whole side of it. Not needed but it sure made a stir.  I want to find ways I can teach young people so *the ideas are in their heads*. Hopefully, they will NEVER need to know how to make an alternative water system. I never thought I needed to learn all the things I was taught before I moved to the city. Those were “country ways” I would say, with my nose just a bit too high in the air.  Five years later I was back in the country, glad for every lesson I had learned.  Rain roofs and (soon to come to a DEN article near you) Fog Fences are examples of ways to obtain good clean water. Find a way to play with these ideas in your back yard or at your community centre. Find other ideas to show me.  Meanwhile, my grandbabies play with their pop bottle rockets, tin can stilts, and whatever else we can dream up.  What did you learn in the past? What idea was planted in your head as a young person? Help us by telling us about it.  Here are a few other rainwater collection ideas  Billboard Water system  <https://youtu.be/35yeVwigQcc>  Collecting water with solar panels  <https://www.goodnet.org/articles/this-startup-turns-sunlight-into-drinkable-water>  Transporting water, Water Roller  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yh7ogOoJ-m8>  Cleaning dirty water  <http://www.watercone.com/product.html> |

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| **TIN CAN STILTS**  This is such an easy craft.  You will need 2 tin cans that are the same size. ( I prefer the ones that tomatoes, pumpkin or whole corn come in)  A hammer, a nail and two pieces of rope or twine  I painted my cans just to prevent fights over which stilts belonged to who.  Near the end of the can where the cover is NOT cut out, make two holes directly across from each other on the can.  Find a length of rope and tie a knot on one end. That end is threaded so the knot is inside the can. It goes up to the child’s hands and back down to the other side and back inside the can. And another knot is tied.  Standing on the cans (that alone can take a while to accomplish) raise your feet by pulling on the ropes and try to walk across your backyard. Our Emily spent the best part of an afternoon playing this way.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |

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| **Factory Worker’s Breakfast**  This week’s recipe is an old one in our family. I imagine the “factory” must have been in Lunenburg County to be using sauerkraut. My Dad made puncheons of sauerkraut each year. It gave us money to buy our school shoes. No, I am not old enough to have gone bare foot all summer to save shoe leather. Growing up, everyone one had a little side job to bring in extra money. For myself as a teenager, I picked blueberries that were bought by the mailman for 50 cents a quart. To have $5.00 to spend at the exhibition was a wonderful thing.  Factory Worker’s Breakfast  Half a small onion  3 wieners or more  2-4 tablespoons of sauerkraut  Cold potatoes  4 eggs  Adding a little oil to the frypan, cook onion, wieners, sauerkraut and potatoe. Stir well, adding pepper.  Break the eggs in a bowl and add half an eggshell of water and mix.  Pour over the hot mixture and cook till the eggs are done.  Sometimes I make it a bit more fancy adding green onions or parsley to the plate.  Makes a hardy meal. |

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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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| **Lord, grant us Wisdom to Care for the Earth**    Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.  Help us to act now for the good of future generations  and all your creatures.  Help us to become instruments of a new creation,  founded on the covenant of your love.  Amen.  - from [The Cry of the Earth](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/images/stories/cco_publications/other/cry_of_the_earth_pastoral_short.pdf) |