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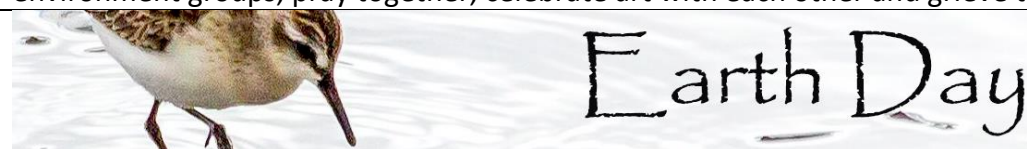
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Welcome to our weekly Enews. The Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) of the Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI, was formed in response to the Fifth Mark of Mission and the latest addition to our Baptismal Covenant which has become our Mission Statement.

“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.(DEN)



Earth Day April 22nd and Earth Sunday April 18th

For worship resources Email: endionspei@gmail.com

You might want to also check out these resources:

<https://acen.anglicancommunion.org/resources/liturgical-resources.aspx>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/NurturingOurCatholicCommunity/Liturgies/Documents/Earth%20Day%20Liturgy.pdf>

“For the Love of Creation” Creation Care as Self Care Sunday April 18 – 5:00 pm. ADT

Join us on Earth Sunday for a contemplative gathering with music, prayer and meditation hosted by Anna-Bigland Pritchard and Sabrina Di Matteo. Come nourish your spirit in community! This is a bilingual event. To register:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAKcuuhqjoqHtCd4T1Qye9t3q5wv7QjohXS>

Voices for Peace 2021 - Radical Hope, Radical Resistance TUESDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM ADT

Recovering our Roots in the Community of Creation with Sylvia Keesmaat In advance of Earth Day, we will hear from organic farmer, biblical scholar, teacher, and author Sylvia Keesmaat. Sylvia will discuss *Recovering our Roots in the Community of Creation*. She asks, “What if radical hope and radical resistance meant recovering the deep relationality of Creator and creation? What if such resistance re-placed us in our true story – a story of healing that flows through God, creation, and ourselves?”

Karri Munn-Venn of Citizens for Public Justice will respond, linking us to events and actions from the Faith-in-Action campaign.

Tickets \$16.95. Questions? Please email

voicesforpeace2021@gmail.com To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/voices-for-peace-2021-radical-hope-radical-resistance-event-1-tickets-145579978635>

“Oh Poop” – An Evening With Stella Bowles TUESDAY, APRIL 20 7:00 PM ADT

Join this Earth week webinar to learn about Stella Bowles science fair project that prompted a \$15.7M cleanup of the LaHave River and talk about how young people can advocate for change. This event is co-sponsored by The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and The Eastern Synod. To Register: <https://easternsynod.org/oh-poop/>

Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator – Virtual Forum WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 2:30 PM ADT

Join the Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator for *"Laying the Groundwork"*, the first session in its free virtual forum with speakers: Dr. Diane Saxe, PhD, Anthony Schein, SHARE and Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ.

This event is sponsored by the [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#), the Catherine Donnelly Foundation, and [Faith & the Common Good](#). Questions? Please email: gccm-canada@faithcommongood.org

To register: https://www.faithcommongood.org/laying_the_groundwork

PWRDF Webinar – Climate Change and Food Security THURSDAY, APRIL 22

1:00-2:30 PM ADT This webinar will examine the impact of climate change on food security and demonstrate how conservation agriculture is being used to address these impacts. Kevin Muneene Kamuya from Utooni Development Organization (UDO) in Kenya, will share details of a conservation agriculture project, and PWRDF staff member, Richard Librock will share why conservation agriculture is an important approach to address climate change. In addition, you will be introduced to the 2021 Creation Care: Climate Action learning modules that will also focus on climate change and food security. To register: <https://pwrdf.org/webinars>

Celebrate Earth Day Thursday April 22 - 2:00 pm ADT

Join us on Earth Day to celebrate the 1st anniversary of For the Love of Creation and discern our gifts for climate action in community.

In preparation, please take a moment to reflect on your place in Creation. Step outside and take a photograph of your hands or feet on the Earth (toes in the mud, feet in a river, hands on a tree, arms around an animal) in a place where you feel connected with Creation.

Post your photo to social media with this caption: “The path to climate justice begins with the places we love.

#ForTheLoveOfCreation #EarthDay2021”

(please be sure to include the hashtags and email your photo to flc.pac@gmail.com) To Register:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMrdu-przkuGt04hqVvs2zRiUsejBwC6pfM>

Blue Scarf Earth Day Rally FRIDAY, APRIL 23 8:00 PM ADT

Come join the Blue Scarf Movement to learn and motivate action for the Innu People of Labrador in Eastern Canada, and motivate stopping the new Fighter Jets being purchased by our government. This event will feature 2 books, *Nutai's Cap* which depicts a child's coming to understand the situation and how her family stands up; and *Keep the Land Alive*, of a journey to stop NATO's low-level flying and bomb testing during the 80's and 90's. Speakers include author Elizabeth Penashue, Tamara Lorincz and motivational live DJ Performance brought to you by SheCycle and DJ Kiish.

Questions? Please email bluescarf@she-cycle.org

NOTE: Please click "Yes, opt in to email updates" to subscribe to emails when RSVPing for this event you will not receive follow up emails about the event (including reminders, zoom links, updates, follow up emails with

recordings and notes, etc). Co-sponsored by the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, Pax Christi Toronto, World BEYOND War, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, SheCycle, Camp Micah, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Development and Peace Toronto, and KAIROS.



Upcoming Events & Activities

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 to participate. <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqf-mqrDMuEtMPfeXiSUSLOR7YqhMWEFaD>. 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](#) or your local bookstore
- Audiobook – [Google Play](#) or [Amazon \(Audible\)](#)
- Ebook - [Kobo](#) or [Vital Source](#)

Thursday Evening Gatherings on Zoom: April 15 @ 7 pm with Jordy Thomson, EAC. The topic will be Marine – Managing fisheries & protected areas

Praying with the DEN Community Morning Prayer every Friday at 9:30 by Zoom. To obtain the link, please email endionspei@gmail.com

DEN Ecological Grief Support Group: The 3rd 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. For further information, contact: Nancy Blair at nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com

Why does DEN offer sessions on EcoGrief? Read this article: <https://thewalrus.ca/therapy-for-the-end-of-the-world/?fbclid=IwAR1trXXM8z5eNoXuLMELsCiMhYHuOKW99DoJQIHmuzQBJ4MnkCDC3GvFlzs>

Seeking Justice together – Virtual Conference May 17 – 20, 2021. Through a variety of [keynotes and workshops](#), 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, 2SLGBTQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights. For more information: <https://cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together/>

Canoe Raffle - The Jijuktk'wejk Watershed Alliance is selling raffle tickets on a canoe! All proceeds from the raffle will directly support local river restoration and water-quality sampling to help our group meet our goal of a swimmable, drinkable and fishable Jijuktu'kwejk River. Live draw, May 28, 2021. License # AGD-308688-21 The draw for a brand new Old Creel Canoe is now live- YOU can buy tickets to WIN A CANOE, and also support the restoration of the Cornwallis (Jijuktu'kwejk) River! Please visit the raffle page and buy some tickets- what if YOU win this beautiful, new, Old Creel canoe for a mere \$10 or \$20!!! <https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/jwa>
<https://www.facebook.com/JijuktukwejkWatershed>
<https://jijuktukwejkwatershedalliance.wordpress.com/2021/04/03/win-a-canoe/>

The Bay of Fundy: Natural Wonder or Nuclear Industry Test Site? This group is hosting two free webinars:

Panel 1 - Monday April 26 at 7:30 pm ADT.

Dr. Susan O'Donnell, UNB, moderator

Chief Hugh Akagi, Peskotomuhkati Nation (the Bay of Fundy and Peskotomuhkati peoples)

Dr. Gordon Edwards, Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (the Point Lepreau reactor vs the experimental reactors for the Bay of Fundy site)

Dr. Dale Dewar, Former Exec. Dir. Of Physicians for Global Survival (Chernobyl: what we learned about the health impacts from a nuclear disaster).

To register: https://unbvirtualclasses.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-RvkSs7aQTWEW4p4KNC2Ng

Panel 2 - Thursday April 29 at 7:30 pm ADT.

Dr. Janice Harvey, St. Thomas Univ. moderator

Dr. M.V. Ramana, UBC (the sodium-cooled and molten salt experimental nuclear reactors planned for the Bay of Fundy site)

Dr. Edwin Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists USA (the experimental recycling of used nuclear fuel planned for the Bay of Fundy site)

Chief Ron Tremblay, Wolastoq Grand Council (<https://nbmediacoop.org/2021/03/12/wolastoq-grand-council-resolution-on-nuclear-energy-and-waste-on-traditional-wolastoq-territory/>)

To register: https://unbvirtualclasses.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fm_WiiS5QzulNiFvOI_7ZA

System Mapping Workshop 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. The first workshop on April 28th, 6-8pm will be to introduce the concept, and the second is to practice finding collaborative solutions. I hope to involve service providers and advocates in the housing, homelessness, climate change, poverty, and health fields, while also keeping this work as community-based as possible. Interested community members, organizations and groups are also welcome to attend the workshops as well. To register as a participant, please fill in the following form by April

23rd <https://forms.gle/y6rqyxoExu3XrAdG8> For more detailed info, please see the attachment to this email.



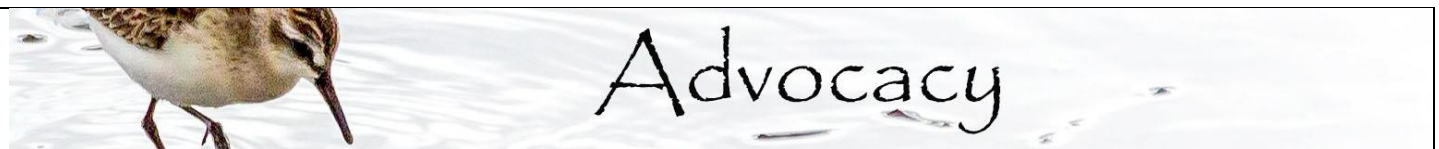
All of our featured artists now have their own album. To preview these, click on Media and choose the one you wish to visit. We hope to introduce you soon to the work of painter Dorothy Mosher as well as poems from Lidvald Haugen-Strand paired with his photographs. Our Gallery can be viewed at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/373394600384260>

or

<https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery>

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THINK CANADA IS A CLIMATE LEADER?

A MAJORITY THINKS SO..... BUTACTUALLY,

CANADA RANKS 58TH OUT OF 61 COUNTRIES THAT PRODUCE 90% OF EMISSIONS.

Please Sign A Petition to *Urgently* Increase Canada's Climate Ambition and Action.

Canada's federal government is rolling out its' emissions targets, action plans and climate legislation that fall far short of meeting the level set by the IPCC in Paris in 2015. Read "**Why Getting to Paris with Trudeau Doesn't Cut it**" at

<https://crednb.ca/2021/03/12/why-getting-to-paris-with-trudeau-doesnt-cut-it/> to see the emissions reduction

targets and the scientific 'advisory body' Canada needs. If you agree, please sign the House of Commons Petition at

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3221>

You will receive a 'No Reply' email from the House of Commons to open and respond to, confirming that you were the person who signed the petition. Jenica Atwin, MP for Fredericton NB, has agreed to present the petition in the House of Commons. It will remain open until May 11, 2021, so please share it as widely as possible!

No More Funding for Nuclear Experiments on the Bay of Fundy The Coalition for Responsible Energy Development in New Brunswick has launched a new tool to make it easy for everyone to write a letter to federal Ministers in Ottawa responsible for funding nuclear power. Please share this info with your friends and colleagues. We are working with a national coalition of environmental groups to keep nuclear out of the Clean Power Fund in the federal budget. As federal taxpayers, we need to ensure that our public \$\$ is spent on real clean power, renewable energy, not polluting nuclear energy that creates deadly high-level radioactive waste as an unwanted by-product and emits radioactive materials in operation. Please add your voice! A copy of the letter will be sent to your MP.

The information about the CRED campaign is here, including the link to write a letter:

<https://crednb.ca/tell-ottawa/> The direct link to the letter-writing tool: <http://glcserve.com/smraction.html>

Save Little Harbour/Owls Head Nova Scotia From Becoming Golf Courses

For more information and a link to the petition:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1952535728225319/permalink/2470083783137175/>

Please note this is a paper petition which will need to be printed, signatures gathered and mailed.

Burning Coal - Burning coal is bad for human health and for the health of the climate. Canada must do its part to help the world move past thermal coal by banning exports and putting a stop to mining here at home. Ecojustice has a petition to the federal minister of the environment and other key ministers ready for your signature.

https://www.support.ecojustice.ca/page/79021/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Email_2021_04_06_BreakingNews&utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=bn_2021.04.06&utm_content=2021.04.06+Thermal+coal+action+launch+A

Climate action – Canada is running out of time

In November 2020, the federal government tabled the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act* (Bill C-12). Now, 4½ months later, the bill remains at a standstill in the House of Commons. In the next few weeks, it must pass second reading and go to committee for important amendments so it can be strengthened and passed into law during the life of this government. But this will not happen unless MPs work together to move this legislation forward.

https://www.support.ecojustice.ca/page/63016/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Email_2021_04_09_BreakingNews&utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=bn_2021.04.09&utm_content=2021.04.09+Legislative+delay+update+B&ea.url.id=5248667

It's time to end subsidies for burning woods from forests. Very interesting article and letter signed by 500 scientists. <https://www.climatechangenews.com/2021/02/11/time-end-subsidies-burning-wood-forests/>



Biodiversity

Interview with Jacob Fillmore by Violet Rosengarten, parishioner from Christ Church, Dartmouth.

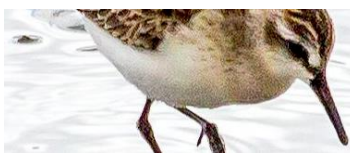
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Why we Need a Clearcutting Moratorium: <https://nsadvocate.org/2021/04/04/david-patriquin-why-we-need-a-clearcutting-moratorium-a-short-history-lesson/>



Raging Grannies

The Halifax Raging Grannies are back with an all new cast of characters! Their debut performance was last Saturday at the protest against new fighter jets where they joined in with the NSVOW – NS Voice of Women for Peace. Great job one and all. They even made the supertime Global News show. If you are interested in joining this group, please email endionspei@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with Margaret Sagar who has graciously agreed to spearhead this new group.



Grandma's Going Green

Milk Jug Planters

Keeping on the gardening theme, Grandma has another way to do a bit of gardening.

You will need a gallon milk jug, a pair of scissors, and a black marker.

Cut the top of the handle from the milk jug as high as you can

Then cut the top of the jug around the cap

With your marker make a line for the top of the head

On top of this line make 2 ears; pointed for kitties or rounded for bunnies.

Cut down the milk jug cutting out around the ears

With your marker draw two semi-circles for eyes and add some lashes

Draw a nose in the middle and add whiskers.

Cut slits in the top of the tail and colour a few black so it looks a bit bushy.

Use your scissors to slash a couple of holes in the bottom for drainage.

Fill with soil and plant.

These are very good for lettuce. Two milk jugs keep our house in lettuce for sandwiches all summer. Cutting from one planter one week and the other the next week, allows the lettuce to grow back. Pictures below are a collection I made for our last planting night.



Our GREEN story this week is about the Aral Sea. This story is what started Grandma's Going Green. Before 1980, the Aral Sea was the third-largest LAKE in the world. Big ocean trawlers were fishing in this lake. Think of all of our Great Lakes together times 3 or 4. Picture a shoreline like Nova Scotia; wharves, beaches, fish plants; a good living to be had by all. Then China needed to water all its fields in the Great China Basin. They needed food for their people. Since part of China bordered this lake, they took the equivalent of big hoses and started sucking the water out of the lake to water their big fields. The lake started to get smaller and smaller until now it is a good size long skinny pond. Those ocean trawlers are high and dry on the sand. They use this area often in sci-fi movies showing ships in a desert. Yep, sand. The lush green land that surrounded the lake is now desert. Now picture if our ocean dried up. It isn't possible as ice is melting and raising the oceans, but, just imagine for a moment. What if that favorite wharf had no water around it. Beaches without waves. What if you looked out where the ocean was and all you saw were sand dunes, boulders here and there and a whole bunch of sea trash. That is what the people around the Aral Sea saw as life transformed around them. The picture is taken from Wikipedia. The dark color is the water before and after irrigation. **Let's find alternative ways to water our crops**



Now for something sweet

I am going to give you one recipe for ice box cookies, there are hundreds. Have fun researching. They all involve making up cookie dough and rolling the dough in a round in wax paper. Cookie dough is put in the fridge for a few hours to days. As you need a sweet you slice the dough and put them on a cookie sheet to cook in a few minutes.

My Ice Box Cookie recipe

1 cup margarine or butter

1 to 1 ½ white sugar or your sweetener of choice.

1 cup yogurt, sour cream or milk

4 cups flour

1 tsp soda

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. nutmeg

Dash of salt

Cream margarine and sugar together. Mix spices in the flour and add to the sugar mixture, alternating with the yogurt or cream you are using.

Roll the dough into a rough tube shape. Refrigerate. Slice cookies and bake at 350 for 8-10 minutes

Some ice box cookies you can freeze so when in a hurry you just need to thaw, slice and bake.



Locum Ipsum

DEN Videos Link

<https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-videos>



Prayers

This week, we direct you to this website for “**More Wisdom from Howard Thurman**”.

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