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As the branches draw life from the vine, we draw life from God's love.

-Br. David Allen
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

Liturgies of lament: Disaster response focus of 2018 National Worship Conference

By Matt Gardner

In the face of disaster, liturgy and ritual can be a powerful source of comfort to those attempting to process catastrophic events that shatter our sense of normalcy and leave destruction in their wake. But are existing resources for Anglicans and Lutherans up to the task?

For organizers of the upcoming National Anglican and Lutheran Worship Conference, which will take place from July 16-19 in Victoria, B.C., the gap between increasingly frequent disasters and the worship tools available to respond to them was a major factor in developing the theme of the gathering.

"It seems to be endless," Ansley Tucker, Anglican co-chair of the conference along with Lutheran co-chair Karen Johnson-Lefsrud, said of recent natural disasters. "We had fires in Slave Lake [Alberta], we had fires in B.C. [last] summer; you've got hurricanes blowing through the Maritimes. I lived in Calgary during the flood in 2013, and our parish was right at the geographical centre of that flood.

"Then when you add onto that gun violence, terrorism, domestic violence, it just seems as if, whether through natural disaster or disasters which are of human beings' own making—maybe some natural disasters can be laid at our feet too—we're having

to deal with this more and more. But the reality is that our worship resources give us almost nothing to deal with this as a praying community.”

The resulting theme of the conference, *Responding to Disaster: Prayer, Song, Presence*, aims to help plug that gap, providing ways for people of faith to respond to traumatic events through worship.

In the case of Anglican liturgies, Tucker pointed to areas in which a different perspective or emphasis might supplement existing materials.

“When we did our last really major liturgical revision, which [was] the Book of Alternative Services, we were really trying to undo the heavy emphasis on sin in the prayer book, and, well, to make our worship more of a celebration,” Tucker said. “And I think maybe we went a little overboard.

“So we have a celebration of the Eucharist, that’s fine. We celebrate marriage, that’s fine. We celebrate life when somebody dies, which is fine, but we seem to have lost our capacity in our liturgical resources for lament. [...] Part of what we’re trying to address [is] how the church, when it gathers as a believing and praying community, deals with disasters of any kind—but also how we interact with the civic community and in multi-faith environments when disaster strikes.”

Scheduled speakers reflect that focus on the relationship between the church and the wider community in the aftermath of disasters. Keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. Lizette Larson-Miller is a professor of liturgy at Huron College whose work delves into the question of how to provide rituals that connect with people’s lived experience. A panel discussion will also feature first responders to disasters discussing their own experiences.

Worship at the conference will follow an overarching theme, *From Dissonance and Lament towards Transformation and Harmony*. Over the course of five worship services, participants will take an emotional journey through the five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance.

“Our hope is that the worship will somehow express the capacity that ritual has to echo the dissonance that comes in those times of disaster, while also showing us how the ritual has a resonance in the midst of that,” said the Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall, Anglican co-chair of the worship planning team. “In music and art and spoken word, we’ll try to reflect both of those realities.”

Another highlight will be the presentation of the Companion of the Worship Arts awards to this year’s Anglican and Lutheran recipients, which will take place at a special banquet.

Registration for the conference can be made online, with an early bird rate of \$375 recently extended to May 15 and a \$450 regular rate thereafter. Fees at registration

cover worship, plenary sessions, and some meals. The closing date for registration is June 15, 2018.

“We’re really encouraging anybody, whether they’re ordained or not, who is interested in how we make our worship real in the face of disaster to come,” Tucker said.

Register now for the 2018 National Worship Conference:
<http://www.nationalworshipconference.org/registration/>

News and Events:

1. Deanery Council News:

a. Masonic Chip – May 12th

You can get your kit done here at the Church of the Ascension on May 12th. The program uses modern, police-approved techniques to create a child identification kit for the ones you love. The kit collects photos, video, voice recordings, digital fingerprints, dental impressions, saliva swabs as well as traditional statistical information (height, weight, hair and eye colour, etc.). This information is matched to work seamlessly with Ontario's law enforcement providers. By being so compatible, the critical identifying information can be broadcast and shared more quickly than ever before to assist with the safe recovery of missing children. For more information visit <https://www.masonichip.ca/>.

2. ST. ALBAN’S, CAPREOL:

Our prayers are with this community of faith as they say good bye to Rev. Doug Prebble and begin the search for a new Incumbent. They are relying on Bishop Anne to guide them in this process. The Rev. Jeff Hooper will be the part time incumbent at St. Alban’s and Archdeacon will continue to offer some pastoral services as Jeff works full time.

3. Manitoulin Island Congregations

To the 5 Congregations on Manitoulin Island, congratulations: the Rev. Doug Prebble has begun his ministry.

4. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Sunday **June 10** will be Parish joint service at 10 am held in the Kinsman Hall, Lively and will include a baptism and Eucharist with a guest celebrant and preacher, Bishop Anne Germond. This will be followed by a catered lunch.

5. **Diocese of Algoma:**

Bishop announces upcoming ordination – Patti Brace

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the upcoming ordination of Patti Brace, God willing, as a deacon in the church of God. The service is scheduled for **Saturday, June 9th, 2018** commencing at 1 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacher, Provost of Thorneloe University and Honourary Associate at Church of the Ascension, will be the preacher. A reception, hosted by churches within the Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery where Patti has served, will follow the service. All are welcome!

6. **Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:**

i. **Church of the Ascension**

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Eucharist and Bible Study are available every Wednesday. This week we will be starting a new book – Genesis. You do not want to miss this exciting study! All Welcome!

Strawberry Tea

The ACW will be holding their Annual Strawberry Tea on **Thursday May 24th from 6:30-8:00pm**. Tickets are available for \$6.00 from any member of the ACW or at the door on the evening of the Tea. We would appreciate any donations of baking or crafts and they can be dropped off at the Church between 6-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 23rd. For more information or if you would like to help in any way, please call Cathy Dionne at 705-524- 6106 or Betty McLeod at 705-566- 6487.

Dinner and Dance Fundraiser – May 11th

Put your dancing shoes on and get ready for a toe tapping good time. Join us for a dinner and dance fundraiser with music provided by DJ Ralph. **Tickets are \$15** and will be on sale after the 9 and 11:00 service. Not a dancer? There will be chairs around the hall to sit and enjoy the music. There will be 100 tickets sold so don't miss out and get yours today! (See attached poster)

Seniors Spring Luncheon: May 17 at Noon in the Church Hall.
Contact the Church: 705-566-2794 or Jen Ames: 705-618-2319.
(See attached poster)

ii. **Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively**

New Website: our new Website is up and running:
www.thelivelyanglican.org

Messy Church at St. John the Divine June 5 2018:

The four churches of Copper Cliff developed and sponsor Messy Church every second month on the first Tuesday from 4:45-7:00 PM. Although children come with a parent, it is designed for those families in Sudbury's Gatchell, Copper Cliff and Lively areas who have little or no contact with Jesus or church. There is registration, worship, meal and craft times. The planning committee also arranges for Messy Church in the fall.

Annual Yard Sale and Strawberry Social June 9 2018:

Held at St. John the Divine. Yard sale begins at 8 AM; Social begins at 11 AM. Bake Table from 8 AM to sell out. Tickets for Strawberry Social Tea \$8.00. The Yard Sale event is in conjunction with the Copper Cliff CAN community Yard Sale. The Strawberry Social has been an annual event for approximately 100 years. We have been getting help from Christ Church Lively and many other volunteers. More details to come.

iii. **Parish of St. Alban's Capreol**

Prayer Request:

Nora, a member of our St. Alban's flock, was born nearly four years ago with a serious heart defect. On May 9, she will undergo open-heart surgery at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. We ask that God will guide the surgeons and all entrusted to Nora's care, that the surgery will be without complications, and that her recovery will result in her being able to live a full and healthy life. We ask, also, that her family will be strengthened and encouraged by God's presence and the peace that comes from knowing they are not alone. We know that God answers prayers and we at St. Alban's ask you to add to ours your individual and collective prayers for Nora and her family, now and as she recovers. (See attached poster)

Spring Tea May 17, 2018. (See attached poster).

iv. **All Saints Church, Coniston**

Spring Tea: Saturday May 5 Noon to 2 PM. Adults \$6.00 Children 8 & under \$3.00; Bake Table, Silent Auction, Toonie Table, Crafts (See attached poster)

v. **St. Paul's Anglican, Manitouwaning**

Annual Fish Fry: June 5, 2018

vi. **Church of the Epiphany**

Rummage Sale:

Spring Rummage Sale **May 25&26, 2018** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Quilters+ Group is organizing a Spring Rummage Sale on May 25th & 26th. As you do your Spring Cleaning keep the Sale in mind. Donations can be brought to the church **THE WEEK OF THE SALE** only as we...Church of the Epiphany from 9AM to 3 PM. Call Church office 705-675-2279 for details.

PWRDF Lunch and Learn: on Sunday, May 6, 2018, a Lunch and Learn with special guest, Cathy Pirrie, Diocesan Coordinator for PWRDF. This will take place after the 10:30 service, starting at 12 noon. Anyone who would like to attend would be welcomed.

vii. **Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual Meeting:**

Tues. May 29th to Thurs. May 31st

See separate attachment.

viii. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible Schools**

Fund Raiser April 23 2018 There were over 100 people who attended this fund raiser - we receive 10% of sales.

July 2-6 2018 St. John's Copper Cliff - 9AM -12 PM

Aug 13-17 2018 The Church of the Ascension - 9 AM -12 PM

ix. **'Stand Up' Program**

This program is being offered at the YMCA beginning April 10 for 12 weeks at 2-3 PM. This is an exercise program to help us older adults prevent falling. The program is **FREE** of charge to members and non-members of the YMCA. Some of the members of our congregations in the Sudbury Deanery may find this of interest. Contact the YMCA 705-688-7300. See attached poster.

Submitted by Megan Trimmer.

x. **Camp Manitou Summer Camps** (Bays of Islands out from of Whitefish Falls):

Camp opens for 2018 in late June with a Work Camp, followed in July by 1 week camps for Senior girls, junior girls, senior boys and junior boys and in August by nature camp, and three family camps with close work week in early September. Pamphlets are available in your churches. You can register on line at the web site below. If any of you are interested in volunteering in any way, just interested in

providing bursaries for campers or donating your time talent and money in any way, please go to the camp website:
www.manitoucamp.org

xi. **Barrydowne College Art Auction:**

Date: Saturday, May 12th at 3 pm Place: St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 1250 Barrydowne Road. Sponsored by the New Sudbury Ministerial Association.
Auctioneer is Gerry Lougheed Jr. See attached poster.

To accommodate some folks sending in news and events, we are making a slight change in the day we send out this newsletter.
We will send the Deanery Digest weekly on Fridays, usually before 10 PM.

Feel free to send me and Allison Cline (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

We would like to receive items by the Wednesday evening before Friday. Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as **PDF attachments** to the Digest.

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