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[Editor's Notes: Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please fell free to send them to me.]

## PENTECOST 5

- News and Events
  - a. Upcoming course: Ministering by Word & Example

The Centre for Christian Studies will be offering "Ministering by Word & Example" online this fall from October 31 to December 7. The course focuses on the diaconate in the Anglican tradition, designed as a course for anyone discerning a call to deacon ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Take a look online at:

 $http://ccsonline.ca/2020/06/coming-this-fall-word-example/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba09543-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-be3ba09543-243900825\#page-content$ 

b. WCC fellowship invited to celebrate International Youth Day
via World Council of Churches

World Council of Churches (WCC) interim general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca invites the global fellowship to take part in International Youth Day with a virtual celebration on August 12. A new resource has also been released to help churches engage with young people and enhance their formation as Christian disciples. Online at:

 $https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/wcc-fellowship-invited-to-celebrate-international-youth-day?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=f1e1fb56f0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_02_12_49&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-f1e1fb56f0-243900825$ 

c. <u>July readings for Gospel-based discipleship available</u>
Find an overview of Gospel-based discipleship, along with the readings for the month of July, on the anglican.ca website.
Online at:

 $https://www.anglican.ca/im/introgbd/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=f1e1fb56f0-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_02\\ \_12\_49&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-f1e1fb56f0-24\\ 3900825$ 

#### d. Covid-19 Update

i. Algoma News: Archbishop Anne has issued a pastoral letter introducing "Loving Our Neighbours" Jun 17, 2020

A guiding document outlining the process of re-entering our church buildings for corporate worship during and following this pandemic period. Today Anglicans throughout the province will be receiving "Loving Our Neighbours", a 'guiding document' to begin the process of re-entering our church buildings for corporate worship following this pandemic period.

Outlining a measured approach, as promised, the document results from a collaborative effort through numerous conversations between the Ontario House of Bishops, the Executive Officers and Chancellors of each Diocese, and Epidemiologists serving as consultants [Seminar with The Rev. Michael Garner, Diocese of Ottawa

On June 24, 2020, clergy from the Dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee met via Zoom to hear a presentation on COVID-19 from the Rev. Michael Garner from the Diocese of Ottawa. Rev. Michael is an epidemiologist and part of the team consulting with and advising the Ontario House of Bishops on concerns and protocols to consider as we look towards opening our churches in the fall. The presentation is informative and also includes a question and answer period. It is available for viewing on YouTube at the link below:

https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/06/26/seminar-with-the-rev-michael-garner-diocese-of-ottawa/], all of whom have devoted a great deal of time to this work.

Over the next few weeks, in consultation with clergy and lay leaders from around Algoma, and with input from other dioceses and denominations, specific guidelines and protocols for our Diocese will be crafted to lead us through the stages of the re-entry process.

More details, and expressions of gratitude to the people of Algoma are shared in the Archbishop's pastoral letter.

See two (2) attached documents [Pastoral Letter and document form the Provincial House of Bishops].

# ii. Weekly news summary from around the Communion via Anglican Communion News Service

Headlines over the past week include: CSI chief speaks out after father and son die after COVID-19 lockdown arrests; COVID-19 Lockdown - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa churches re-open with Pentecost service; Mothers' Union says "thank you" to COVID-19 key workers in Britain and Ireland; and, Archbishop of Canterbury presents 32 Lambeth Awards. Articles online at:

http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2020/06/weekly-news-summary-on-tuesday-30-june-2020.aspx?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=4b4924699c-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_30\_01\_00&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-4b4924699c-243900825

- iii. Noticing, in pandemic times via Anglican Journal The COVID-19 pandemic "has underlined two intersecting realities previously ignored: that human beings are vulnerable, and that we are all interconnected," writes Dean Peter Elliott. See attached document.
- e. <u>Reflections and Calls for Justice</u> (All articles in this Item are from Anglican News)
  - i. Justice re Racism and Gender
    - (1) "Voices from the fellowship" speak strongly for racial justice via World Council of Churches

      Voices from the WCC global fellowship are speaking out strongly against racism and for justice in an ongoing show of solidarity and action. Article online at:

      https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/voices-from-the-fellowship-speak-strongly-for-racial-justice?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=4b 4924699c-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_30\_01\_00&utm\_med ium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-4b4924699c-24390 0825
    - (2) <u>New inter-cultural ministry resource launched on</u> anglican.ca

A new hub on anglican.ca provides a historical outline of the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue, as well as resources, for those actively engaged in inter-cultural ministry and/or to those seeking to learn more on the subject.

Online at:

https://www.anglican.ca/gr/bishopsconsultation/?utm\_sour ce=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=4b49246 99c-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_30\_01\_00&utm\_medium=e mail&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-4b4924699c-243900825

#### (3) Interactive justice storytelling quilt

The Church Council on Justice and Corrections presents the Interactive Justice Storytelling Quilt. Each patch is a symbolic descriptive image produced by victims and offenders from across Canada. A click on any patch will activate a two minute audio testimony by its designer, describing the sorrowful event that took place in his/her life. Online at: https://ccjc.ca/the-quilt/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba09543-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2 020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285 aca377-be3ba09543-243900825

#### (4) Equal marriage in the Diocese of Huron

"After thought and prayer, I have decided to remove the requirement that special permission be required by priests or parishes before a same sex wedding can be held in a parish," writes Bishop of the Diocese of Huron Todd Townshend. "All priests in the diocese may marry any two persons who meet the requirements found in our Marriage in the Church Guidelines." See attached document.

(5) "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" arranged by Paul Langford Celebrate Pride with a coral rendition of Somewhere Over the Rainbow, from Church of the Redeemer (Diocese of Toronto). Online at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_PaubB1x5qU&utm\_sou rce=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba0 9543-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium =email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-be3ba09543-24390082

# (6) Government of Canada grants PWRDF \$1.9M for AMCC partners' COVID-19 response

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PWRDF is pleased to announce that the Government of Canada has awarded PWRDF a \$1.98-million grant to extend the work of its All Mothers and Children Count partners. The funds will support these vulnerable communities through the COVID-19 crisis. The grant includes a 6:1 match for a total project budget of approximately \$2.3 million. Article online at:

https://pwrdf.org/govt-of-canada-grants-pwrdf-1-9m-for-amcc-partners-covid-19-response/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba09543-EMAIL\_

CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6

(7) Practical guides for the defense of land and water in Canada
The recently launched Mother Earth and Resource Extraction
Hub (MERE) includes resources to help address ecological
justice issues in Canada and beyond.
Online at:

https://scalar.usc.edu/works/mere-hub/practical-guide-for-the-defense-of-land-and-water-in-canada?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=4b4924699c-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_30\_01\_00&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-4b4924699c-243900825

- (8) C[hurch] of E[ngland] should rethink portrayal of Jesus as white, Welby says via The Guardian

  The Anglican church should reconsider the way statues and other representations of Jesus portray him as white, in the light of the Black Lives Matter protests, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has said. Welby also said statues in Canterbury Cathedral would be under review. Online at: https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jun/26/churc h-of-england-justin-welby-white-jesus-black-lives-matter?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba09543-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-be3ba09543-243900825
- Environmental racism when #Blacklives don't matter

  via Green Anglicans

  Eleven archbishops and sixty bishops, including Primate
  Linda Nicholls and Archbishop Mark MacDonald, have
  signed a Statement by the Anglican Communion
  Environmental Network on "Environmental Racism When
  #Blacklives Don't Matter". Online at:

  <a href="http://www.greenanglicans.org/environmental-racism-whe">http://www.greenanglicans.org/environmental-racism-whe</a>
  n-blacklives-don't-matter/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+
  of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba09543-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN
  \_2020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_62
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- (10) How an open Bible should dismantle white supremacy
  via Duke Divinity School
  "White followers of Jesus must live in keeping with the
  gospel story and oppose the persistent, systemic racism in

American society," notes J. Ross Wagner, professor of New Testament at the Duke Divinity School. Online at: https://medium.com/@DukeDivinity/how-an-open-bible-s hould-dismantle-white-supremacy-5507b24df8cc

- f. Season of Creation devotions offered by four heads of communion Archbishop Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have prepared a series of devotions to observe the Season of Creation 2020, Sept. 1-Oct. 4.

  https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/season-of-creation/?utm\_sourc e=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=f1e1fb56f0-EMAIL\_CA MPAIGN\_2020\_07\_02\_12\_49&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285ac a377-f1e1fb56f0-243900825
- g. 75th anniversary of the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki: has your country ratified the UN treaty? via World Council of Churches

  During the course of July and August, the World Council of Churches will publish a series of blog posts highlighting different reflections and experiences of those who are calling for an end to nuclear weapons, from Japan, the Pacific, from nuclear weapons states and those advocating at the global level. This is the first post of the series. https://blog.oikoumene.org/posts/75th-anniversary-of-the-nuclear-att acks-on-hiroshima-and-nagasaki-has-your-country-ratified-the-un-tr eaty?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=f1e1fb 56f0-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_07\_02\_12\_49&utm\_medium=email&utm\_t erm=0\_6285aca377-f1e1fb56f0-243900825
- h. Technocratic society and the world to come via Anglican Journal Epiphanies "The way technology, business, and government have merged has created an unprecedented way of controlling large numbers of people without ideology." In the latest issue of Epiphanies, Archbishop Mark MacDonald examines the forces at work in our society and how poverty, injustice and exclusion continue to rise, as a result. See attached document.
- i. 41st province of the Anglican Communion inaugurated via Anglican Communion News Service

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria has completed its transition into an autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion. The province will serve 10 countries as the official Anglican Communion presence: Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Chad, Mauritania, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia. Online at:

https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2020/06/the-episcopal-anglican-province-of-alexandria-officially-inaugurated-as-41st-province-of-the-anglican-communion.aspx?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=be3ba09543-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_06\_25\_02\_25&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-be3ba09543-243900825

j. <u>Prayers Requested</u>

via Algoma News

- i. Condolences to the family of Canon the Honourable John DePencier Wright Jul 03, 2020

  "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."

  (1 Peter 2:5). [Son of the late Bishop Wright, Chancellor of the Diocese of Algoma and Judge of the Canadian Court in Thunder Bay]

  Full article Online at:

  https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/07/03/condolences-to-the-family-of-canon-the-honourable-john-depencier-wright/
- ii. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
- iii. News from the Church of the Epiphany.
  - (1) Bishop Tom Corston completes his ministry at Church of the Epiphany Sudbury

    Via Epiphany This Week news

    See attached article.

    Also prayer for Rev. Elizabeth Green and her husband Kevin as they move to Sudbury this week and prepare for Elizabeth's ministry at Epiphany.
  - Sudbury Action for Youth needs items for youth:
    Sun screen (travel size or larger), men's deoderant, boxers (size med+), tarps, tents, sun hats/caps, backpacks, sunglasses. Contact: Holly at SACY at 705-673-4396. Pick up can be arranged.
  - (3) <u>Better beginnings Sudbury</u>
    Desperate need for pots and pans. Deliver any time or contact Genevieve Gibbons, Community Resource
    Coordinator at 705-671-1941 ext. 236.
- k. Faith in the time of COVID-19: Bible studies from the Anglican Alliance
  To help Christians reflect on their faith and scriptures in the midst of the pandemic, the Anglican Alliance has produced a series of Bible studies called "Faith in the Time of COVID-19". These studies were written in consultation with a small group of biblical scholars, theologians and church leaders from across the world. Read Online:

https://anglicanalliance.org/faith-in-the-time-of-covid-19-bible -studies-from-the-anglican-alliance/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=e69ec2c73c-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2

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#### I. <u>Deanery Parishes producing Services online</u>

#### i. Churches of Manitoulin Island

Virtual services are usually up late Saturday night on YouTube. Best way to access the services is to simply Goggle: <u>Doug Prebble</u> <u>YouTube</u>. The videos are dated, choose and enjoy!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQDMLTd18dMsO8hW9Tpzp3A

#### ii. Church of the Epiphany

- (1) <a href="http://epiphanysudbury.org/news">http://epiphanysudbury.org/news</a> Streamed on Video available anytime after Saturday afternoon.
- Online 'Godly Play' for the children.
  With thanks to Fr. Aidan and the children's ministry of the Church of the Ascension, we are posting their weekly online 'Godly Play Storytime' on the Church of the Epiphany's Facebook Page:

  (https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanySudbury/
  Parents are encouraged to check it out and share with their children.

#### iii. Church of the Ascension

Online service and Godly Play Storytime on their FACEBOOK PAGE <u>@ASCENSIONSUDBURY</u>

# iv. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

https://www.thelivelyanglican.ca/news

## v. St. Alban's Capreol

<u>www.facebook.com/alban.church</u> – they have posted the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary and many other very vaulable pieces of hope in various posts.

#### vi. All Saints Coniston

https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com/sunday-service-bulletins.html The full service is printed there with a couple of video's embedded.

### vii. St. Georges Espanola

https://www.facebook.com/1657007827882930/videos/1148115742201 139/ Check out their Facebook page for live streaming of services.

#### m. Outreach for Tarime

Transfers can still be sent to <a href="mailto:rwilso@xplornet.com">rwilso@xplornet.com</a> with the password <a href="mailto:Tarime2020">Tarime2020</a>. Unfortunately, we are unable to supply tax receipts for these gifts.

2. Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin Council

Website: http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org

3. Diocese of Algoma

Website: http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com

4. Anglican Church of Canada

Website: http://www.anglican.ca

#### Whose Name is Love

#### My dear friends:

I was recently involved in a conversation about solitude. Over the course of the conversation it dawned on me that we should not speak so much of solitude (singular) as solitudes (plural), because there are different kinds of solitude, and different people experience them in different ways.

Since the lockdown began in March many of us have been experiencing more solitude than in the past. That has brought with it, its own struggles as well as graces.

One way in which people speak of solitude is as me time. This is a time to recharge our batteries and renew our energies. We all need to do this, and we all find different ways to do it. This experience of solitude as an opportunity to recharge and renew has been once of the graces of this season.

For others, and especially for those who live alone, this period of extended solitude has been a time, not of recharging and renewing, but of isolation and loneliness, when work and social routines have become virtual or remote, and physical connections limited to what can happen sitting six feet away from another.

For some this time of solitude has been a time of grace and for others a time of challenge.

In the Christian spiritual tradition, there is another facet to solitude that is neither about solitude as me time, or as isolation. In the monastic tradition solitude is not about recharging our batteries or experiencing isolation but enabling an encounter with the Divine.

We remind ourselves in our Rule of Life that the cell, which is the primary place of our personal prayer, is a place of divine presence and companionship. Like Jacob we say

surely the Lord is in this place as we open ourselves up to an encounter with the living God, each time we enter our cells and shut the door. In the monastic tradition solitude enables us to encounter God whose name is Love.

While I have experienced this time of solitude as both incredibly renewing and enormously lonely, I have also experienced this solitude as an invitation to encounter the God who so loves the world. In an unexpected way, that is the solitude I have found most challenging, for as I have encountered the God who is Love, I have come to see the world the way God sees it, through the tears of God's loving eyes.

Some days, I find the burden of this heartbreaking love almost too much to bear. Yet as Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, I know that tears of loving sadness, though they are the story for today, are not the end of the story. He who wept, is also resurrection and life.

The Psalmist reminds us that weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. In this time of solitude, as I encounter the God whose name is Love, I am coming to see the world the way God does, and I weep. But as surely as I know that dawn will come, I know this time of weeping will one day end, and with the Risen Son we will again know life in all its abundance.

However you experience this time of solitude: as a time of personal renewal, unbearable loneliness, or disturbing encounter, this comes with the assurance of our prayers. We are, as always, grateful for your prayers for us.

Faithfully in God whose name is Love,

James Koester SSJE
<a href="https://www.ssje.org">The Society of St. John the Divine</a> <a href="https://www.ssje.org">https://www.ssje.org</a>

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Feel free to send me and Allison Cline-Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. "Your Viewpoint" 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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