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## PENTECOST 15

- News and Events
  - a. News events:
    - i. Vaccinations
      - (1) <u>COVID-19 announcement</u> Aug 30, 2021

Pandemic Protocols – A message from Algoma's Diocesan Archdeacon. His message is attached.

(2) Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
1 September 2021

PWRDF joins the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, in urging Canadians to do what we can to ensure the people in our own communities, especially the most vulnerable, are being vaccinated. We also want Canada to share excess vaccine, allocate more funds to COVAX and suspend the international agreement to allow vaccines to be produced more quickly and cheaply around the world.

The PWRDF 'Pay It Forward' initiative is outlined in the link below. Please consider contributing to this worthwhile cause of Vaccine Equity. Link to article from Archbishop Anne Germond at:

https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/20 21/09/Algoma-and-Moosonee-Pay-It-Forward-for-website s.pdf

### (3) Group making COVID-19 shots as easy as possible

via CTV News Edmonton

St. Faith's Anglican (Diocese of Edmonton), in concert with Edmonton's COVID-19 Rapid Response Committee, hosted a mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic earlier this week for local residents. Link to video at:

https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2266192

#### ii. For the upcoming election

The 44th general federal election in Canada has been called for Monday, September 20. Non-partisan resources have been made available from various sources.

Diocese of Toronto Social Justice and Advocacy:

https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/

KAIROS (PDF):

https://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/KAIROS\_2021\_FederalElectionResource\_FINAL.pdf

Citizens for Public Justice:

https://cpj.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CPJ-Election-Bulletin-2021.pdf

#### iii. Synod 2021

# (1) Convening Circular - Synod 2021 [Sept 8 & 9, 17 & 18] - NOW available online

Important information for all delegates to Synod 2021! Link to online page at:

https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/diocesan-synod-archives/synod-notes/

#### (2) <u>ATTENTION ALL SYNOD DELEGATES!!</u>

Sep 01, 2021

Join the discussion with other delegates across Algoma with our Synod keynote speaker, author of 'How to Lead When you Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season'

Our Synod 2021 keynote speaker is The Rev. Dr. Susan Beaumont, author of 'How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season'. Her workshop, about living in the midst of uncertainty and how to move forward in the face of uncertainty, will be offered pre-Synod on September 9th and 10th (YES that is next week!)

All Synod Delegates are encouraged to attend this workshop being offered virtually through the Zoom platform.

Further information, the workbook, and the Zoom invitation links have been provided to your Incumbents for sharing with delegates. If you have not been contacted by your Incumbent and are a Synod Delegate, please connect with him/her/them as early as possible so you may participate.

Archbishop Anne Germond looks forward to welcoming Rev. Susan to Algoma and to engaging with her workshop materials with all delegates.

(3) <u>Archbishop announces upcoming installations at Synod opening service</u>

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16. <u>Link to names and stories at</u>: <a href="https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/02/archbishop-announces-upcoming-installations-at-synod-opening-service/">https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/02/archbishop-announces-upcoming-installations-at-synod-opening-service/</a>

iv. Register Now for: <u>Annual Lay Readers' Conference</u> Sept 24-25 2021

You don't want to miss this! We have 31 registrants as of this date. For more information and registration, see attached document or <a href="https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministry-resources/lay-readers/">https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministry-resources/lay-readers/</a>

#### b. Justice

- i. Sept. 27-Oct. 1 (nationally): <u>Truth and Reconciliation Week</u>, with programming through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation via VIRTUAL link. <u>Link to resource at</u>: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-ticket-s-153491752965">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-ticket-s-153491752965</a>
- ii. Season of Creation 2021
  - (1) <u>Prayer (Sept. 1-Oct. 4)</u> Creator of All,

We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water and air. Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.

With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young." We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honor the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.

But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond her limits. Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself. Habitats are left barren or lost. Species are lost and systems fail. Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated. Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace. Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism. Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community. Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- (2) Renewing the oikos of God via KAIROS Canada This year, KAIROS will explore five weekly themes for Climate Action Month, posting content every day about a daily topic with resources to learn more. Resource at: https://www.kairoscanada.org/renewing-the-oikos-of-god
- (3) Fall 2021 advocacy webinar series via For the Love of Creation For the Love of Creation is hosting a webinar series on Thursdays at 7pm Eastern, beginning September 9. Topics will include climate financing; Indigenous rights; and, climate ambition and transition. Link to information and registration at: <a href="https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/event/">https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/event/</a>
- (4) "The Land Wants Us to Live Differently Here"

  A five-part podcast series for the 2021 Season of Creation
  (September 1-October 4) has been produced by the Diocese

of Edmonton's social justice committee. <u>Link to podcate</u> series at:

https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/season-of-creation -podcast-series

#### iii. Mental Health Issues

First Nations teens in Manitoba join national biking tour for suicide awareness

Rylee Nepinak of Winnipeg started his bike journey August 11 in Vancouver, B.C., raising funds for Tataskweyak Cree Nation, Man.. The community declared a state of emergency in July after recent death by suicides and cases of self-harm. Bishop Larry Beardy, Cree, said the COVID-19 pandemic has played a role in the mental-health crisis at Tataskweyak, "When COVID hit, (it was) like pulling a rug out (from) somebody." Link to story at:

https://winnipegsun.com/news/news-news/first-nations-teens-in-manitoba-join-national-biking-tour-for-suicide-awareness

- iv. Wednesday, September 22, 7pm ET (online): Canadian Book Launch: <u>'We Belong to Big Church' by Dr. Kortright Davis</u>, hosted by Black Anglicans of Canada. <u>Link to information and registration at</u>: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/canadian-book-launch-we-belong-to-big-church-by-dr-kortright-davis-tickets-168657028713">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/canadian-book-launch-we-belong-to-big-church-by-dr-kortright-davis-tickets-168657028713</a>
- v. WCC launches resource with good practices on economic and ecological justice via World Council of Churches

  The toolkit is available to congregations and churches, providing concrete examples of communities in action as well as good practices on renewable energy, climate protection, and just and sustainable consumption. Link to this toolkit and other resources at:

  https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-launches-resource-with-good-practices-on-economic-and-ecological-justice

#### c. Requests for prayer

i. Episcopalians assess damage from Hurricane Ida, brace for extended power outages in Louisiana via Episcopal News Service Some churches suffered roof and window damage, and many were still without power as of Sept. 1, three days after the category 4 hurricane made landfall in Louisiana. Link to story at: <a href="https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/01/episcopalians-assess-damage-from-hurricane-ida-brace-for-extended-power-outages-in-louisiana/">https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/01/episcopalians-assess-damage-from-hurricane-ida-brace-for-extended-power-outages-in-louisiana/</a>

- ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week
- iii. The <u>people and the Taliban of Afganistan</u> as the Taliban take over the country again as NATO troops withdraw.
- iv. Prayer for safety of all those who seeking election and may God lead our country to the right people.
- v. Opportunity and Prayer

Coordinating chaplain, Ontario correctional services
Ontario's Ministry of the Solicitor General seeks a candidate to oversee, develop, deliver, and maintain a comprehensive spiritual and religious care service for inmates in the province's largest maximum security detention centre. Link to information and application at:

https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Preview.aspx?JobID=168277

- vi. Archbishop announces new appointment
  New Incumbent for St. Mary's, St. Peter's, and St. John the Divine
  Link to information about new incumbent at:
  <a href="https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/02/archbishop-announces-new-appointment-7/">https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/02/archbishop-announces-new-appointment-7/</a>
- vii. Condolences to the Clark family Sep 02, 2021

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3. We are saddened to announce the death of Ritsu Clark on August 24th at Rogers Cove retirement residence in Huntsville. She was predeceased by her husband, The Rev. Don Clark, in 2017, who served as Honourary Associate Priest at All Saints', Huntsville for two decades and as a seasonal celebrant at St. Paul's, Grassmere for over 30 years.

Obituary at: <a href="https://www.mitchellfuneralhome.ca/obituaries-1/2021/8/27/rits">https://www.mitchellfuneralhome.ca/obituaries-1/2021/8/27/rits</a> u-clark

#### d. Resources

i. I need a course on that!

With back-to-school season underway, editor of the Continuing Education Plan (CEP) website Mark Gibson writes about the CEP for most ministry personnel and staff, what it can be used for and how to access it. In addition, links are provided to a handful of continuing education course offerings for this Fall. Link to resources at:

https://medium.com/ministrymatters/i-need-a-course-on-that-46fd2433be10

ii. September issue (PDF) of The Anglican Journal

The print edition of the Journal returns after the usual summer break, with articles looking at the self-determining Indigenous Church, responses to the ongoing discoveries about residential institutions and other news from the summer months. (Link directs to PDF at:

https://www.anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/aj-sep2021\_web.pdf

iii. Readings for September Gospel-based discipleship
The September readings for Gospel-based discipleship are
available on anglican.ca at: https://www.anglican.ca/im/introgbd/

The Disciple's Prayerbook available at:

https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/A-Disciples-Prayer-Book.pdf

#### e. Reflections

i. Compassion means to suffer with those who suffer Gilli McLaren, in the Diocese of New Westminster, writes of justice and forgiveness through an example from Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.

https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/blog/compassion-means-to-s

<u>https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/blog/compassion-means-to-suffer-with-those-who-suffer</u>

#### ii. The Society of St. John the Evangelist

(1) Knowledge

In the end, knowledge is not enough. Knowledge – like technology – is like a very good, very capable servant. Love is its true master. Without love, our knowledge is lifeless. In the service of love, knowledge finds its place and purpose.

-Br. Keith Nelson

#### (2) Mercy

It is not our work or strength that will make us whole; no program will lift us to that place from which we finally lose our tiny, creaturely perspective. The only thing that can restore our vision is the mercy of God—an encounter with Jesus, the shepherd who has left all to "tramp the hills" in search of you and me. Our invitation as God's people is not

to pretend to be good, or pious or saintly; it is to open ourselves to the searching, active mercy of God.

-Br. Sean Glenn

(3) Authenticity

If you are to be a credible witness, you have to be able to speak with authenticity and authority; you have to have some experience to report, some first-hand knowledge to share. Others can tell us about Jesus or point us towards God, but we will not be effective witnesses until we can say something about our own experience. We don't have to be eloquent; we only have to be authentic. -Br. David Vryhof

- 2. Parishes who are creating online services See attached document
- 3. List of Parishes See attached document
- 4. Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin Council Website: http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org
- 5. Diocese of Algoma

Website: http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com

6. Anglican Church of Canada

Website: http://www.anglican.ca

7. Anglican Journal

Website: www.anglicanjournal.com

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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 Thursday 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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