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1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

i. [COVID Updates](#)

- (1) [Looking to the school year ahead](#) via Ministry Matters
Primate Linda Nicholls writes, "What should be a time of excitement and anticipation is overshadowed by pandemic uncertainties.... It is an act of will — with God's help — to step back and focus on what is good and life-giving even in this continuing crisis." [Link to article at: https://medium.com/ministrymatters/looking-to-the-school-year-ahead-ad84643f5b55](https://medium.com/ministrymatters/looking-to-the-school-year-ahead-ad84643f5b55)
- (2) [Brought to our Knees: Prayers during COVID-19](#)
via the Anglican Foundation of Canada
A new book published by the Anglican Foundation of Canada features six prayers, written by Executive Director Judy Rois, for: individuals with COVID-19; frontline workers; summer rest; faith communities; musicians and choirs; and, students. [Link to book at: https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/store/brought-to-our-knees/](https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/store/brought-to-our-knees/)
- (3) [How a small town church has been reaching \(lots of\) new people](#) via The Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College
When churches take a posture of looking both upward and outward, amazing things can happen. Who is God wanting to reach through your church? [Link to story at:](#)

<https://institute.wycliffecollege.ca/2021/08/how-a-small-town-church-has-been-reaching-lots-of-new-people/>

- (4) What is a theological college? Wycliffe College as a M.A.S.H. Unit via The Wycliffe Blog – Vestigia Dei
 What is a theological college? Wycliffe College Principal Stephen Andrews reflects on the mission of the College and the calling to minister God's healing to this wounded world. Link to article at:
<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog/what-theological-college-wycliffe-college-mash-unit>
- (5) The Road Home: Journeying out of exile via Ministry Matters
 The Rev. Dr. Kyle Norman explores the concept of "returning" to church after a pandemic-exile, raising important questions around what that will look like. Link to article at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/the-road-home-journeying-out-of-exile-c226871a05ce>

ii. For the upcoming election

- (1) 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>
- (2) A letter from Anglican, Lutheran leaders about the 2021 federal election
 "What kind of a Canada do you desire? How is that desire rooted in your spiritual convictions as a follower of the way of Jesus Christ?" Archbishops Mark MacDonald and Linda Nicholls write with National Bishop Susan Johnson (ELCIC) to members of both churches in advance of the upcoming Federal election. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/a-letter-from-anglican-lutheran-leaders-about-the-2021-federal-election/30035583/>

(3) A Faithful Election Conversation 2021

via Martin Luther University College

Earlier this month, Martin Luther University College, Citizens for Public Justice and other interfaith partners, hosted a conversation in advance of the upcoming federal election. The discussion included representatives of Canada's four major political parties. Link to YouTube Video discussion at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVUeyORV8EI>

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) ATTENTION ALL SYNOD DELEGATES!!

Important Information for Delegates and Guests – Synod 2021

Check the Synod 2021 information page often as updates are occurring regularly. Link to information page at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/10/important-information-for-delegates-and-guests-synod-2021/>

iv. Register Now for: Annual Lay Readers' Conference 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
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministry-resources/lay-readers/>

b. Justice

i. Reconciliation

(1) Sept. 27–Oct. 1 (nationally): Truth and Reconciliation Week, with programming through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation via VIRTUAL link. Link to resource at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-tickets-153491752965>

(2) 81 St. Anne's residential school compensation cases require 'significant review,' says court filing via CBC Indigenous

According to an interim report filed with the Ontario Superior Court last month, retired B.C. judge Ian Pitfield found 81 cases including instances where survivors received

either no compensation or a lower award over credibility questions around the severity of the alleged abuse. Link to article at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/st-annes-review-compensation-1.6161642>

- (3) 4 Indigenous education courses to help fill in your knowledge gaps via Broadview Magazine
 If you've got a computer and an internet connection then you can join these courses. Links to information and registration at:
<https://broadview.org/indigenous-online-courses/>

ii. Season of Creation 2021

- (1) Christian leaders appeal for action on climate change
 via Axios
 In an unprecedented joint statement earlier today, the pope, Archbishop of Canterbury and ecumenical patriarch urged world leaders "to listen to the cry of the Earth" and address climate change. They called it "an immediate and urgent matter of survival." Link to story at:
<https://www.axios.com/christian-leaders-climate-change-action-summit-6efc977f-a8e0-4a79-99f8-d6f8ee6f011f.html>
- (2) Season of Creation: Archbishop David Edwards
 In his weekly video message, Archbishop David reflects on the beauty of creation. YouTube link at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY-jz0f1szo>
- (3) Anglican Communion Environmental Network news digest: Special COP-26 issue
 The latest news from ACEN includes a new hymn for the Season of Creation, a webinar series from the Anglican Consultative Council COP-26 working group, a backgrounder on COP-26 and a number of links and reflections in advance of the climate conference with world leaders in November. Link to environmental hymns and several other articles on the Season of Creation at:
<https://mailchi.mp/8610c6ceda52/acen-digest-4795590?e=a5d74434ba>
- (4) Thursdays until October 7, 7pm ET (online): Season of Creation Speaker Series, hosted by the Diocese of Ontario Green Group. Links to series with ZOOM link at:

<https://www.ontario.anglican.ca/events/season-of-creation-speaker-series/2021-09-02>

iii. Mental Health Issues

(1) Surviving the World Trade Center attacks

via 100 Huntley Street

Leslie Haskin shares her personal and emotional journey through the September 11th attacks that left her suffering from severe PTSD, but God's plan wasn't through for Leslie.

Link to story and video at:

<http://www.100huntley.com/watch?id=230688&title=surviving-the-world-trade-center-attacks--leslie-haskin>

iv. World food systems are broken, and God is calling on humanity to fix them, global dialogue hears

via World Council of Churches (WCC)

At a recent online consultation among faith-based organizations, hosted by the WCC, the event co-moderator and Center for Earth Ethics operations director Andrew Schwartz shared, ""We're taking more than the Earth can give. Too much of the last century has been dictated by the selfish ambition of individuals of the global north of corporations all in the pursuit of more money and more power." Link to story at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/world-food-systems-are-broken-and-god-is-calling-on-humanity-to-fix-them-global-dialogue-hears>

v. Hospital chaplain develops system that helps loved ones speak for patients who can't

via Episcopal News Service

An Episcopalian serving as a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital has created an audio file system that helps doctors and nurses get to know their intubated patients through the voices of their loved ones. Link to story at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/09/hospital-chaplain-develops-system-that-helps-loved-ones-speak-for-patients-who-cant/>

c. Requests for prayer

i. 20th Anniversary of Sept 11, 2001 Disaster in New York

(1) Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on 20th anniversary of Sept. 11

via The Episcopal Church

"As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus, who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Link to reflection at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/pastoral-word-from-presiding-bishop-michael-curry-on-20th-anniversary-of-sept-11/>

See also, A Time and Space for Remembrance and Healing, events from Sept. 10–12 in New York, U.S., as part of the observance of the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001...at: <https://trinitywallstreet.org/september-11>

- (2) Mint Brook: September 11, 2001 via Ministry Matters
Bishop John Watton in the Diocese of Central Newfoundland shares one of many stories linked to the events around September 11, 2001. Link to story at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/mint-brook-september-11-2001-146e59767da2>

- ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week
- iii. The people and the Taliban of Afganistan 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.

d. Resources

- i. Phyllis Sinclair, Live in Concert!
"RIBBONS FROM MY SKIRT: Songs and stories of resilience, sacredness and survival." Link to information at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/10/phyllis-sinclair-live-in-concert/>
- ii. Camp Huron Sings vol. 1
This new album from Camp Huron (Diocese of Huron) is the culmination of a summer-long project to record and share some of the campsite's favourite songs. Link to album on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7LktCtRulw&list=OLAK5uy_mL1Bqu5dmlObX8Ja8HhjxFO_45MdxziVs
- iii. Applications being accepted for Say Yes! to Kids grants
via Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC)
The 2021 Request For Proposals for Say Yes! to Kids is open, and the AFC is accepting applications until October 1. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on children, youth, and young adults. The Anglican Foundation is requesting proposals that support ministry and outreach to children, youth, and young adults through the Anglican Church of Canada. Grants will be offered for projects that contribute to the physical, intellectual,

emotional, and/or spiritual well-being of children, youth, and young adults in a post-pandemic world. Link to information and applications at: <https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/2021rfp/>

e. Reflections

i. The gift of communication in a challenging time

Montreal Dio Principal Jesse Zink writes, "Our Scriptures are full of communications advice. Jesus told us to talk to one another directly, particularly when we are struggling with one another (Matthew 18:15–20). Paul told us that it is in speaking the truth in love we will growth into maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4:15). In a reading some of us heard in church on Sunday [August 29], James reminds us of the damage that hasty and poor communication can do and advises us to be "quick to listen [and] slow to speak" (James 1:19)." Link to article at:

<https://montrealdio.ca/the-gift-of-communication-in-a-challenging-time/>

ii. Bishop's Conversations: September 2021

via the Lambeth Conference

Did you know? Our bishops have been meeting regularly with other bishops from across the Anglican Communion in preparation for The Lambeth Conference – discussions on evangelism. Link to articles at:

<https://www.lambethconference.org/programme/the-bishops-conversations/monthly/september-2021/>

iii. Notes from an altar guild intern

via Grow Christians, a ministry of Forward Movement

"What an honour it must be to make liturgy possible, to know your gifts of time and skill are critical to God's way in the world—to God's chosen mode of dwelling with us as God's people." Link to article at:

<https://www.growchristians.org/2021/09/09/notes-from-an-altar-guild-intern/>

iv. The Society of St. John the Evangelist

(1) Wait If you are feeling frustrated that you can't see clearly, or nothing seems to be happening – if you're stuck – offer all that to God in your prayers. Try to wait, patiently – but with a deep hope, and trust, and confidence, that God is actually at work deep within you. Something is happening. Something deep and mysterious. The time will come when you will see, and it will be a kind of resurrection. –Br. Geoffrey Tristram

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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We would like to receive items by the Thursday evening before Friday. Some items may be repeated due to 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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