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PENTECOST 19 (Proper 27)

Merciful God, you call us to loving relationship with one another.
Be with us now as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in this relationship.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh.
Give us the gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and
grace. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.
—Anglican Healing Fund prayer

1. News and Events

a. News events:

i. COVID Updates

- (1) Some Episcopal cathedrals and churches begin requiring proof of vaccination to attend services via Episcopal News Service

Though far from common, some congregations across The Episcopal Church (U.S.) are requiring proof of vaccination.

Link to story at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/16/some-episcopal-cathedrals-and-churches-begin-requiring-proof-of-vaccination-to-attend-services/>

ii. Synod 2021

- (1) The Bishop's Charge is online on the Diocesan web site and the Response to that Charge and the resolutions passed at Synod will also be available on the Diocesan web site in the near future.

- iii. Annual Lay Readers' Conference Sept 24–25 2021
With 64 registrants meeting via ZOOM, we had a very successful Conference. The speakers (Archbishop Anne Germond, Rev. Rhonda Hirst and Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green) were excellent and led us on a journey through transformation by God. We are looking forward to meeting in person at the next Conference in Sept 2022 in Sault Ste. Marie hosted by the Algoma Deanery.
 - iv. Blessing of the Land —Redevelopment Project: L'Arche Greater Vancouver
Earlier this month [Sept 2021], an ecumenical blessing was held at the unveiling of the foundation stone for the new L'Arche Greater Vancouver \$30–million facility. L'Arche's "We All Belong" campaign and the ongoing support by the Diocese of New Westminster was affirmed its diocesan synod in 2019. Link to story at:
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/blessing-of-the-land>
- b. Justice
 - i. Reconciliation
 - (1) Sept. 30 2021
 - (a) A statutory holiday declared by the Government to celebrate and honour our Indigenous brothers and sisters , missing and murdered Indigenous girls and women, and the 1300+ children found on the sites of Residential Schools who never returned to their homes and families.
 - (b) Every Child Matters: Grace Will Lead Them Home
For September 30 (the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) and with input and direction from Indigenous Anglican Elders, all are encouraged to participate in this online service of reflection and prayer, "Every Child Matters: Grace Will Lead Them Home". **The video service is now available for viewing and/or download. Additional resources for worship and education are also available at the link above.**
Link at: <https://www.anglican.ca/orangeshirtday/>
 - (c) Facing what is before us today
"What are we to do?" National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Mark MacDonald raises questions for individuals and the wider Church to consider as we come to learn more of the involvement of colonial churches in residential institutions. Link at:

<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/facing-what-is-before-us-today/>

- (d) Search begins for unmarked graves at former Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., residential school

via CTV News Northern Ontario

After lots of talk this summer, the search for unmarked graves is underway at the former Shingwauk Residential School site, at present-day Algoma University. The first round of radar has wrapped up, but crews are set to return in a few weeks. The Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association said it should have results in about two to three months. Link to story at:

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/search-begins-for-unmarked-graves-at-former-sault-ste-marie-ont-residential-school-1.5602811>

- (2) Saturday, October 2, 1:30pm PT (White Rock, B.C.): Pathways to Reconciliation, with screening and discussion of "The Doctrine of Discovery" documentary. Link at:
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/pathways-to-reconciliation/2021-10-02>
- (3) Anglican documentary nets award for "Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts"
The film produced by Anglican Video, in collaboration with the Primate's Commission on the Doctrine of Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice has received another award—this time from the Canadian International Faith & Family Film [\[https://cifflix.com/\]](https://cifflix.com/) Festival for Best Documentary. The documentary is meant to educate people on the Doctrine and create an awareness of its legacy.
See film and study guide...
<https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/studyguide/>
- (4) Pew & Beyond: The Long Road to Reconciliation
The first episode of the second season of this live discussion series welcomes guests Norm Wesley and Rosalyn Kantlaht'ant Elm. The discussion looks at Indigenous justice, residential institutions, racism in Canada and the Church. Link to discussion series at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1kwNrTOpag>

- (5) Can you imagine?
via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
WICC board member Awit Marcelino writes, "What if all the people at my school died because of malnutrition, neglect, abuse of all kinds, and were buried in unmarked graves? ... How would it feel to be denied accountability and justice for decades? How would that kind of loss shape our wider community? For Indigenous people and communities, these aren't hypothetical questions."
Prayer:
God of justice,
Help us walk, protest, cry, and pray with our Indigenous siblings in their trauma and grief.
Help us listen to Indigenous people and then, when we think we understand, help us to listen some more.
Help us be the church we say we are. Help us be more loving. Amen.
Link to reflection at: <https://wicc.org/can-you-imagine/>
- (6) Canadian Catholic bishops 'apologize unequivocally' for residential schools
via the Times Colonist
The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) agreed to the wording of the one-page statement during a meeting Thursday. "We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual," it says. Link to story at:
<https://www.timescolonist.com/canadian-catholic-bishops-apologize-unequivocally-for-residential-schools-1.24360206>
See CCCB statement...
<https://www.cccb.ca/letter/statement-of-apology-by-the-catholic-bishops-of-canada-to-the-indigenous-peoples-of-this-land/>
- (7) 'My Name Is Pauli Murray' brings trailblazing Episcopal saint's story to a wider audience
via Episcopal News Service
This new documentary provides an intimate look at the life of the first Black female Episcopal priest, who was also a civil rights pioneer and chronicled her struggles with gender identity in her diaries. Link to documentary at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/28/my-name-is-pauli-murray-brings-trailblazing-episcopal-saints-story-to-a-wider-audience/>

ii. Digital Justice

(1) Youth “meet and greet” yields ideas to tackle digital injustice

via World Council of Churches

Exclusion. Fake news. Hate speech. At a “meet and greet” held in conjunction with an international symposium on digital justice, young people candidly shared what digital injustice means to them. Allowed to speak freely, their list began to reflect the grave consequences of digital injustice on the global young generation. Link to stories at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/youth-meet-and-greet-yields-ideas-to-tackle-digital-injustice>

(2) Manifesto for digital justice makes urgent call for “transformative movement”

via World Council of Churches

At a recently-held international symposium on digital justice, a draft manifesto was presented to speak to the current global context toward or against socially just communication. “Fundamental rights will not prevail on their own or through voluntary commitments by corporations,” the manifesto notes. “We will create a grassroots, faith-inspired resistance to the forces challenging human dignity and flourishing in digital spaces.” Link at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/manifesto-for-digital-justice-makes-urgent-call-for-transformative-movement>

See also, “Digital communicators weigh a future with ‘profound values at stake’”...

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/digital-communicators-weigh-a-future-with-profound-values-at-stake>

See also, “Should churches push harder to resist untruths? Yes, say digital justice thinkers”...

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/should-churches-push-harder-to-resist-untruths-yes-say-digital-justice-thinkers>

iii. The Church – Called to be a Living Wage Employer

via the Niagara Anglican

Since 2012, the Hamilton Living Wage Coalition has been working to improve income security for workers. The Diocese of Niagara joined the movement early on, committing to pay clergy and diocesan staff a living wage, and encouraging parishes to do the same. Link to article at:

<https://niagaraanglican.news/2021/09/21/the-church-called-to-be-a-living-wage-employer/>

- iv. Thursday, October 7, 7am ET (online): International Ecumenical Solidarity Gathering for Human Rights and Peace in the Philippines, co-organized by a number of organizations, including Asia Pacific Forum (of which the Anglican Church of Canada is a member church). Link to Gathering registration at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpB5zwRpQO9DZKr zHW-cYkMEfZdnIP2wC-kSQPAII0ZET_ZA/viewform
- v. Ottawa Public Health turns to faith leaders for help with mental health crisis via the Ottawa Citizen
 They are often the ones who get frantic phone calls and knocks on the door during times of crisis. Now Ottawa Public Health is turning to faith leaders around the city to help with a mental health crisis that has worsened during the pandemic. The Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley (Diocese of Ottawa) said many faith leaders had seen increasing numbers of people coming for help during the pandemic. Link to story at:
<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/ottawa-public-health-turns-to-faith-leaders-for-help-with-mental-health-crisis>
- vi. Creation
 - (1) 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>
 - (2) Thursday, September 23, 7pm ET (online): Climate Ambition and Transition, part of a webinar series hosted by For the Love of Creation. Webinar series link at:
<https://forthe loveofcreation.ca/event/fall-2021-advocacy-webinar-series-climate-ambition-and-transition/>
 - (3) Talking about climate change requires honesty and connection — not just arguing, says author
 via CBC Radio's The Current
 Katharine Hayhoe says her Christian faith was a big reason she became a climate scientist. The Bible's call to love people, and help those who need it, made her want to be part of the solution for climate change. Link to article and radio program at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-sept-23-2021-1.6186513/talking-about-climate-change-require-honesty-and-connection-not-just-arguing-says-author-1.6174126>

(4) Listening to the Land: A conversation on the stewardship of creation

In a webinar panel presentation hosted by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina, three panellists (including Bishop Chris Harper, Diocese of Saskatoon) reflect on: what listening to the land means from their perspective, tradition, and experience; what they hear the land saying; and, how we might respond. Link to webinar at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIN_CXpdaPc

vii. TEC Presiding Bishop calls for church reformation 'in the way of Jesus' at House of Bishops meeting Episcopal News Service

The Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called for a church "no longer centred on empire or establishment, no longer fixated on the preservation of institutions, no longer propping up white supremacy."

Presiding Bishops' sermon (text)...

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/21/presiding-bishop-calls-for-church-reformation-in-the-way-of-jesus-at-house-of-bishops-meeting/>

viii. Introducing Dr. Myrna Lashley, leader for Montreal's upcoming anti-racism workshop

A new video series from the Diocese of Montreal introduces Dr. Myrna Lashley, psychology professor at McGill University, and her approach toward leading the diocese through an anti-racism workshop next month. Link to video series:

<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2021/9/14/introducing-dr-myrna-lashley-as-the-workshop-leader-for-anti-racism-task-force-workshop-fall-2021>

c. Requests for prayer

i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week

ii. The people and the Taliban of Afganistan as the Taliban take over the country again as NATO troops withdraw.

d. Recources

i. SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 16, 9:30am MT (online): The Women Who Walked Alongside Jesus, the Diocese of Calgary Anglican Church Women's Fall Conference. Link to conference details and registration at:
<https://calgary.anglican.ca/events/acw-virtual-fall-conference/2021-10-16>

- ii. October readings for Gospel-based discipleship
The October readings for Gospel-based discipleship are available on the anglican.ca website: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/introgbd/>
- e. Reflections
 - i. Writing to learn, writing to pray via the Niagara Anglican
The Rev. Deacon Nancy McBride (Diocese of Niagara) writes of how her daily desk-cleaning ritual calls her back to the ritual of writing to learn and writing to pray. Link to article at:
<https://niagaraanglican.news/2021/09/10/writing-to-learn-writing-to-pray/>
 - ii. The Society of St. John the Evangelist
 - (1) Purpose
The Builder has a plan. There is a place for you. God will chisel and form you into what God intends you to be. Your part is to let God work with you, to give yourself over to him, so that he might fashion you according to his divine purpose.
–Br. David Vryhof
 - (2) Reign
Matthew was a collaborator with the oppressive imperial Roman occupation. He represented everything that was wrong and evil during the dark days of the Roman occupation of Palestine. Yet it was to this man that Jesus said, "Follow me," and, amazingly, Matthew got up and followed him. The call of Matthew was not simply an invitation to one individual to become a follower of Jesus. It was a sign given by Jesus to the world, of what the reign of God actually looks like. It is a kingdom of sinners, outcasts, and misfits.
–Br. James Koester
 - iii. Priests, congregants call on bank to stop backing oil pipeline
via Winnipeg Free Press
"The recent finding of the graves of residential schools helps bring to light how important it is for the church, if we want to be on the side of life in any way, to not only be able to repent of what's happened in the past, but (notice) what we are complicit of in the present," the Rev. Gwen McAllister (Diocese of Rupert's Land) said.
Link to article at:
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/protesters-call-on-bank-to-stop-backing-oil-pipeline-575395552.html>

- iv. Just a small town girl via Ministry Matters
 "We know that we are wired for relationship and community. Maybe we're all small town kids at heart," writes the Rev. Canon Martha Tatarnic (Diocese of Niagara). In her blog post, she looks at community, Jesus' concept of "neighbour" and the sense of connection which church brings. Link to article at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/just-a-small-town-girl-29e82db48ec1>
 - v. The Miraculous (Underground) Secret We All Need to Get Through Pain
 How to cope withh/get through pain and loss? Here is one person's view and thoughts and experience:
<https://annvoskamp.com/2021/09/the-miraculous-underground-secret-we-all-need-to-get-through-pain/>
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 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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