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Epiphany 5

In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
—Psalm 4:8

1. News and Events

a. News events:

- i. Synod 2021 – REVISED DATES Jan 25, 2021
To all potential delegates to Diocesan Synod 2021,
Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, it has
been decided to delay our Diocesan Synod to September. Please
ensure you mark the new dates in your calendars: Friday,
September 17th – Saturday, September 18th. In all likelihood the
Synod will be a hybrid model (i.e. Synod officers in person and
remaining delegates online).
A reminder, also, that parishes should be electing Synod delegates
at their upcoming vestries to represent them at Synod 2021.
- ii. Collation of our Diocesan Archdeacon, The Ven. Dr. Jay Koyle
via Algoma News
"Accept this charge, which is both mine and yours..."
Feb 2, 2021 4 PM via You Tube. Link at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/01/29/collation-of-our-diocesan-archdeacon-the-ven-dr-jay-koyle/>
- iii. Pancake Supper February 16 2021 (Shrove Tuesday) at L'Arche
Community via The Church of the Ascension/Sponsored by L'Arche
Community.
11 AM to 2 PM. Tickets \$12. Details on poster. See attached
poster.

- iv. Attention Lay Readers
The next Lay Readers Conference will be hosted by Sudbury–Manitoulin Deanery Sept 24–25 2021. This will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM platform. Save the dates!
- v. WICC to release one-hour World Day of Prayer service
via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
The WICC is releasing a video recording of a World Day of Prayer service after February 15, to view at home and churches. The World Day of Prayer is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, which falls on March 5 in 2021. Link at:
<https://wicc.org/one-hour-world-day-of-prayer-service-available-on-video/>
- vi. Anglican Journal: February issue now online
February issue considers Black lives and Christianity
February is celebrated as Black History Month—and in the February issue, the Journal makes note of that tradition by turning attention to Black and African Christians inside and outside of the Anglican Church of Canada. Link to Journal at:
<https://mailchi.mp/national/anglican-journal-news-february-issue-available-online?e=23056c3f4c>
- vii. CLAY 2021 Announcement via Algoma News
Virtual CLAY 2021 – check it out! Link to announcement at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/04/clay-2021-announcement/>
- b. Seeking Justice
 - i. Sacred Teachings new season "Suicide: The Other Pandemic" looks north in 2nd episode – A Blue Horse
In this week's podcast, Peter Downie interviews revered Elder and psychologist Dr. Martin Brokenleg about supporting young people to choose life. Listen at:
<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>
 - ii. February issue [of Anglican Journal] considers Black lives and Christianity
February is celebrated as Black History Month—and in the February issue, the Journal makes note of that tradition by turning attention to Black and African Christians inside and outside of the Anglican Church of Canada. See link above.

- iii. Idaho church featured in Sundance film about reconciliation after school shooting via Episcopal News Service
 "It's a beautiful story about reconciliation, and it's a curious thing that most of the people who were on the cast and crew have a relationship with The Episcopal Church." [This film was premiered last week at The Sundance Film Festival.] Also mentioned in this article is the premier at The Sundance Film Festival of a documentary film about Rev. Pauli Murray, the first black woman ordained as an Episcopal Priest. Link to story at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/01/28/idaho-church-featured-in-sundance-premiere-of-film-about-reconciliation-after-school-shooting/>

- iv. South African religious leaders join campaign to push US government to address global vaccine shortage
 via World Council of Churches
 Vaccine shortages across South Africa and the Global South will lead to global disaster if access to a vaccine continues to be blocked. Link to letter at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/south-african-religious-leaders-join-campaign-to-push-us-government-to-address-global-vaccine-shortage>

- v. Racism
 - (1) Seeing God through the seeking of others
 via Anglican Journal
 "The first step in moving from suspicion and hostility towards those who are not like us is always to meet someone face to face, to listen and to learn," writes Canon Scott Sharman. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/seeing-god-through-the-seeking-of-others/>

 - (2) Conversion Therapy of LGBT+
 - (a) Canadian Anglican archbishops sign anti-conversion therapy declaration via Anglican Journal
 Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada Archbishop Linda Nicholls was among the launching signatories for a declaration that calls for an end to violence against LGBT+ people and a global ban on conversion therapy. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/canadian-anglican-archbishops-sign-anti-conversion-therapy-declaration/>

- (b) Proposed bill to ban conversion therapy goes too far, some churches say via London Free Press
If passed, the bill would ban conversion therapy for minors, removing a minor from Canada to undergo conversion therapy abroad, and forcing an adult to undergo therapy against their will. It also would make it illegal to advertise or profit from providing the therapy. Proposed penalties include up to five years in prison. (This content may be inaccessible due to a paywall.) Link to article at:
<https://lfpress.com/news/local-news/proposed-bill-to-ban-conversion-therapy-goes-too-far-some-churches-say>
- (3) Indigenous Self-determination
- (a) Significant interest in United Nations Indigenous committee, Sarnia councillor says via the Sarnia Observer
The Sarnia-area group formed in the wake of a letter from Trinity Anglican (Diocese of Huron) asking what the city had done to review and endorse the declaration. Link to article at:
<https://www.theobserver.ca/news/local-news/significant-interest-in-committee-councillor-says>
- (b) Backgrounder: Self Determination & Free, Prior and Informed Consent (PDF) via KAIROS Canada
A new resource from the Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples explains how, "Self-determination is a fundamental human right that is at the foundation of all international law.... Free, prior and informed consent recognizes that Indigenous peoples are not simply participants in the decision-making process, but decision-makers in their own right." Link to book at:
<https://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Backgrounder-on-SD-and-FPIC.pdf>
- (4) Black Lives Matter resources
Christ Church Cathedral (Diocese of Montreal) has entered a process of reviewing its corporate life, to identify its own history of racism as well as the ways in which its structures systemically exclude people because of their colour. A webpage with a number of resources is now available on the cathedral website. Link to resources at:
<https://www.montrealcathedral.ca/black-lives-matter/>

- vi. Q&A: Washington Bishop Mariann Budde says church should 'lead with Jesus' in its nonpartisan advocacy via Episcopal News Service
 "If your Jesus always agrees with your politics, you're probably not reading deeply enough into Jesus.... I don't think justice and societal issues are optional for clergy. They are embedded in our faith." Link to article at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/02/04/qa-washington-bishop-mariann-budde-says-churchs-nonpartisan-advocacy-should-lead-with-jesus/>
- vii. Climate Change and Environmental Justice
- (1) How a young activist is helping Pope Francis battle climate change via the New Yorker
 Molly Burhans, a 26-year-old cartographer and environmentalist, concluded that the [Catholic] Church had the means to address climate issues directly, through better land management, and that it was also capable of protecting populations that were especially vulnerable to the consequences of global warming. Link to article at:
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/02/08/how-a-young-activist-is-helping-pope-francis-battle-climate-change>
- (2) A prayer of hope for our world
 Penned by Bishop Geoff Woodcroft (Diocese of Rupert's Land) as part of The Lambeth Conference Prayer Journey.
- Life-bearing God,
 who wills creation to flourish,
 grant courage, insight, and perseverance
 to your stewards called to minister to life
 that has been damaged by greed, oppressed, and treated unjustly.
 Humble your Church in truth,
 so that we may reconcile with all our neighbours
 and with your good creation.
 May your repenting Church do so with clarity and action;
 and may your forgiving Church do so with courage and wisdom.
 Strengthen us to love and care for the life with which you surround us,
 as the One Body of Christ, in whose name we now pray.
 Amen.

- viii. German Christians call for end to nuclear deterrence as an instrument of policy via World Council of Churches
 “It is our responsibility as Christians praying for peace and trusting in the reconciling power of the gospel of God's love to oppose the spirit, logic and practice of deterrence and the dissemination of enemy images and prejudice against other states and peoples.” Links to article and letter at:
https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/EN_Call_to_Churches_Nuclear_Weapons.pdf
- ix. Thursday, February 18, time TBC (online): Pan African Women of Faith “Third Thursdays Webinar Series on the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace”—Reimagining the Future. Link to video series at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/events/pan-african-women-of-faith-third-thursdays-webinar-series-on-the-pilgrimage-of-justice-and-peace>
- x. How churches minimize the complexities of mental health via domruso.Medium.com
 Among those who have pursued help for mental illnesses, 25% first seek out a member of the clergy. Web page of Dr. Dominic Ruso. Link to this article and several others at:
<https://domruso.medium.com/how-churches-minimize-the-complexities-of-mental-health-ec737d93f588>
- b. Reflections
 - i. Puzzled by God via Anglican Journal
 Nancy Coombs [runner, writer and parishioner of St. Jude’s Church in Oakville ON] reflects on the ways in which a puzzle, Susan B. Anthony and the pandemic converged to bring her closer to God. Link to her article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/puzzled-by-god/>
 - ii. The struggle is real via Ministry Matters
 We have now been living in “pandemictide” for longer than we would have hoped or expected, writes the Rev. Dr. Kyle Norman. He looks at Psalm 62 for guidance in navigating the hardships we sometimes face. Link to article at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/the-struggle-is-real-bf5d644138f6>
 - iii. Upcoming Gospel Jam to include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
 Themed “With Love Before Us, We Are Walking,” the next online national Gospel Jamboree [aired on Feb 13 at 8 PM] welcomes the Most Rev. Michael Curry (of the Episcopal Church) as its special

guest preacher. All are welcome to participate in this event through sending in a video, audio or written submission before the end of January. Watch at:

<https://www.anglican.ca/im/gospeljam/>

iv. Fast for the Earth 2021

via The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care, Diocese of Toronto

Consider a Fast for the Earth in 2021. This introductory video gives an overview of this Lenten program. Watch video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUHlvfqNcXc&feature=youtu.be>

v. Black voices in the Christian faith

Each day this month, St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church (Diocese of Huron) will present a critical Black voice which "has left an indelible mark on the Christian faith". Follow their Facebook page to join what promises to be an educational and enriching journey. Link at:

<https://www.facebook.com/St.Thomas.the.Apostle.Cambridge/>

vi. Candlemas

via Wycliffe College

In this blog post, Dr. Catherine Sider-Hamilton tells us about a surer promise of light and life than the groundhog's in this pandemic-plagued winter. Link to this blog at:

<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog/candlemas>

vii. 'We just didn't know where it was'

via Prince Albert Daily Herald

Carla Hope, descendant to the Rev. Henry Budd, undertakes a genealogical journey; revealing a map leading to a long-lost mission site, and much more. Link to story at:

<https://paherald.sk.ca/2021/01/30/we-just-didnt-know-where-it-was/>

c. Covid Updates

i. It's complicated

via Diocese of Fredericton

Ministering to an island on the other side of the international border during the pandemic comes with challenges. Link to story at: <https://nb.anglican.ca/news/it-s-complicated>

ii. What does the Church have to do with social entrepreneurship?

via Diocese of Montreal

It's all about relevance. Link to blog at:

<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2021/2/2/new-blog-from-neil-mancor-what-does-the-church-have-to-do-with-social-entrepreneurship-its-all-about-relevance>

- iii. Compass Points: February news from the CUAC
 via Colleges & Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC)
 The CUAC provides an update for recent events and news related to theological institutions of learning within the Communion, including an interview with the vice-chancellor of St John's College (University of Manitoba), Dr. Christopher Trott. The vice-chancellor shares some College history, what the future holds, and the three things that he believes define an Anglican college. Link to articles at:
<https://mailchi.mp/3dd35e8f203f/compass-points-winter-2019-draft-3270969>

- d. Prayers Requested
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.

 - ii. Condolences to the Wilson family (Wilson-Garrett)
 Your beloved dad will live on in the eyes of his children and grandchildren. Rest in peace dear Alex and rise again in glory.
Link to article at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/03/condolences-to-the-wilson-family-wilson-garrett/>

- e. Resources for Lent
 - i. Ash Wednesday Resources
 - (1) Creative ideas for a COVID-19 Ash Wednesday
 via The Living Church
 What will the day look like? Will churches be open? Will there be the imposition of ashes? Will there be restrictions? The Living Church tackles the questions surrounding February 17 and captures some of the sentiment emerging from those left unanswered. Article at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=be8425f17d&e=23056c3f4c>

 - (2) Ash Wednesday resources
 via Building Faith, a Ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary
 With Lent arriving in about one month, Building Faith shares ideas and activities for the start of the Lenten journey, Ash Wednesday. The list even includes a creative way to observe Ash Wednesday at home. Check them out at:
<https://buildfaith.org/ash-Wednesday/>

 - (3) SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 – Imposition of Ashes via Algoma News
 Various options for the observance of Ash Wednesday 2021. Link to this article at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/03/suggestions-for-the-observance-of-ash-wednesday-2021/>

- iii. Lent 2021 resources via Anglican Church of Canada web site
This year, the season of Lent will be observed February 17 to April 3. A list of resources [reviewed Jan 27 2021] is available on the anglican.ca website to help you prepare for the liturgical season ahead. Link at: <https://www.anglican.ca/resources/lent2021/>
- iv. A toilet paper drive by this Newfoundland church is 'on a roll'
via the Telegram
'We've collected many different things, but this would be a first,' says the Rev. Byron Barter of Holy Innocents Anglican Church in Paradise, Nfld. (Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador). The drive is the parish's Lenten donation project. Link to article at: <https://www.thetelegram.com/news/local/paradise-church-announces-toilet-paper-drive-548602/>

- 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>

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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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