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1. News and Events

a. News events:

- i. Lenten pastoral message from Archbishop Anne Germond
"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong...Isaiah 58.11. Link to the message at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/16/lenten-pastoral-message-from-archbishop-anne-germond/>
- ii. Diocesan ACW Conference Wednesday May 26 SAVE THE DATE
via Jacquie Howell, ACW Treasurer
Jacquie Howell has sent information for all women in this Deanery to attend via ZOOM the ACW Annual Conference. There are three (3) documents (PDF format) attached to this Digest edition (Registration, the 2021 Thank Offering and a request for women who have died in the last two years).
- iii. Archbishop Anne announces new appointments across the Diocese
New appointments and new ministry models across Algoma. Link to announcement at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/16/archbishop-anne-announces-new-appointments-across-the-diocese/>
- iv. March 4-6 (online): A3D 2021 Conference (formerly Archdeacons and Deacon Directors' Conference), with keynote from Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Link to this ONLINE conference (Registration required - \$65.00) at:
<https://www.episcopaldeacons.org/a3d-2021.html>

- v. Friday, March 5 (worldwide): World Day of Prayer
 - (1) Link to information at:
<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/>
 - (2) Canadian Virtual Service for World Day of Prayer available
via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
The World Day of Prayer takes place this year on Friday, March 5. A number of resources for the day are available through WICC, including the video of an hour-long prayer service. Link to online service at:
<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate/>
- vi. Lay Reader's Quiet Day led by Archbishop Anne March 20 2021
via Alison Weir Diocesan Warden Of Lay Readers
I have attached a flyer about a Quiet Morning for Lay Readers and Lay Readers in training that is being led by Archbishop Anne Germond. It will be held on Saturday March 20th from 9:00 to Noon and registration information is on the flyer.
I look forward to participating with you in this Lenten Quite Morning. See attached poster.
- 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 3rd and 4th episodes – “I can hear you whispering” and “The Toll It Takes”
In this week's podcast episode, Chief Derrick Henderson, Erin Courchene and Linda Dorie from Sagkeeng First Nation talk about working on the front lines in their community. Listen at:
<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>
 - ii. For the Love of Creation's faith-in-action campaign kicks off
 - (1) For the Love of Creation, a national initiative from several faith-based organizations, has kicked off its faith-in-action campaign, which runs until October 4 and will include a public witness event on April 22 (Earth Day). Visit the website to find out how you can take action for creation. Link to article at:
<https://forthe loveofcreation.ca/advocacy/campaign/>

- (2) Prayer for the Planet: Rachel Mash from GREEN Anglicans
via the Lambeth Conference Prayer Journey
Today in prayers of hope for the world, the Rev. Dr Rachel Mash, prays for the planet. The Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash is the Environmental Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and also the secretary to the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. Link via vimeo at:
<https://vimeo.com/498511407>
View all prayers for the week...
<https://www.lambethconference.org/resources/prayers/week-6/>
- iii. "God's People: Grounded in Faith, Filled with Hope, Called to Action", 26th Annual Celebration Service of the Black Heritage of our Church via News from General Synod
Sunday February 28 2021 4 PM to 6 PM EST online service (registration required – free). Link at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-26th-annual-celebration-service-of-the-black-heritage-of-our-church-tickets-137724751439>
- iv. Elizabeth Cady Stanton: Taking a stand against slavery and against racial equality via Wycliffe College
Can one be a social advocate for one group while diminishing the rights of another? Professor Marion Taylor sheds light on the renowned abolitionist, women's rights activist and feminist biblical commentator Elizabeth Stanton's less known lobbying effort against the suffrage of black men. Link to story at:
<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog/elizabeth-cady-stanton-taking-stand-against-slavery-and-against-racial-equality>
- v. Faith voices support Bill C-15 (PDF)
via the Hill Times (by way of faithinthe declaration.ca)
More than 30 members of a Canadian faith coalition, of which the Anglican Church of Canada is a supporter, met online last month with Justice Minister David Lametti. The group posed questions including whether the proposed legislation (Bill C-15: An Act Respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) would become a high-enough priority to avoid stalling in Parliament. Link to article with background at:
https://6efb3bb8-bea3-40b9-a2c5-723c48e24a7b.filesusr.com/ugd/f60781_31cc44f616804140b66d3e8805706291.pdf
Link to background of the letter in support of this issue and the UN Declaration at: <https://www.faithinthe declaration.ca/>

- vi. Volunteer group gets shelter as they help people who are homeless via CBC Sudbury
 Since September, a community group in Sudbury has been providing donated clothing and toiletries to individuals who are homeless or on a low-income. To keep recipients and volunteers warm, the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury (Diocese of Algoma) has partnered to offer space to hold distribution events each week. Link to article at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/church-epiphany-sudbury-volunteers-used-clothing-1.5915547>
- vii. Critical Black Christian voices
 Have you been following the Black history content from the Diocese of Huron? The Rev. Steve Greene has published social media posts of critical Black voices within Christianity which will continue throughout February. Visit the Deanery of London Facebook page to learn more about these important historical and modern-day Black figures of faith. Link to articles at:
<https://www.facebook.com/DeaneryLondon>
- c. Reflections
 - i. The Christian case for supporting abortion rights via the Critic
 The Rev. Michael Coren (Diocese of Niagara) says that the Bible simply doesn't have anything pertinent to say about abortion, and the current extremism alienates people from the church. Link to this article at:
<https://thecritic.co.uk/the-christian-case-for-supporting-abortion-rights/>
 - ii. Encounters with Christ, a Lenten sermon series
 via Anglican Church of Canada News
 Thursdays, February 18–April 1, 10am ET (online via ZOOM). Sponsored by The Diocese of London. Link to the list of speakers and registration information at:
<http://www.stpaulscathedral.on.ca/news-and-events/events/len-ten-sermon-series>
 - iii. The surprising gift of knowing my vocation via The Christian Century
 Duke Divinity School professor Ellen Davis writes about how she became the kind of person who wants to do the work to which she's called. Link to article at:
<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/how-my-mind-has-changed/surprising-gift-knowing-my-vocation>

- v. via The Society of St. John the Evangelist Beloved
Lent is about love, a clearing season to be deeply honest with God. Jesus went into the wilderness after God said: You are my beloved with whom I am well pleased. Settle into Lent with this firm foundation: We are God's beloved children. –Br. Luke Ditewig
- d. Covid Updates
 - i. Updated RED Stage Protocols for Loving our Neighbours – February 16, 2021
Please review the updated RED Stage Protocols issues Feb 16–2021. See attached document.
 - ii. A prayer for mourning
Bishop Jane (Diocese of Edmonton) speaks to the difficulty of grieving during this pandemic, sharing from her own experience and leading in a prayer for mourning. Link to article at:
<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/message/2021-02-17-bishop-jane-a-prayer-for-mourning>
 - iii. Emerging together from the pandemic via The Anglican Planet
Surviving the pandemic has entailed revamping the way parishes operate. The Diocese of Calgary made grants available to enable even small churches to purchase video equipment and applied for salary relief on behalf of the parishes. Link to article at:
<https://anglicanplanet.net/emerging-together-from-the-pandemic/>
- e. Prayers Requested
 - i. Anglican–Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
 - ii. Biden signals willingness to dialogue with bishops and other faith leaders via Religion News Service
The U.S. president has made clear that the scope of the White House Office of Faith–Based and Neighbourhood Partnerships is broader than settling religious differences. Link to article at:
<https://religionnews.com/2021/02/17/biden-signals-willingness-to-dialogue-with-bishops-and-other-faith-leaders/>
- f. Resources
 - i. The Opening Ceremonies of Lent Madness XII
via Lent Madness: Who will win the Golden Halo? – Forward Day By Day
This online annual Lenten series which is occasionally referred to as the "saintly smackdown", begins its twelfth season on Thursday,

February 18. Learn about various saints and vote for your "favourites" in this lighthearted Lenten competition. Link to this News Letter at:
<https://www.lentmadness.org/2021/02/the-opening-ceremonies-of-lent-madness-xii/>

- ii. 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/>

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