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[Editor's Notes: Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please feel free to send them to me.]

LENT 4

1. News and Events

a. News events:

- i. A prayer from Primate Linda Nicholls on the anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic declaration

For in you we find all that is needed — for whatever lies ahead.
Amen.

God of infinite compassion and mercy,
Our hearts are overflowing with a flood of emotions from the past
year,

Fear and sorrow and grief — endurance, relief, and hope,
For the families of all who have died, who have been unable yet to
mourn, we ask your comfort

For health care workers persevering in the battle with the
we ask your strength and courage,

For government and public health leaders
we ask your wisdom

For all facing the relentless uncertainties that continue
we ask your endurance and peace,

We give thanks

for the resilience discovered within us,

We give thanks

for all who continue to work to protect and care for us

We give thanks

for your unending love and compassion in our midst at all
times.

As we face the year ahead

fill our hearts with that same love and compassion for our
world and its need

ii. Lay Readers

(1) Quiet Day led by Archbishop Anne.

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.

(2) 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!

iii. WCC invites youth to Stewards Programme for 11th Assembly in 2022 via World Council of Churches (WCC)

The WCC invites young people (ages 18-30) to be stewards at the 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 2022. The invitation is open to young people from a variety of backgrounds, churches and regions. **The deadline to apply is April 10.** Link to article and application at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-invites-youth-to-stewards-programme-for-11th-assembly-in-2022>

iv. Launch and excerpt reading of "I Will Arise and Go Now", a book by Herbert O'Driscoll, hosted by the Diocese of British Columbia. ZOOM meeting March 18 2021 available online at:

<https://bc.anglican.ca/events/herbert-odriscoll-book-launch/2021-03-18>

b. Seeking Justice

i. Sacred Teachings new season "Suicide: the Other Pandemic: Episode 7: "The power of music"

This latest episode of the podcast looks at how grassroots community-based music camps can make a world of difference. **Content warning/reminder: This season's episodes discuss themes of suicide.** Listen at:

<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>

ii. Done and undone and in between

The latest edition of the Anglican Reconciliation Connections newsletter is available. Read the latest news about the Church's path of reconciliation, right relationship and justice-seeking. Link

to Newsletter at:

<https://mailchi.mp/national/done-and-undone-and-in-between>

- iii. Anglican Bishops call for a halt to drilling in the Kavango, Namibia
Both Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls and Archbishop Mark MacDonald have signed the petition to halt exploratory oil drilling in the environmentally-sensitive and protected area in Namibia.
Link to article at:
<http://www.greenanglicans.org/anglican-bishops-call-for-a-halt-to-drilling-in-the-kavango-namibia/>
- iv. Anglican leaders 'condemn' Archbishop of Nigeria's anti-LGBTQQ+ message
via Winnipeg Free Press
Citing concerns for the safety of LGBTQQ+ Anglicans and others in Manitoba, Bishop Geoff Woodcroft (Diocese of Rupert's Land) wrote a letter of concern to the Archbishop of Canterbury last week. Bishop Geoff's letter was in response to a statement from the Primate of Nigeria, who referred to homosexuality as a "deadly 'virus'" and who also insisted that LGBTQQ+ members should be "urgently and radically expunged" from the Church. Link to article at:
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/anglican-leaders-condemn-archbishop-of-nigerias-anti-lgbtqq-message-573926432.html>
See also Archbishop of Canterbury's statement...:
<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/statement-archbishop-canterbury-regarding-comments-primate-nigeria>
- v. Faithful climate conversations
To encourage dialogue on climate change, For the Love of Creation developed Faithful Climate Conversations, a series of guides to facilitate small group conversations on climate change. For the Love of Creation is a national initiative that brings together faith bodies and faith-based organizations in Canada. Link to various articles at: <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/resources/>
- vi. Tuesdays, March 23–April 27 (online): Do no harm: A fresh perspective on anti-human trafficking work, weekly webinar series from the Collaborative Network To End Exploitation. Link to series of webinars at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/do-no-harm-a-fresh-perspective-on-anti-human-trafficking-work-tickets-142258873119>

- vii. Anti-racism resources
As one small part of the collective efforts in the Diocese of British Columbia, the diocesan website hosts a curated space sharing anti-racism resources. Find books, websites, podcasts, videos and more to help you or your parish to begin or continue your journey of truth-telling and healing from the harms of colonialism and whiteness. Link at:
<https://bc.anglican.ca/resources/anti-racism-resources>

- vii. Prof. Dr Azza Karam: Thursdays in Black “can build the strongest mountain of human dignity” via World Council of Churches
The interview series with Thursdays in Black ambassadors highlights those who are playing a vital role in increasing the impact of our collective call for a world without rape and violence. Prof. Dr Azza Karam is Secretary General of Religions for Peace. Link to article at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/prof-dr-azza-karam-thursdays-in-black-can-build-the-strongest-mountain-of-human-dignity>

c. Reflections

- i. Toward a Common Prayer: An Intergenerational Dialogue within the Anglican Church of Canada
What are the points of commonality, particularly around prayer? How do we address generational tension? The recently hosted panel discussion and Q&A explored themes of common prayer, generational change, and the current and future use of the Book of Common Prayer (1962) in the Canadian Anglican context. Link to vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/514107182/c6463602f0>
- ii. READ/LISTEN: What if you were held accountable for every word you ever said? via CBC Radio's Tapestry
Malcolm Guite, poet and Anglican priest, discusses the topics from a poem he wrote ten years, What If. The poem raises questions surrounding what would happen if we faced consequences for every word we'd ever used, whether spoken aloud, uttered under our breath or written. Read and/or listen at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/tapestry/honesty-and-responsibility-1.5937180/what-if-you-were-held-accountable-for-every-word-you-ever-said-1.5938164>
- ii. via The Society of St. John the Evangelist
Signs
Life is sacramental: the outward signs reveal the inward grace. The outward sign of bread and wine at the altar are what they are — real bread from the earth and wine, the fruit of the vine — and yet

they are revelatory of more, of Jesus' real presence. That sacramental principle is a template for life. The whole of life is intended to be like that: sacramental. It is what it is, and yet it is symbolic of something more, a channel of revelation.

–Br. Curtis Almquist

d. Covid Updates

- i. A pastoral message from the Archbishop and Archbishop's Council regarding Red Stage protocols
We are a family of faith! Link to message at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Letter-re-Red-Stage-from-Archbishops-Council-March-2021-web.pdf>
- ii. Role for church seen in vaccinating North via Anglican Journal
As Canada begins rolling out COVID-19 vaccines, people in First Nations represent more than half of all hospitalizations in some parts of Western Canada. Health authorities say faith organizations can play a vital role in supporting vaccination efforts. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/role-for-church-seen-in-vaccinating-north/>
- iii. Preparing to meet the 'final wave': grief via Anglican Journal
When the successive waves of the COVID-19 virus have passed, Canon Richard LeSueur writes, there will be a further wave of emotional, psychological and spiritual need. Christians can play a significant role in that 'final wave'. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/preparing-to-meet-the-final-wave-grief/>
- iv. Landmark Montreal seniors' home closing after COVID ravages residents via the Montreal Gazette
The Fulford Residence is one of the rare buildings in downtown Montreal that still evokes the area's rural past. Founded in 1855 by the Anglican Church and in its current location since 1890, the residence is one of the latest victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. Link to article at:
<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/landmark-residence-faces-closure>
- v. Bells at St. Joseph's and St. Aidan's commemorate hardships and victories of the pandemic via DiscoverMooseJaw.com
"You can't ring church bells as an individual experience, they ring out over the whole city. They've served a number of purposes over

the years, but now in the last year, in particular, I think that they've been able to provide some hope to a much broader community." (Diocese of Qu'Appelle) Link to article at:

<https://www.discovermoosejaw.com/local/bells-at-st-joseph-s-and-st-aidan-s-a-commemorate-hardships-and-victories-of-the-pandemic>

vi. Suffering from COVID-19—months after recovering

via Anglican Journal

It's estimated that a tenth of COVID-19 survivors suffer from long-term symptoms. On the one-year anniversary of the March 2020 lockdowns in Canada, the Anglican Journal heard from some Anglicans about their lives after COVID-19.

e. Prayers Requested

i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.

ii. Condolences to the Porter family (Beyer)

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3 Link to information at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/03/10/condolences-to-the-porter-family-beyer/>

f. Resources

Pandemic-inspired book of reflections available for pre-order

Eucharistic Practice & Sacramental Theology in Pandemic Times, currently available as a free PDF on the anglican.ca website, is now available for purchase as a printed book through the Anglican eStore. The book contains more than 40 theological reflections from Anglican and ecumenical minds across Canada and beyond. Pre-orders are being accepted and are expected to ship April 1. Link to order page at:
<https://anglican.gilmore.ca/en/product/4e7cbba4-0d99-4666-b2df-344afec04d44>

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
https://www.anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/aj-mar2021_web.pdf

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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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