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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. Most information is from the Anglican Church of Canada's News from General Synod and Algoma News web pages.]

EASTER 7 ASCENSION SUNDAY

1. News and Events

a. News events:

i. Covid Updates

- (1) Has the Covid pandemic affected the Church?
Share your thoughts in an online survey! Link to survey at:
<http://www.yorksja.ac.uk/coronavirus-church-and-you/>
- (2) 'Our response ... gives me huge hope' via Anglican Journal
The pandemic has spurred church leaders to engage congregations in new ways, writes church statistician Canon Neil Elliot. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/our-response-gives-me-huge-hope/>
- (3) Markham, Ont., vaccine initiative shows what happens when tech and faith team up via Broadview Magazine
The Rev. Nicola Skinner and Ray Lai of Grace Anglican Church are part of a team that booked more than 3,000 seniors for appointments. Link to article at:
<https://broadview.org/markham-vaccines-church/>
- (4) The invisible workforce via Mission to Seafarers
Maritime industry journalist Michael Grey reflects on how much we owe to seafarers for the sacrifices they have made during the pandemic. Link to story at:
<https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/the-sea/the-invisible-workforce>

- (5) News from Camp Temiskaming
2021 season cancelled due to COVID-19. Link to story at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/05/13/news-from-camp-temiskaming/>
- ii. WCC laments "precious lives lost," abhors violence affecting places of worship in Holy Land via World Council of Churches
World Council of Churches (WCC) acting general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca expressed mounting concern and profound grief at the rising toll of people killed and injured in the escalating violence in Israel and Palestine. Link to article at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-laments-precious-lives-lost-abhors-violence-affecting-places-of-worship-in-holy-land>
See also, full statement from the Patriarchs and Heads of Jerusalem Churches concerning the recent violence in Jerusalem...at:
<https://www.lpj.org/archives/patriarchs-and-heads-of-jerusalem-churches-concerned-about-alaksa-mosque-worshippers-and-s-heikh-jarrah-families.html>
- iii. CoGS highlights from Spring 2021 session
Over the weekend, members of the Council of General Synod (CoGS) gathered together via Zoom conference.
Highlights May 7 at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-general-synod-may-7-2021/30033791/>
Highlights May 8 at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-general-synod-may-8-2021/30033799/>
Highlights from Sunday, May 9 at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-general-synod-may-9-2021/30033820/>
- iv. Registration now open for National Worship Conference
"Disruption and Grace: Learning Edges in Liminal Times" will provide an opportunity for participants to listen, reflect and talk thoughtfully together about the significant disruption and grace experienced during this pandemic; and, to glean new learnings and possibilities together. The conference will be held July 6-7.
Link to registration at:
<https://www.nationalworshipconference.org/>
- v. The Sacred Circle – "Beginnings"
Missioner for Native Justice Kerry Baisley (Diocese of New Westminster) comments on the current progress of the

self-determining Indigenous church. Link to article at:
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/the-sacred-circle-beginnings>

- vi. Anglican Foundation of Canada – upcoming Annual General Meeting via Algoma News
 May 19th at 5 p.m. – Registration required! Link to information and registration at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/04/27/anglican-foundation-of-canada-upcoming-annual-general-meeting/>
- vii. Diocesan ACW 53rd Annual Meeting May 26 via ZOOM.
 Registration and agenda documents (4) attached. Invitation and Annual booklet will sent to you via email following the May 6 deadline registration date.
- viii. May 13–23: Thy Kingdom Come —Anglican Communion Global Prayer Initiative
 The Diocese of Fredericton has compiled a number of resources on their website for the upcoming global prayer initiative from Ascension to Pentecost. Among the list is a 24/7 Prayer Vigil hosted by the diocese—all are welcome to sign up. Link:
<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/thy-kingdom-come--470/2021-05-13>
- ix. June 4–5 (online): Mothers' Union National Conference
 (information in PDF format), registration is free and required by May 18. Information at:
https://churchos-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/2021/05/02/09/18/12/30ca9f02-5aaf-49c8-9521-3cc474f1927c/MU_2021_conference_details.pdf
- b. Justice
 - i. Anglicans in Kenya donate sanitary and hygiene supplies for survivors of sexual violence via Anglican Communion News Service
 Kenyan authorities and aid agencies have seen a spike in sexual abuse cases during the pandemic. Kenya's Ministry of Health said that last year they received reports of at least 5,000 sexual violence cases across the country, 65 per cent of them involving girls younger than 18. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/05/anglicans-in-kenya-a-donate-sanitary-and-hygiene-supplies-for-survivors-of-sexual-violence.aspx>

- ii. Faith organizations, rights advocacy groups urge PM Trudeau to actively support global vaccine equity
The Anglican Church of Canada is one signatory among many in a recent letter to the Prime Minister advocating for increased access to vaccines globally. Link to letter at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/faith-organizations-rights-advocacy-groups-urge-pm-trudeau-to-actively-support-global-vaccine-equity/30033842/>
- iii. Poverty via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
Cathy Reid, WICC president-elect, looks at how the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand in Matthew 14:13-21 talks of compassion for people who are hungry, and of sharing even the little that may be available. Link to article at:
<https://wicc.org/poverty/>
- iv. Racism
 - (1) In Minnesota, sacred stories of racial justice are being created: will the world listen? via World Council of Churches
How does a group of Christian leaders from Minnesota (USA) focus on writing reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023 while, at the same time, addressing the urgent racism, violence and white supremacy surrounding them? Link to story at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/in-minnesota-sacred-stories-of-racial-justice-are-being-created-will-the-world-listen>
 - (2) Wade in the water via the Niagara Anglican
"We have been called to be present to one another in a manner that upholds the dignity and worth of each of us, made in the image of God." The Rev. Garfield Wu (Diocese of Niagara) offers insight into the work of the diocesan Anti-Racism Working Group. Link to story at:
<https://niagaraanglican.news/2021/04/28/wade-in-the-water/>
- v. Gender Issues
 - (1) Meet Theo Robinson, one of Canada's first openly transgender Anglican priests via Broadview Magazine
The Winnipeg clergyperson understands the history of fear stopping people from joining churches. "I am relieved that my body now feels the way it should have my whole life. But five years ago, I was filled with panic and fear." Link to story

at:

<https://broadview.org/theo-robinson-transgender-priest/>

- (2) Megan Rohrer elected as first openly transgender bishop in U.S. Lutheran Church via NPR.org

The Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer has been elected as the first openly transgender bishop in the ELCA and will serve as bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod. "I am honored and humbled by the Synod's affirmation of my leadership skills. And, I am delighted that my election points to the unending love God has for Their fabulously diverse creation." Link to story at:

<https://www.npr.org/2021/05/09/995271758/megan-rohrer-elected-as-1st-openly-transgender-bishop-in-u-s-lutheran-church>

vi. Creation

CoE churches launch nature count to assess biodiversity within "National Park" of churchyards via the Church of England

An interesting initiative from across the pond—hundreds of churches in the Church of England and the Church in Wales have already signed up to a week-long 'nature count' occurring this summer, which will encourage people to visit churchyards and record what they see. Link to story at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/news-release/s/churches-launch-nature-count-assess-biodiversity-within-national-park>

c. Requests for prayer

- i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week – attached.

- ii. Prayers requested – Beverly Gaines

So do not fear, for I am with you... More information at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/05/13/prayers-requested-beverly-gaines/>

- iii. May 13–23: Thy Kingdom Come —Anglican Communion Global Prayer Initiative

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d. Reflections

- i. Dance then, whoever you may be via Rupert's Land News
Spiritual health practitioner Chris Salstrom writes of a coronavirus outbreak that occurred in her long-term care unit and the spontaneous ritual that sprang up out of this highly stressful situation. Link to story at:
<https://rupertslandnews.ca/dance-then-whomever-you-may-be/>
- ii. 'I find it puzzling': Religious involvement in anti-lockdown protests at odds with other congregations via CTV News Kitchener
"I find it puzzling that religious communities have been at the forefront of the protests," said Marty Levesque, the Rector of All Saints' Anglican in Waterloo (Diocese of Huron). "An expression of our love is to care for one another; and the simplest way and best way we can care for one another is to protect one another." Link to article at:
<https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/i-find-it-puzzling-religious-involvement-in-anti-lockdown-protests-at-odds-with-other-congregations-1.5423862>
- iii. Localized ordination programs open doors to ministry for nontraditional clergy candidates via Episcopal News Service
Increasingly, dioceses in The Episcopal Church (U.S.) are turning to local programs and Anglican partners to train leaders who feel called to ordained ministry and for whom ordination might not otherwise be an option, whether that's due to time or financial constraints or family commitments. Link to story at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/05/11/localized-ordination-programs-open-doors-to-ministry-for-nontraditional-clergy-candidates/>
Also notable—as diocesan ministry developer in Rupert's Land the Rev. Dr. Heather McCance points out, via separate comment on social media—collaboration is also taking place in Canada between local schools of ministry in the dioceses of Kootenay, Qu'Appelle and Saskatoon; with Emmanuel and St Chad College, Henry Budd College for Ministry and St John's College all building contextual ministry training, mentorship and solid biblical and theological formation.
- iv. From the Brothers of St. John the Evangelist
 - (1) Listen
Jesus knew the needs of those around him because he listened intently. He also knew that people experience the healing presence of God when they are able to listen to their own needs and are invited to name them, so he asked

questions like “What do you want me to do for you?” and “What are you looking for?” Listening is a crucial first step in responding to human need. –Br. Keith Nelson

- (2) Light
You are the image and likeness of the Holy One. You are aglow with the infinite beauty of Christ’s light.
–Br. Nicholas Bartoli

e. Resources

- i. The Anglican Journal: May issue now online. :
www.anglicanjournal.com
- ii. REMINDER: Registered Charity Return Due June 30, 2021
Do not forget to file the Registered Charity Information Return (T3010) by June 30, 2021. All parishes with a valid Charity Taxation Registration Number must file this return. Failure to remit will result in the charity Number being revoked.
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/05/12/reminder-registered-charity-return-due-june-30-2021/>
We suggest you contact Revenue Canada Charities Division at 1-800-267-2384 or go to their website at [...]:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/rc4034.html>
- iii. Anglican Deacons Canada's 2021 virtual conference announced
Themed "Deacons in a Pandemic & its Aftermath: Coming Together in Virtual Community", the conference will take place July 9-10.
Link to information and registration at:
<https://www.anglicandeacons.ca/news/register-now-for-adcs-2021-virtual-conference>
- iv. Saturday, May 29, 11 am AT (online): Wonder, a worship conference for worship leaders, songwriters, musicians, creatives and tech teams. Registration at:
<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/wonder-worship-conference/2021-05-29>

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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