

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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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.]

First Week of Easter

1. News and Events

a. **Requests for prayer**

i. Public announcement of the resignation of Archbishop Mark MacDonald

With regret and sorrow, the Church announces receipt of allegations of sexual misconduct concerning Archbishop Mark MacDonald, who has resigned as National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop in the Anglican Church of Canada, and formally relinquished the exercise of the ordained ministry pursuant to Canon XIX, effective April 20, 2022. The following web address includes a pastoral letter from Archbishop Anne...

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Letter-to-the-Diocese-re-Archbishop-Mark-MacDonald-April-20-2022.pdf>

See also via the Anglican Journal, "National Indigenous archbishop resigns after sexual misconduct allegations"...

<https://anglicanjournal.com/national-indigenous-archbishop-resigns-after-sexual-misconduct-allegations/>

ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycles See attached document

iii. April 24, 2022: Prayer for Ukraine and for Peace for the World via Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)

In solidarity with the Ukrainian Bishops of Canada, the CCC invites all worshipping communities to pray for peace and to ring their church bells at 12 noon local time (or offer some other liturgical

action appropriate in your community) as a sign and celebration of hope. Prayers and additional resources are available on the CCC website.

<https://www.councilofchurches.ca/news/april-24-2022-prayer-for-ukraine-and-for-peace-for-the-world/>

- b. Anglican Communion Environmental Network: Latest news (ACEN Digest)
via Anglican Communion Environmental Network

This weekly email newsletter provides a roundup of news and events taking place in the Anglican Communion and beyond, with a lens on environmental and climate justice.

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=b2f87f048d2c0198463f9c956&iid=fd24aa65c9>

- c. ACW Annual – June 1st

REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY MAY 6TH!!

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministries/anglican-church-women-acw/>

- d. Justice

- i. Algoma Social Justice Committee

via Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green, Church of the Epiphany

Dear Friends and Colleagues in the Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery,

I need to bring to your attention two matters that I ask that you please discuss with your parish councils and faithful members.

- (1) Algoma Social Justice Committee – Please help raise your community's awareness of the work and ministry of the Algoma Social Justice Committee. A good place to begin is by sharing the attached SJC Report that was submitted to the Executive Committee earlier this year.. You will see that the overarching theme of the work of the SJC is Addressing Poverty in the North. We need you to begin speaking to your congregations, in your context, about the issues and impact of poverty where you are. As the Regional Dean and member of the SJC, it is both my aim and my hope that we can eventually form a Deanery Team to specifically look at how we address and confront the issue of poverty. To begin, the SJC hopes to meet with members of each Deanery in Algoma via Zoom.. Every member of the SJC is planning to meet with members of their deaneries – from Thunder Bay to Muskoka.

We also ask that congregations engage with provincial election candidates about Poverty in the North. A suggested

question might be: What are you going to do to alleviate poverty in the north?

- (2) Epiphany Live-Stream – For any in your parish who continue to struggle, or feel uncomfortable with in-person worship, please remind them that they are invited to join the Epiphany's live-stream worship should they choose. This may be especially helpful for parishes in transition. All worship services are available through the Church of the Epiphany website.
- ii. A message from Anglican, Lutheran leaders for Earth Day 2022
On Earth Day (Friday, April 22) and every day, our Christian faith offers hope for new possibilities and resurrection. Read the Earth Day message from Anglican and Lutheran leaders, which was originally published on [anglicanlutheran.ca](https://anglicanlutheran.ca/statements/a-message-from-anglican-lutheran-leaders-for-earth-day-2022/) earlier this week.
<https://anglicanlutheran.ca/statements/a-message-from-anglican-lutheran-leaders-for-earth-day-2022/>
- iii. From a war zone to safety, for now
via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
Irina, 31, was a nurse who lived in a village in the Donetsk region in Ukraine when the war started. She and her two children are now living in a shelter with 12 other people.
<https://pwrdf.org/from-a-war-zone-to-safety-for-now/>
- iv. Ecumenical Leaders champion the Korea Peace Appeal
via The United Church of Canada
This month, leaders of several Canadian denominations and ecumenical bodies joined the call for peace in Korea, publicly endorsing the Korea Peace Appeal campaign.
<https://united-church.ca/news/ecumenical-leaders-champion-korea-peace-appeal>
- v. Wednesday, April 27, 7:30pm ET (online): Indigenizing Canada: Truth and Reconciliation and Next Steps in Canada, part of a discussion series with Prof. Ray Aldred.
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/indigenizing-canada/2022-04-27>
- vi. Wednesday, April 27, 7pm ET (online): Opening the Door to a Just Conversation – Ontario Election 2022, co-hosted by the Dioceses of Toronto and Niagara.
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/opening-the-door-to-a-just-conversation-provincial-election-2022-tickets-319809267127>

e. **Reflections**

- i. "God is on the side of those who are suffering"
via World Council of Churches (WCC)
Since the first day of the war in Ukraine and even in the months before, the WCC been working and praying earnestly for peace in this conflict and throughout the world. WCC News met online with acting general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca to get the latest update on this work.
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/fr-ioan-sauca-god-is-on-the-side-of-those-who-are-suffering>
- ii. Contemplation & Theology via St. Dunstan's Centre for Spiritual Renewal
This four week offering (held Tuesdays, [April 19–May 10] offered with a morning or evening option) will explore central themes of Christian doctrine such as creation, sin, Christ, Trinity and more. Participants will take time to listen, linger, and enjoy sacred conversation. ...To register for events, visit
ST-DUNSTANS.CA
As we offer an honourarium to our facilitators for their work, registration is pay-what-you-can. Consider choosing your registration fee in a way that will help others with theirs. Let's ensure this is accessible to all. All events have a \$0 registration option.
- iii. Canada across the religious spectrum: A portrait of the nation's inter-faith perspectives during Holy Week via Angus Reid Institute
The non-profit Angus Reid Institute, in partnership with Cardus, has surveyed Canadians about their faith journeys—not just among majority religious communities, but across the religious spectrum.
<https://angusreid.org/canada-religion-interfaith-holy-week/>
See also via Global News, "Canadians consider religions more damaging than beneficial: survey" ...
<https://globalnews.ca/video/8768300/canadians-consider-religions-more-damaging-than-beneficial-survey>
See also via CTV News, "Nearly half of Canadians say religion contributes both good and bad to society: survey" ...
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/nearly-half-of-canadians-say-religion-contributes-both-good-and-bad-to-society-survey-1.5867548>
- iv. "Know something? God isn't finished yet"
Canon Herbert O'Driscoll (Diocese of New Westminster) shares a simple yet powerful reflection about Creation.

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/blog/know-something-god-isn-t-finished-yet>

v. From the Society of St. John the Evangelist

(1) Shock

Death no longer has the power to shock us. We know what to do, what is expected, how to behave. What has the power to shock us is life – the unpredictable, risky, and Spirit-filled life toward which Jesus' resurrection points us. His risen life lived in us should alarm, terrify, and amaze us. That is the life we proclaim at Easter. That is the life which will rouse us from death.

–Br. James Koester

(2) Victory

We see Jesus, felled in battle, dead on the cross. So too will we taste death in this fight. But if the battle of Christ is ours, and the death of Christ is ours, then so too is his victory. So too is his triumph over the grave, his joy, his resurrection, his love, and his life.

–Br. Lucas Hall

(3) Journey

All too often I consider pain to be a sign of failure: a failure of not having planned correctly, a failure of having the wrong attitude, or even a failure of those around me. Jesus tells us and shows us that pain is not a sign of failure. Pain is an essential and unavoidable leg of the journey in our formation.

–Br. Jack Crowley

2. Parishes who are creating online services

See attached document

3. List of Parishes

See attached document (Updated Dec 17 2021)

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 Communion

Website: <https://anglicancommunion.org/>

8. Anglican Journal

Website: www.anglicanjournal.com

We send the Deanery Digest Fridays or Saturdays, usually before 10 PM.

Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please feel free to send them to me.

Feel free to send me and Allison Cline-Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. "Your Viewpoint" articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

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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