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| **April 27, 2021**  Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) Website: [nspeidiocese.ca/den](about:blank)  Facebook: [Environment Network Diocese of NS & PEI](about:blank)  Welcome to our weekly Enews.The Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) of the Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI, was formed in response to the Fifth Mark of Mission and the latest addition to our Baptismal Covenant which has become our Mission Statement.  ***“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”***  To do this we educate and encourage stewardship through social media and liturgies, connect with other environment groups, pray together, celebrate art with each other and grieve together. |
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| **“Earth Day” may be officially past but it is our job to make every day Earth Day**  To that end, a **rain barrel** is an excellent investment towards water conservation. There are a number of organizations fundraising through the sale of rain barrels and you can find the link here: <https://rainbarrel.ca/truckload-sales/> |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners upcoming events.jpg  **Rogation Tide Planting the seeds of change on April 29 @ 7 pm. Via Zoom.** Stations of Creation with Donna Giles & The Rev Marian Lucas-Jefferies  **Praying with the DEN Community** Morning Prayer every Friday at 9:30 by Zoom. To obtain the link, please email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank)  **DEN Ecological Grief Support Group:** The 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 to 8:00 pm by Zoom. Next session: May 17. We will begin each Group with a short presentation about some aspect of ecological grief. There will be lots of time for discussion if you wish. For further information, contact:  Nancy Blair at [nancyblaircounselling@gmail.com](about:blank)  **Seeking Justice together** – Virtual Conference May 17 – 20, 2021. Through a variety of [keynotes and workshops](https://cpj.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a90945b6cbae71eebd4485b0b&id=a481ec62cd&e=9cb955a0aa), participants will explore living examples of what it looks like to seek justice as people connected to one another and to the lands in which we live. We will consider how our identities, histories, systems, and geography shape our experiences of power and privilege, and how this informs the ways in which each of us are called to seek justice together. Speakers and facilitators will address issues of racism, Indigenous/settler reconciliation, 2SLGBTQQIA+ rights, disability rights, poverty in Canada, climate justice, and refugee rights. For more information: <https://cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together/>  **Canoe Raffle -** The Jijuktk'wejk Watershed Alliance is selling raffle tickets on a canoe! All proceeds from the raffle will directly support local river restoration and water-quality sampling to help our group meet our goal of a swimmable, drinkable and fishable Jijuktu’kwejk River.  Live draw, May 28, 2021. License # AGD-308688-21 The draw for a brand new Old Creel Canoe is now live- YOU can buy tickets to WIN A CANOE, and also support the restoration of the Cornwallis (Jijuktu'kwejk) River! Please visit the raffle page and buy some tickets- what if YOU win this beautiful, new, Old Creel canoe for a mere $10 or $20!!!  <https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/jwa>  <https://www.facebook.com/JijuktukwejkWatershed>  <https://jijuktukwejkwatershedalliance.wordpress.com/2021/04/03/win-a-canoe/> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Book Club.jpg  You’re invited to the BC – Yukon Kairos Spring Book Club featuring BRAIDED SWEETGRASS. A message from janet Gary, one of the facilitators: This will be our fourth time offering this bookclub and both Susan and I feel that this beautiful book has so many insights and the gifts to offer that we are enthusiastic about sharing it with others. Have you read it already? Would you consider sharing this Invite directly with either kairos friends or others in your circles? We have set the time so that it works for people to join us from eastern provinces as well as is out west.  Wednesdays April; 21/28. May 5/12/19. 4 – 515 pm Pacific time ( 8 pm to 915 pm Atlantic time). To register, email [graceful@shaw.ca](mailto:graceful@shaw.ca) |

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| **F:\0.Art Show\Gallery banner of the Arts Papyrus regular strong.jpg**  Our Gallery can be viewed at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/373394600384260](about:blank)  or  [https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-hope-inspiration-art-gallery](about:blank)  Contact us by email [endionspei@gmail.com](about:blank) |

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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners Advocacy.jpg    **Sign the open letter asking the Pope to pray for ne new fighter jets. TODAY is deadline**  <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwl1Cflxldx993tbjCqMR1hIY-LSDcDqEy3nfMuHawITzTMw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0S7gdfF9p-h3-a4uTVie4ILMXTmC7-fzlX0sR0wUAa949UjWAC05M8X3A>  **Another dangerous gold mine proposed for NS!** This project poses unacceptable risk to water, wetlands, wildlife, and Nova Scotia's climate resiliency. ⁠Response needed by April 30th:  Public comments can make a difference and everyone’s submissions are helpful.  <https://ecologyaction.ca/fifteen-mile-stream-proposed-gold-mine?fbclid=IwAR0qEXw5hountuAn1MoTqacpTCJw6D1lXXSEgYoElCvshAn178eO6HeIx38>  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **CRED-NB have launched a new tool** to make it easy for everyone to write a letter to federal Ministers in Ottawa responsible for funding nuclear power. They are working with a national coalition of environmental groups to keep nuclear out of the Clean Power Fund in the federal budget. As federal taxpayers, we need to ensure that our public $$ is spent on real clean power, renewable energy, not polluting nuclear energy that creates deadly high-level radioactive waste as an unwanted by-product and emits radioactive materials in operation. Please add your voice! A copy of the letter will be sent to your MP.  The information about the CRED campaign is here, including the link to write a letter: <https://crednb.ca/tell-ottawa/> The direct link to the letter-writing tool: <http://glcserve.com/smraction.html>  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------In the span of just one year, two of Procter & Gamble’s (P&G) top pulp suppliers sourced more than **five million cubic meters of wood.** That’s the equivalent of 2,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools worth of forest being cut down - ***in one year***. Despite P&G’s environmental lip service, **the company still refuses to avoid irresponsible suppliers whose large-scale logging in the boreal is not sustainable or ethical.** <https://act.stand.earth/page/28565/action/1?ea.tracking.id=email-kick&utm_content=textlink&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email-ea&utm_campaign=forests_tiss&ea.url.id=832140&forwarded=true>  ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**THINK CANADA IS A CLIMATE LEADER? A MAJORITY THINKS SO……. BUT ….ACTUALLY, CANADA RANKS 58TH OUT OF 61 COUNTRIES THAT PRODUCE 90% OF EMISSIONS. Please Sign A Petition to *Urgently* Increase Canada’s Climate Ambition and Action.** Canada’s federal government is rolling out its’ emissions targets, action plans and climate legislation that fall far short of meeting the level set by the IPCC in Paris in 2015. Read “**Why Getting to Paris with Trudeau Doesn’t Cut it**” at [**https://crednb.ca/2021/03/12/why-getting-to-paris-with-trudeau-doesnt-cut-it/**](https://crednb.ca/2021/03/12/why-getting-to-paris-with-trudeau-doesnt-cut-it/)to see the emissions reduction targets and the scientific ‘advisory body’ Canada needs. If you agree, please sign the House of Commons Petition at [**https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3221**](https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3221)You will receive a ‘No Reply’email from the House of Commons to open and respond to, confirming that you were the person who signed the petition. Jenica Atwin, MP for Fredericton NB, has agreed to present the petition in the House of Commons. It will remain open until May 11, 2021, so please share it as widely as possible!  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**Canadian Food Grains Bank is asking you to Make a Difference:** Remind Canada to do its part to fulfill its commitment toward a climate change response for developing countries. These are the countries who have done the least to contribute to climate change but are the most vulnerable to its impact. Build your own personalized letter to let your member of Parliament know that you care about climate change and global hunger, and that you want Canada to increase its effort to overcome it.  <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/online-letter/>  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**URGENT! E-MAILS NEEDED TO MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO ADOPT FRENCH RIVER WATERSHED REGULATIONS NOW. EVERY LETTER COUNTS!** In the fall of 2020, Kathryn Anderson shared on DEN's Thursday evening Zoom gathering the work of SuNNS (Sustainable Northern Nova Scotia) to ensure that gold mining does not happen on Warwick Mountain. It is extremely worrisome that the Watershed Regulations have not been adopted by the Department of the Environment,  since the Colchester County Municipal Council unanimously passed regulations on January 30th 2020, including a regulation to ban mining in the Tatamagouche Watershed January. The Municipal Council sent the Minister all background documentation in early May 2020.   SuNNS therefore urges DEN supporters to E-mail  the Minister of Environment and Climate Change right now, so Minister Irving knows that there are many Nova Scotia citizens who are concerned. Below is a suggested Email. If you have time, please briefly personalize it, as these letters have more impact.  **Email**The Honourable Keith Irving,[Minister.environment@novascotia.ca](mailto:Minister.environment@novascotia.ca) Please cc: Karen Casey, [karencasey@eastlink.ca](mailto:karencasey@eastlink.ca); Premier Iain Rankin, [PREMIER@novascotia.ca](mailto:PREMIER@novascotia.ca); Mayor Christine Blair, [cblair@colchester.ca](mailto:cblair@colchester.ca); Councillor Mike Gregory, [mgregory@colchester.ca](mailto:mgregory@colchester.ca) **Please bcc to:** [SUNNSmovement@gmail.com](mailto:SUNNSmovement@gmail.com) , so that we know how many Emails have been sent.  **Subject line Any variation on Urgent Please approve French River Watershed regulations now!**  **Content** Urge Minister Irving to immediately approve the proposed regulations for the French River Watershed under the Nova Scotia Environment Act, including regulations protecting the watershed against mining activities. Note that the request from the Municipality of the County of Colchester was passed unanimously by Council January 30th 2020, with strong community support. It was then submitted to the Department of the Environment with full documentation of the democratic process on May 11, 2020. It is now time to pass these regulations.  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Good Read – LNG and the Goldboro proposal** <https://nsadvocate.org/2021/04/19/lng-is-just-another-climate-killer-stop-the-nonsense-about-the-goldboro-proposal/>  Also <https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/environment/pieridaes-pipe-dream/>  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Mobilize local govt.jpg  The David Suzuki Foundation has created an online guide to help you work with local governments to build a healthy, sustainable future together. To find out more:  <https://davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/your-voice-at-the-table-guide-to-mobilizing-local-government-climate-action/?utm_source=mkto-second-englishBroadcast-button-body&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=localClimateActionGuide-ourNewGuide-en-11apr2021&mkt_tok=MTg4LVZEVS0zNjAAAAF8X8fs0Izdeh8XZYIZUp1Wmp3r_CEa6zpQdv-X6ZG6vwq9S_pDwCb2xHk-YRNyNLGT_jPz-YZX8B710x8wJa-TsfUcmaBgRnp7Xqj99uPPZBLm> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Good news.jpg  **From Nature Canada:** In a historic commitment, the federal government has pledged billions to protect nature and safeguard species. The federal budget invested nearly $1 billion in ocean conservation, and over $2 billion to protect land and freshwater, and support Indigenous-led conservation programs. **The 2021 budget news is a win for nature, and it is all thanks to folks just like you.** Thank you for donating, taking action and spreading the word about the importance of nature in our green economic recovery from COVID-19. The government has now taken a big step in the right direction toward meeting Canada’s target to protect 25% of land and ocean by 2025. However, while the budget is a strong start, the government must do more to achieve its targets. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Rogation.jpg  The Sixth Sunday of Easter is also known as Rogation Sunday. This year it is May 9th. Want to know more?  <https://anglicancompass.com/rogation-days-a-rookie-anglican-guide/>  <https://anglicancompass.com/rogation-days/>  <http://anglicanhistory.org/liturgy/cross_plow1950.html>  <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/OccasionalCelebrations.pdf>  <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-4> |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Green Burial.jpg   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Our March Green Burial Café was another success!** We presented a [brief overview of N](https://mailchi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=824068c96905fa34ee52b8853&id=3a6b35d594&e=1fdf35171f)[o Embalming](https://mailchi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=824068c96905fa34ee52b8853&id=d01f3d4002&e=1fdf35171f), one of the [5 Principles of Green Burial](https://mailchi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=824068c96905fa34ee52b8853&id=91b7f56050&e=1fdf35171f) identified by the [Green Burial Society of Canada](https://mailchi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=824068c96905fa34ee52b8853&id=1c433a15b6&e=1fdf35171f), then had an open conversation and question time with attendees from all across North America. See the bottom of this email for the notes, or [go to this PDF version](https://mailchi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=824068c96905fa34ee52b8853&id=9127af6e0e&e=1fdf35171f). **Join us again Tomorrow, April 28, 2021 on Zoom at noon ADT.** For questions regarding the Green Burial Café please reach out to Hanna at [gbnscommunications@gmail.com](mailto:gbnscommunications@gmail.com).  Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87392711263?pwd=Uy9KekRIeGpYaHh1cGhMbHNKVERodz09](https://mailchi.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=824068c96905fa34ee52b8853&id=d62043f121&e=1fdf35171f) Meeting ID: 873 9271 1263 Passcode: Green  **Volunteer Opportunity** Green Burial Nova Scotia is seeking a skillful volunteer to join our committee as the coordinator for future volunteers. For continuity, members serve for a two year renewable term. Meetings are held monthly, via Zoom, allowing for all Nova Scotians to apply. The responsibilities for the position include: sourcing, recruiting, managing and motivating volunteers.  Your skills would include excellent organizational skills and ability to communicate with people from diverse backgrounds. If interested, or to request more information, please submit your cover letter and resumé to Eileen Richmond at [erichmond@eastlink.ca](mailto:erichmond@eastlink.ca).  Applicants will receive an e-mail response. BIPOC and LGBTQ+ welcome | | | |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Raging Grannies.jpg  The Halifax Raging Grannies are back with an all new cast of characters! Their debut at the no-fighter-jets protest organized by NS Voice of Women for Peace was well received and the group has been welcomed by other RG gaggles and former RGs. We would love to increase our numbers and are looking forward to more gigs. There’s plenty to rage about! Contact quarterdeck@ ns.sympatico.ca. |

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| **Editor’s Note** – We are grateful to Grandma aka Claudia Zinck for her contributions to this Enews. In a newsletter with often depressing topics that can lead to despair, Claudia offers us joy. We hope you are sharing these projects and having fun with them. If you are, please share with us your photos.  *F:\DEN Enews\banners Grandmas Going Green.jpg*  **Wattle Fence**  The weather is warmer. We almost NEED to get outdoors but it still is too cold to plant all the garden.  Now is the time for the first planting of peas  I say the “first planting” as I try to plant peas every 2 weeks from at least May to August. I have grandbabies with big appetites. Raiding my garden for peas makes a good snack. I can always freeze some if there is extra. There hasn’t been any extra yet. Sometimes there are a few dry pods where I can put some away as seed for the next year, but that is another story.  The first bits of planting won’t take a long time. Now, what else can we do outdoors?  Every year I like to make a waddle fence just to use up all the bits of twigs and vines  Find a spot to the edge of your land or right in the middle of something you want to divide  Pound in upright sticks in the ground, about a foot or so apart. My newest fence has repurposed broom and mop sticks with one broken ski pole in the middle. Old tent poles work too. Use what you have around your home to make your creation.  As you prune a bush or tree or grapevine, weave them between the upright sticks. One branch will go in and out where the next one pulls along on the opposite side of the poles.  Although I add to the fence all summer, I try to start a new one every September. Even before the ground thaws the next spring, you can continue weaving. The branches bend tighter when green. If a fence is started and a few inches up in the fall, there is no need for the ground to thaw and let you start a new fence.  They only last for about 5 years although as my weaving gets better, the fences last longer. When they get wobbly, cut off at the bottom and store them through summer by a shed. Come winter let them cover flower beds to keep plants protected in winter  Happy weaving. This is how my last fence turned out. I plant my calla lilies in front of it.    **Now a Green Story.**  Do you know that the Staples stores sponsor several recycling projects? My favorite is the pen, marker, highlighter, and mechanical pencil recycle project  Bic alone manufactures 8 billion new writing instruments a year. That is 8 billion last year, this year, and every year going forward. Maybe more. It shows that not many still buy pen refills  Just have a collection box somewhere in your community, and take the collection to a Staples store  The Parish of Blandford had 8 collection spots before the pandemic. In January of 2020, The Municipality of Chester and I got together to count our pens. We had 3110 pens thanks to a 1500 collection by one man who had been collecting for 49 years.  Just as Covid was hitting the West coast I made one last dash and collected almost another 500 markers. Passed those in January 2021. I do have another large bag from our community centre waiting to be counted.  The Tera-cyclers want the plastic in the pens and markers. They use that plastic to make clipboards, cutting boards, and benches to name a few.  Even with Covid, consider starting a pen, marker, highlighter, and mechanical pencil collection. I collect them by dumping them in a clear plastic bag and let them sit a week in my basement. Covid can’t live on hard surfaces for more than hours but call me cautious.  Sending a picture of our big pile of pens. Jennifer from Chester Municipality assisted with counting these. That is what 3000 pens look like.     |  | | --- | | Editor’s Note: Staples will also take your batteries and print/toner cartridges for recycling. |   **Bits of News**  Remember how I was looking for R words  Laura Hunter sent me a few more: “recover”, “reclaim”, “re-imagine”, and “re-gift”.  I like re-imagine. Here is an example. I see my fog fence right down to this red square bucket to catch the water. This thing will work. My only problem is the two upright pieces. The wind will be blowing hard at times so they need to be sturdy.  Someone said, use the mailbox post holder and get 4 x 4’s. Great idea except I can only bring home 4 foot long pieces of wood. I need at least 6 feet. Then there were ideas about crowbars and sinking the 6-8 foot, 2 x 2 I have. Still a possibility. Another suggested the extra cement post feet I have after removing a deck. Again it was the 4 x 4 and my inability to bring home long pieces of wood. Then someone noticed a few 2 x 4’s I have in the shed. Two 2 x 4 make one 4 x 4. The light switch turns on. **Re-imagine**. A perfect word.  Monica Graham had other uses for laundry detergent bottles.  Punch nail holes in the cap of a laundry detergent bottle and you have a good watering can - not too strong a stream for tender plants.  Cut off the top side, opposite the handle, and use the bottles for berry-picking buckets. Yes, wash them first.  Use the cut-off part for a funnel.  All plastic bottles (shampoo, etc) can be cut down and nailed to the garage or shed wall or to fences or posts to hold odds and ends, tools, plants, or whatever.  Thanks, Monica. I have my new berry bucket now! Have to show you a picture another time.  Our Food recipe this week is not a sweet. Rather is a great snack for any time, but also great around a campfire, SO easy!  You need leftover cooked rice, (any kind you can cook ahead)  Salsa sauce and maybe a splash of lime.  A package of wraps  **Spanish Rice wraps**  Mix 1 ½ cups rice with a spoon or two of salsa and maybe that lime, and warm it a minute in the microwave.  Warm wraps in the microwave so they bend easy  In each wrap, spread out a tablespoon of the rice mixture  Roll the wrap and stick a toothpick in it to keep it together  I like to put the whole plate of them in the microwave for a minute but the leftover cold ones disappear very quickly.  ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  Ending with a picture from the Parish of Blandford this week. Earth Day turned out rainy and miserable. We couldn’t put our planting kits out by the road so the local convenience store called “The Deck” allowed us to put them inside their shop. Thanks, Annie!  May be an image of indoor and text that says 'Free Free Planting Kits Free Planting Kits ake One fora Friend TakeOne One for a riend cape'  Both Carole and I would love to hear of things in your community. Better still, what are YOU working on? What did you hear about that helps in the house or yard? What did your grandbabies show you this week? Let’s share every day home-helping stuff to help each other. Grandma’s sending hugs. |
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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners DEN video link.jpg  To watch the latest DEN video **Blue whale poo and the challenges of climate change** (David Ireland) go to <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network/pages/den-videos> |

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| Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.  Help us to act now for the good of future generations  and all your creatures.  Help us to become instruments of a new creation,  founded on the covenant of your love.  Amen.  - from [The Cry of the Earth](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/images/stories/cco_publications/other/cry_of_the_earth_pastoral_short.pdf) |