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| **May 04, 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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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners upcoming events.jpg  **The DEN Journey - Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) General Meeting Thursday May 13th, 7:00-8:30 by Zoom** We have been growing - more and more people connected to DEN and more and more activity. You are invited to a celebration as we come together to share our passion for a healthier planet and recognize plain hard work of the many people who have contributed the DEN community this past year. So it’s time for sharing stories, reflection and prayer. For exploring options, commitment and recommitment. A time to talk about what you most liked about the DEN community this past year. To review what we have been doing, what we have been called to do and whatever role you might want to play.  A time to enjoy together, to relax and perhaps even have fun. Bring your own treats and beverage. And if you have a chance, you might want to read DEN’s response to the attached 2019 Synod motion on the climate crisis.  Hope to see you on the 13th. To obtain the link Email: [endionspei@gmail.com](mailto:endionspei@gmail.com)  **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)  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Nature Canada Photo Contest –** Grab your camera and capture our magnificent world.https://eactivist.com/page/email?mid=d27cba49f84447bdb63899021a673d1e  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **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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| C:\Users\cayla\Pictures\banners Advocacy.jpg    **Another good petition asking the federal gov’t to stop subsidizing the big fossil fuel companies and projects**. Spending public money this way leads to increased emissions, goes against Canada’s promise to fight climate change and distracts from our need to invest in renewable energy sources. The EU, UK and US have all taken concrete steps to end subsidies and shift public finance away from fossil fuels.  <https://act.environmentaldefence.ca/page/79421/action/1?ea.tracking.id=fbad1&fbclid=IwAR20R9LGn93MzEmCITtQ4JIH2aRLHiOcD9LHTse3vU4KMRTe7w7l-QOlIjo>  **Say no to Manitoba Hydro's request for a final license to destroy the land, water, wildlife, and Indigenous peoples in Northern Manitoba and to SAY NO to a permanent Augmented Flow Program.**   Send a letter to Ms. Sarah Guillemard, Minister of Conservation and Climate.   Kinanaskomitinawaw (thank you, with extreme gratitude) for your support! We must protect our environment and preserve it for future generations to come!  <https://www.change.org/p/ms-sarah-guillemard-minister-of-conservation-and-climate-save-the-churchill-river-the-land-and-indigenous-people-from-more-destructive-flooding>  **Powerful poem addressing the above**  <https://www.change.org/p/ms-sarah-guillemard-minister-of-conservation-and-climate-save-the-churchill-river-the-land-and-indigenous-people-from-more-destructive-flooding/u/28961246?cs_tk=Aq3D4_88FVuARXlwjWAAAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvFderXhPuK2PwmN9WNjoWOY%3D&utm_campaign=219b486efd66438db6496df5fe950428&utm_content=initial_v0_4_0&utm_medium=email&utm_source=petition_update&utm_term=cs>  ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **The Ontario government has revived two long-dead proposals** for new 400-series highways, Highway 413 and the Holland Marsh Highway (Bradford Bypass), which would carve through the Holland Marsh and slice up sections of farmland and the Greenbelt between Vaughan and Milton. These new highways would **cost billions of dollars**, have **devastating impacts** on the forests, farms, wetlands, rivers and communities that they bulldoze through, threaten endangered species, and in the case of the 413 would save drivers less than a minute on their commute. Even worse, the Ontario government’s proposal to weaken their Environmental Assessment (EA) process for Highway 413 would prevent proper study and mitigation measures for these impacts prior to construction, while the Holland Marsh Highway proposal relies on an outdated 23-year old environmental assessment.  <https://eactivist.com/page/78310/action/1?ea.tracking.id=email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=Highway413&utm_content=Highway+413+Reminder+A&ea.url.id=5285361>  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Need to modernize the Canadian Environmental Protection Act** - Earlier this month, the federal government finally tabled a bill to modernize the ***Canadian Environmental Protection Act*** (CEPA). Because it had not been updated for 21 years, the original CEPA was no longer up to the task of protecting people in Canada and the communities where we live from toxic substances and dangerous pollution. However,the legislation needs important amendments to make sure it protects everyone in Canada. And in a minority government, all parties will have to work together to strengthen and pass Bill C-28. This can only happen if political leaders make this bill a priority. [Tell the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and opposition](https://e-activist.com/page/email/click/1943/5284692?email=UOlcdP%2FCPFAoREO5wSyokOE%2FutUh99%2FK&campid=aSMD8inXMrAqJI2ZMf1z3w==)environment critics today.  <https://www.support.ecojustice.ca/page/81527/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Email_2021_04_30_BreakingNews&utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=bn_2021_04_30&utm_content=2021.04.30+Bill+C-28+advocacy+launch+A&ea.url.id=5284692>  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Stop insuring Trans Mountain Pipeline**. This one is a bit different: it involves making a phone call to an insurance company to ask them to stop insuring Trans Mountain Pipeline.  <https://www.stand.earth/Call-trans-mountain-insurers-now?ea.tracking.id=email-ea&utm_source=email-ea&en_og_source=email-ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=canada__tmp_>  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Goldboro LNG Facility** To meet its export obligations to the German energy company Uniper, Pieridae has said it needs to make a final decision about the feasibility of the Goldboro LNG project by the end of June 2021. Without a $1 billion investment from the federal government, it will likely be unable to move ahead on the project.  Independent experts like Dr. Larry Hughes tell us that building the Goldboro LNG facility would increase Nova Scotia’s emissions by 3.7 megatons, or an increase of about 33%. Liquified natural gas is not a bridge fuel to a low carbon future — it is a fossil fuel that requires elaborate infrastructure with a long lifespan and would lock us into emissions growth for decades.  A billion dollars would go a long way in supporting a just transition in Canada — a transition that doesn’t include LNG.  <https://canadians.org/action/reject-pieridae-energys-billion-dollar-lng-subsidy>  **Net-Zero Emission Targets** Petition to Parliament closes May 11 at 5:47pm ADT calling upon the **Government of Canada** to increase emissions reductions ensuring that our country will meet the Paris Agreement targets and to make sure that the advisory body created to provide the Minister of Environment with advice with respect to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 be comprised exclusively of scientific experts.  <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3221>  **Nuclear is a highly polluting, dirty energy.** The new nuclear reactors funded by the government will create more deadly high-level radioactive waste and emit radioactive materials during mining and operation. New nuclear – still on paper – will be too slow to deploy to help us meet our climate targets – a recipe for delay and disaster. Given Canada’s laggard status in climate performance – 58th out 60 western countries – all of our investments in energy transition must be in real clean energy solutions – renewable energy and energy efficiency – which can provide the fastest possible reductions in greenhouse gases and at a fraction of the cost.  http://cleanairalliance.org/smr/smraction.html |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Owl's head.jpg  From the website: <https://saveowlshead.org/artists-for-owls-head/?fbclid=IwAR2X2O-F2qHqJhjdVdmA7Zibk7mKI0wloW1mDNJj0g2ntGVqsLo3Oq91z0w>  “Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty.”  – John Ruskin Beloved Nova Scotian artist [Joy Laking](http://www.joylakinggallery.com/) has devised an art-based awareness initiative: Artists for Owls Head. We are looking for artists, photographers, songwriters, poets, sculptors, and other creative folks to help capture the rugged beauty of Owls Head Provincial Park. We invite submissions on the theme of saving Owls Head Provincial Park, in the medium of your choice. Paintings, poems, songs, and sculpture are all welcome. |

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| F:\DEN Enews\banners Gardening.jpg  It’s Garden season! Some have started seeding inside. Some have started seeding cold hardy greens outside. Wherever you are in your plans, have fun and enjoy the process. God intended our hands to be in the dirt of creation.  Faith & the Common Good has some excellent resources found here:  <https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/faithcommongood/pages/269/attachments/original/1520961704/fa1_10.pdf?1520961704>  <https://www.faithcommongood.org/tip_sheets?fbclid=IwAR1_RlfiATa11St4aBJfR2_RTv03f9DVz-00k-HI9DRtg3T5bjIMg7NL6GY>  The Church of Saint Andrew in Cole Harbour is in year two of the Sunflower Challenge. Who can grow the tallest one? What is your group doing?  Share your ideas, growing tips and fun projects with us. |

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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 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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| *F:\DEN Enews\banners Grandmas Going Green.jpg*  I hope everyone had a lovely Earth Day! Earth Day can be as simple as thinking about environmental issues, taking a walk, watch a video about the earth or any of a million other things. It doesn’t matter what you did, or even that you did anything. What matters is that Earth Day is there to remind us all that we need to do something.  Remember our project in the Parish of Blandford was planting kits. It was supposed to be a children’s craft they could do at home when Covid started. It now appears that adults, as well as the kids, are picking up the kits. This year we made 80 planting kits and everyone found a home. Due to the bad weather, the local convenience store allowed us to leave them there to be picked up. I think it was easier for the parents to bring the kids there. Good parking, safe entry, less worry than by my mailbox. Grandma received many photos and a few videos of the kids working with their kits.    **Styrofoam**  We all have heard that Styrofoam is not good for the environment because it is difficult to dispose of safely. In time it will break down into tiny bits that can get into our water supply. If burnt it released chemicals.  There now is a biodegradable Styrofoam. It is still being improved upon. Ikea uses this plant-based Styrofoam peanut in its packaging. It is called Myco Compost, a mushroom-based packaging material. It can be grown in a week. It also decomposes in a month so there is the matter of packaging something that is on the shelf for months or years. It is a good start. Meanwhile, a company in Hantsport NS makes a cardboard style container that is being used more in the produce departments of your grocery store. Check out their website at <https://ckfinc.com/sustainability/>  Grandma was taught, “Don’t throw it away Until you use it at least twice” Here is a way to use Styrofoam twice or many more times  **Styrofoam Toys**  Imagination is an amazing thing. Once the grandkids were shown how to cut out boats and insert a sail, it was just a matter of time before strings were tied to the boats and a trip to the beach was in order.  We learned when working with a Styrofoam tray, to use a corner as the nose of your boat, cutting it out on the diagonal. Sails can be decorated with colour or stickers.  The aeroplane was just a bit extra exercise for a certain child who is young enough to fly his planes up and down the beach yelling the appropriate motor sound.  Although templates are nice and make a first try precise, trial and error with a marker and a stack of clean trays make a rainy afternoon a busy time. Oh, and the bigger the tray, the bigger the boat.  There is so much more we can do with clean Styrofoam trays so save a few for another week.    In our house, we get so busy that we don’t want to take a lot of time to cook a meal unless the plan for the day is to cook. For Saturday mornings at home, I like to put together this  **“Make-ahead Breakfast”**  You will need sausage or bacon or a bit of both type of meat  Green or red or yellow peppers  A can of mushrooms or slice up fresh ones  An onion  Fresh spinach or half a box of frozen spinach  Garlic, salt and pepper  Dry bread or hash browns, 2-3 cups  8-10 eggs  Milk, ½ to a whole cup  Shredded cheese  Directions  Cook your sausage and bacon.  In a second fry pan cook the veggies. This takes the water out of them so your casserole is thicker.  Now comes the fun part. If you have your meat and veggies ready the night before, the first person up puts this together (or you put this in a slow cooker after midnight.)  Grease your baking dish or slow cooker  In a bowl crack and stir your eggs, adding and mixing in the milk.  Put your bread or hash browns (or some of each) in the bottom of your dish  Add half the egg mixture  Then add the meat, followed by the veggies  Add the other half of the egg mixture and top with cheese  Have the oven at 350 to 375 F and let cook 45 minutes or until it passes the custard test (toothpick in the middle comes out clean)  Speaking of custards, we may have to find that recipe.  Some summer mornings there are people up before the breakfast is ready but late risers can just heat this in the microwave. Grandma’s attitude is if you are over 5-6 years old, there is plenty to eat so go get your own.  --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  So much to do now that spring is here. Remember the onions I planted deeply a few weeks back? The last rain has them popping up in rows. I need to get peas in this week. I have 2 sidebars from a baby’s crib a neighbour was going to put out for the trash. I am going to make a triangle trellis to grow these peas. Then if lucky to get celery transplants I will grow them under the frame later. Celery needs shade so why not have these growing together. I think I will only plant one side first and then two weeks to plant the other as young celery needs light early.  Let me know what fun green things you have accomplished? Until next week, Grandma is sending hugs. |
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| **April Prayer**  Patient God.  Ten degrees they need to rise.  For the earth I must be wise.  Help me to resist the rake  Until the pollinators wake.  **May Prayer, the sequel**  Dear Lord,  With grateful hearts we cry  The bees are awake! The bees are awake!  Thank you for the patience to resist the rake.  My “golf-green lawn” partner needs to brood  that dandelions are a bee’s first food.  He curses and wants to dig them up.  Is making him covet Dandelion Wine a sin?  Prayerfully awaiting your response.  Joyfully and playfully, the Editor |