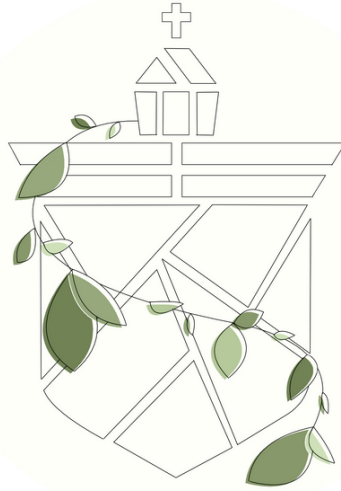


NEW LEAF

A CREATION CARE AND STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER



A Letter From The Creation Care and Stewardship Team

Thank you for reading the first issue of the Diocesan Creation Care Newsletter. We are publishing this newsletter as a way to engage our parishes more intentionally in the work of Creation Care. As part of our baptismal covenant, we promise to safeguard the integrity of God's Creation. For too long we have ignored this important call. With this newsletter we hope to begin to respond to this call and we invite you to join us.

The Rev. Canon Jotie Noel is the Canon for Creation Care and Stewardship in our Diocese. He has assembled a team to help him advise the Diocese on how best to be the Body of Christ in service to God's world. This team presently consists of Dave Morgan, Amy Rose, and Rev. Amber Tremblett. If you should have any ideas or suggestions for how we address sustainability and Creation Care in the Diocese, please contact us by email at creationcare@anglicanenl.net.

In this newsletter we hope to cover an array of topics each month. We will give you ideas for how to prioritize sustainability in your personal lives. We will keep you informed on climate news. We will offer a scripture meditation, provide you with a list of upcoming events, and highlight the Creation Care initiatives happening across the Diocese. The first item on our agenda, however, is hearing from you!

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At the inaugural Creation Care and Stewardship Team meeting, we decided that the best way to address our covenant duty to care for Creation would be to first hear from the faith community. We want to know how parishioners and clergy understand their responsibility to Creation. We want to know how familiar the Diocese is with sustainability concepts. We want to learn about the initiatives and projects already happening in our churches.

To learn this information, we will launch an online survey. You will be able to access this survey through the Diocesan social media accounts, as well as through the Diocesan website. We will also provide each clergy member with a link to the survey for easy distribution to their congregations.

Once we collect the results of this survey, we will be able to form a plan of action. We will know where to focus our efforts. We will know what topics and information will be most engaging for this Newsletter.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this fact-finding endeavour!



New Research on Microplastics

In a recent journal article published in *Nature, Ecology, and Evolution*, lead author Gloria Fackelmann dives into the effects that microplastics have on two species of seabirds. Her and her team believe that the patterns found in these seabirds may also be true for humans.

Microplastics are small particles, less than 5mm in diameter. They can be found in anything from the water we

drink, to the air we breathe. Fackelmann's research has indicated that these microplastics are affecting gut microbial diversity. Most significantly, Gloria and her team discovered an increase in pathogens and antibiotic resistant microbes. These discoveries help prove that our overuse and overproduction of plastic, which has polluted our natural environments, may contribute to future global health crises. Read more at: <http://www.nature.com/articles41559-023-02013-z>

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Read:
Genesis 1:1-2:24

Ask:
What stands out the most for you in these accounts of creation?

What does this passage say about God's relationship with Creation? What does it say about our relationship with Creation?

Pray:
Go outside and say a prayer of thanks for Creation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you are planning any Creation Care events in your parish, or there are relevant community events you believe our parishes should know about, please email the team at creationcare@anglican.nl.net and we will make sure these events are advertised on our website or in the upcoming newsletter.

Sowing Seeds- Growing Community



Diocesan Land, Goulds

Across from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Goulds, there is a large plot of land that will soon be used to improve food security in our communities. Both lay and clergy leadership, including Rev. Fred Marshall, Rev. Canon Amanda Taylor, and Rev. William Strong, are hard at work getting this Diocesan farming initiative off the ground. Their goal is to use one acre of the land to grow fresh produce to provide to local food banks free of charge. They also hope to offer skills training and mentorship opportunities.

St. Paul's Anglican Church will oversee the farming operation with help from local farmers and other community partners, including the Food First NL, which will provide action planning support.

The leadership team is hopeful that this initiative will encourage like-minded congregations to try similar projects in service of our call to feed the hungry and care for the vulnerable.

Creation Care and food security are inherently connected in that changes to the climate affect our ability to grow and produce food. St. Paul's and the Diocese are working to create a more sustainable future by localizing the food economy.

Sowing Seeds-Growing Community began this summer by turning the sod on their land. They will begin planting next Spring. We can't wait to see the fruits of their labour!



If there is a project or initiative happening in your parish that you think others should know about, please reach out to our team.

Include the name of your parish, a description of the project or initiative, the names of any people you'd like to highlight, as well as a picture that represents the project or initiative.

We can't wait to learn about all the fantastic things happening in the Diocese!

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