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Social Justice and Advocacy Update March 2018

NEWS FOR MARCH 2018

1. **Please report on Social Justice Vestry Motion**
2. **Earth Sunday Resources coming soon**
3. **Creation Care Fair at St. Cuthbert, Leaside, Sat. Mar. 3**
4. **Education Needs Workshop for Refugee Sponsors, Sat. Mar. 10**
5. **Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice, Fri. Mar. 30**
6. **Outreach and Advocacy Prayer Cycle**

1. Social Justice Vestry Motion - Please Report

More than 45 congregations have already reported passing this year's Social Justice Vestry Motion on Affordable Housing & Homelessness at their recent Vestry meetings. If you haven't already done so, please send the results of the motion at your parish to Elin Goulden at egoulden@toronto.anglican.ca. If you're looking for ways to reinforce your parish's commitment to this issue, you can find tips for writing your political representative on our website at www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac-vestrymotion/

2. Earth Sunday Resources coming this month

Earth Sunday, April 22, is approaching, and our Creation Matters committee is busy producing resources for your congregation. A bulletin insert including a reflection and practical action ideas, as well as suggestions for creation-themed prayers, hymns, and sermon notes for that day's lectionary, will be available on our website by **March 22**. See www.toronto.anglican.ca/environment for details.

3. Sat. March 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Creation Care Fair at St. Cuthbert, Leaside

With more than 20 exhibitors in Lamb Hall, special speakers on environmental issues, including MP Rob Oliphant and Councillor Jon Burnside, an opportunity to measure your carbon footprint, and a concurrent children's program, this is a great opportunity for individuals and families to learn more about how we can care for the earth. Admission free, with lunch available for purchase. Location: St. Cuthbert, Leaside, 1399 Bayview St., Toronto (south of Davisville).

4. Sat. March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Understanding Education Needs and Challenges: A Workshop for Church and Community Sponsors

Is your church involved in refugee sponsorship? Want to know more about how to connect refugees to school, trades, and professional licensing and certification? This ECULINKS co-hosted workshop will give you the information you need to help refugees navigate these challenges. To be held at Islington United Church, Stewart East Room, 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Toronto. Free, but please register online at <http://understanding-education-needs-and-challenges.eventbrite.com>

5. Friday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.: Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice

The 2018 Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto. This year's theme is Dimensions of Poverty. The Rev. Maggie Helwig, incumbent of St. Stephen in the Fields, author, poet, activist, and chair of the Diocesan Social Justice Committee, will be the closing speaker.

6. Outreach and Advocacy Prayer Cycle

March 4, Lent 3 - *Pray for* Holy Trinity, Thornhill, its support of food banks in Richmond Hill, All Saints Kitchen & Clothing Depot, and Eva's Place, and its parish nurse ministry;
for Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, in Toronto, its advocacy for the homeless and for affordable housing, its Homeless Memorial, refugee advocacy, Treaty People educational programming, and Trinity Square Café;
and for the Huronia Cluster Ministry, its support of Camp Couchiching, the Orillia Out of the Cold and Cumberland Beach School breakfast programs, and regular fundraising projects in support of local, regional, and national outreach initiatives.

March 11, Lent 4 - *Pray for* the Church of the Incarnation, its support of local food banks, the North Yorkers for Disabled Persons group home, Flemingdon Park Ministry, the Pikangikum Water Project, monthly seniors lunch, and community garden;
and for the Jeremiah Community, Parkdale, its ministry of friendship and hospitality to its street-involved neighbours, outreach with the Capuchin Brothers at the St Clare Centre, partnership with the Dale Ministries, involvement with the Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, and education programming.

March 18, Lent 5 - *Pray for* the Parish of Lloydtown, its support of the King Township food bank, Christmas in King community initiative, and Pikangikum water project;
for the Parish of Minden-Kinmount, its Thrift Shop, and the outreach initiatives it supports.
and for the Mission to Seafarers, Toronto, and its ministry of pastoral and practical care to seafarers from around the world.

March 25, Palm/Passion Sunday - *Pray for* the Church of the Nativity, Malvern, its afterschool, summer camp and youth programs, Seniors' Community Lunch, and support for the local Indigenous community, Malvern Coalition and TAIBU Community Health Centre;
for Our Saviour, Don Mills, its ongoing support of the Flemingdon Park Ministry and Food Bank, Haven Toronto men's drop-in centre, Sistering women's shelter, and for Moorelands Community Services baby layette

program;
and for the Parish of Penetanguishene and its community breakfast program.

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In faithful witness,

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