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Social Justice and Advocacy Update May 2018

God, help us to imitate you as we feed those who hunger for bread, for justice, for companionship, for forgiveness, for alternate ways of living in this world. Give us your words, equip our hands, and guide our feet. Sustain us, Lord, with your healing love.

- from *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*

NEWS FOR MAY 2018

1. **Election Resources Available**
2. **Public Consultation on the Right to Housing: before June 1, 2018**
3. **Parish Outreach Survey - Coming Soon!**
4. **Speaker series on Housing and Homelessness, May 2, 9 and 16, Port Hope**
5. **Reconciliation in the Watershed, May 5, St. Martin's Pickering**
6. **Joyful Praise Gospel Fundraising Concert and Black History Bus Tour**
7. **Anglican Church Women AGM with Barbara Gosse, May 12, Etobicoke**
8. **Annual Outreach Conference - Hold the Date!**
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1. Election Resources available. In preparation for the upcoming provincial election on June 7, the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario has prepared a backgrounder on how to raise issues of housing need, poverty and hunger with candidates.

See <https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/elections> for details. The resource will also be posted on our Diocesan website at www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac.

If you would like a non-partisan "Let's Vote for a Poverty-Free Ontario" sign to display outside your home or church building, Elin Goulden has a limited number of signs at the Diocesan office. You can contact her at egoulden@toronto.anglican.ca to arrange pickup.

2. Public Consultation on the Right to Housing: The federal government invites you to share your opinion on the National Housing Strategy's human rights-based approach to housing from now until June 1, 2018. Make your voice heard in support of ensuring that all in our country have access to safe and affordable housing. To learn more, visit <https://www.placetocallhome.ca/consulting-with-canadians.cfm>. Links to what other organizations have submitted on this issue can be found at www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac.

3. Parish Outreach Survey - Coming Soon. How does your parish take part in outreach, in advocacy, in caring for creation? What resources would you like to see us offer to equip your parish for this work? We are developing a parish outreach survey to gain a clearer picture of social justice & advocacy in the Diocese and to shape the programs and resources we offer. Our last parish outreach survey was conducted in early 2012, over six years ago, so it's time for an update! Incumbents and priests-in-charge in every parish will receive the survey later this month and can complete it themselves or delegate an appropriate person to do so. We look forward to learning more about how we can serve and support your parish in this way.

4. Speaker series on Homelessness and Housing, Port Hope. The churches of the Durham-Northumberland Deanery are holding a 3-part speaker series entitled "No Room at the Inn - Homelessness and Hope in Northumberland" on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 51 King St. Port Hope. On May 2, the Rev. Michael Shapcott will speak on "No Room at the Inn - Theological Perspectives on Homelessness". On May 9, David Sheffield, Community Director of the Greenwood Coalition, will speak on "Homelessness in Northumberland.". On May 16, Kristina Nairn, Co-chair of the Northumberland Affordable Housing, will speak on "Hope in Northumberland: Government and Community Initiatives." All are welcome. For more information call St. Mark's at (905) 885-4071.

5. Reconciliation in the Watershed Workshop, Pickering. On Saturday, May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., St. Martin's Pickering (1203 St. Martin's Drive, Pickering) and KAIROS are co-hosting a full-day workshop to renew the relationship between Canadians and their local watershed on a path towards reconciled relationships with Indigenous peoples. The event will include outdoor reflection and ceremony and connect participants with the work being done by Indigenous communities to protect local watersheds. Registration is \$15 (lunch included) or \$5 (bring your own lunch). Tickets are available [from KAIROS](#).

6. Joyful Praise Fundraising Gospel Concert and Black History Bus Tour. On Saturday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. the Black Anglicans Coordinating Committee (BLACC) are holding a Gospel Concert at St. George on Yonge (5350 Yonge St., North York.) Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and youth, and free for children under 5. This concert will help raise funds for the 25th Annual Black History Month celebration in 2020.

Also, please mark your calendars for an exciting Toronto Black History Bus tour on **Saturday, June 2nd**. The Black Anglicans Coordinating Committee will be renting a bus and the Ontario Black History Society will be conducting the tour making stops at some of the culturally and historically rich sites around Toronto. These events are open to all. Contact blaccanglicans@gmail.com for more details.

7. The Annual General Meeting of the Anglican Church Women will be held Saturday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ the King, 475 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke. The theme for the meeting is "Embracing Safety for all Women" and the guest speaker will be Barbara Gosse, CEO of the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch. All are welcome - you need not be a member of the ACW, or even a woman, to attend. For more information or to purchase tickets please e-mail acw@toronto.anglican.ca.

8. Outreach Conference - Hold the Date: On Saturday, October 27, 2018 we will be holding the annual Outreach & Advocacy Conference at Havergal College, 1451 Avenue Rd, Toronto, ON. Our keynote speaker will be André Lyn: activist, community

organizer, academic, and Anglican. Mark your calendars - more details and registration information coming soon!

9. Outreach & Advocacy Prayer Cycle for May 2018

May 6, Easter 6 - *Pray for* St. Chad, Toronto, and its monthly community supper; for St. Clement, Eglinton, its weekly community lunch program, scholarship programs in Haiti, and support of the Flemingdon Park community centre and food bank; and for St. Cuthbert, Leaside, and its support of Flemingdon Park, New Circles Community Services, Moorelands Community Services, Emily's House Hospice, and its Environmental Study Group.

May 13, Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension - *Pray for* St. Cyprian, its support of Neighbour Link community services, the Mission to Seafarers, Flemingdon Park ministry, community garden, and other local and global outreach; and for St. David, Donlands, its Open Door weekly parent and caregiver drop-in, art classes for youth and community performing arts events, food garden, support of St. Monica's Food Bank and Eastview Community Centre's food access programs, and refugee sponsorship.

May 20, Pentecost- *Pray for* St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia, its community breakfast program, community garden, Harmony Centre, Route 66 weekly Kids' Club, and its support of Jubilee House and the Pikangikum Water Project; and for St. Dunstan of Canterbury, Scarborough, its donations of knitted goods to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, its twinning relationship with a First Nations community in northern Saskatchewan, and fundraising program to support local and global outreach.

May 27, Trinity Sunday- *Pray for* St. Francis of Assisi, Meadowvale, its support of local food security programs and the Pikangikum water project; for St. George Memorial, Oshawa, its participation in the Mary Street School breakfast program, and its support of Cornerstone Men's Hostel, Denise House, Gate 3.16, Simcoe Hall Settlement House, Durham Outlook for the Needy, Lakeridge Chaplaincy, and other community ministries; and for St. George, Pickering Village, and its support of the breakfast program at the local high school and the Herizon House women's shelter.

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In faithful witness,

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