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Social Justice and Advocacy Update June 2018

*O God, we give thanks for those standing for elected office. May they have the courage to seek the common good. Guide us as we elect the leaders of this province of Ontario, that your loving purposes may be faithfully furthered in this generation.
Amen.*

Almighty and All-Present God, who delights in those who earnestly seek your will, grant to your Church the riches of wisdom and discernment, that for such a time as this, a servant-leader may be chosen who reflects the character and wisdom of Jesus Christ. May this Coadjutor Bishop be strengthened through the encouragement and power of the Holy Spirit, as they labour for renewal, strive for unity, and seek those isolated and far from God; we pray all these things through the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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1. Provincial Election June 7 - Pray, discern and VOTE!

As we approach the June 7 provincial election, let us ask ourselves what it means to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being, in and through the exercise of our democratic rights. The Ontario Provincial Synod has prepared a resource to help Anglicans ask questions of provincial candidates and their platforms in the light of our concerns around income security, hunger and housing need. You can download the resource here: <https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/elections> Pray, discern, and don't forget to vote on June 7th!

Also pray for the Electoral Synod on June 9 and for the election of a new Diocesan Bishop to lead our Diocese in the season ahead.

2. Save the date: "Transformed Hearts, Transforming Structures" October 27

Our Annual Outreach and Advocacy Conference will take place Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Havergal College, 1451 Avenue Road, Toronto (just south of Lawrence Ave.). Havergal is easily reached by TTC or car (there is ample parking) and is fully accessible. Our theme for the day will be "Transformed Hearts, Transforming Structures" and our keynote speaker will be Mr. André Lyn. Formerly a Senior Manager of United Way, Peel Region, André is currently working with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on the implementation of the Ontario Black Youth Action Plan. He is a member of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea, and currently serves as co-chair of the Archbishop's Committee for Intercultural Ministry, as well as on the Diocesan Trust and Culture Working Group and the Brampton Anglican Futures Task Force.

We are confirming workshops - including a workshop to be led by and for youth - and will have registration open later this month. Watch the [Facebook page](#) for details!

3. Reminder: Parish Outreach and Greening Survey

An e-mail was sent to all parishes in mid-May inviting them to participate in the Parish Outreach and Greening Survey. This is the first Outreach Survey since 2012 and the first Green Survey since 2011. The survey consists of 10 questions and takes about 10-12 minutes to complete. Incumbents may choose to complete it themselves or ask a warden, Outreach or Green Committee chair, or other parish leader to do so. We are hoping to get a clearer picture of the outreach, advocacy, and creation care activities around the Diocese and learn how we might better support all our parishes in those ministries. About 40 parishes have participated so far, but we hope to hear from many more before the end of this month! To participate, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYCBGP6>

4. PWRDF Seeking Diocesan Representatives

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) relies on a network of dedicated volunteers across Canada who are at the heart of its engagement with individuals and parishes. They help keep the work of PWRDF partners in Canada and around the world in the hearts, minds and prayers of Anglicans across the country. They provide education on current issues, information about emergencies, PWRDF's response and the need for longer term sustainable development work. They support and encourage parish PWRDF representatives. They help to illustrate the connection between funds donated to PWRDF and the change that results in communities around the world. This is a very important role for PWRDF and for the Diocese.

Traditionally, these responsibilities have fallen to one person, the Diocesan Representative. Because of its size and complexity, PWRDF believes that the Diocese of Toronto would be better served by a team of volunteers, and is looking for people who would be part of a team that would strengthen the PWRDF ministry within Toronto.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Umbach at kumbach@pwrdf.org, or 416-924-9199 ext. 367 with your name and contact information and what you feel you can bring to this team or process.

5. Niigaani-gichigami Gratitude Walk, Friday, June 8, Toronto

All are welcome to join the second annual Niigaani-gichigami Gratitude Walk, gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the Sherbourne Common (waterfront, south of Queen's Quay and Lower Sherbourne St.) as a diverse and interfaith community to acknowledge our interdependence on the waters, our different traditions, the land, and one another. Our Gratitude Festival will be opened by elder Wanda Whitebird, offering a Water Ceremony, followed by prayers from several faith leaders. After prayers of gratitude and for the health of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario, and all the waterways connected to it, we will be led by drummers on a prayer walk. The walk concludes at St James Park (King and Church St.) for a festival in celebration of water and community, featuring a free BBQ, live music, art activities, and more! Come one and all, and invite your friends! Co-sponsored by Toronto

6. Lunch and Learn with the Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor, June 10, Oshawa

The Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor, Indigenous Ministries Coordinator for the Anglican Church of Canada, will be speaking on "The Reconciliation Journey: Spiritual Renewal" at Christ Memorial Church, 81 Hillcroft St., Oshawa, on Sunday June 10, 2018. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and the program begins at 1:15 p.m. A freewill offering in support of the Pikangikum Water Project will be taken. Please RSVP by Friday, June 8 to Irené Warren at frogwell@sympatico.ca The Rev. Canon will also preach at the 9:15 and 11:15 services that morning.

7. Resources for National Indigenous Day of Prayer, June 21

If this month's events seem to be concentrated around Indigenous justice issues, it's no accident! June is Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on June 21st. The Anglican Church of Canada has gathered resources for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer, to be held on June 21 or a Sunday close to that date. You can find these resources [here](#).

8. Unsettling the Word Book Launch, Monday June 25, Toronto

You are invited to the Toronto launch of *Unsettling the Word - Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*, in which 60 Indigenous and Settler authors come together to wrestle with the Scriptures for the sake of reparative futures. The event will take place on Monday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Stephen in the Fields, 103 Bellevue Ave., near College and Spadina. The event will feature a panel of contributors and readers from Presbyterian, Anglican, Mennonite, and United church backgrounds, and copies of the book will be on sale for \$25.

9. Summer Schedule

During the months of July and August, we will publish only one Summer Update, in mid-July. We are including June and July Prayer Cycles with this month's Update. Have a great summer!

10. Outreach & Advocacy Prayer Cycle - June and July, 2018

June 3, Pentecost 2- *Pray for* St. George-on-the-Hill, its Etobicoke Learning Cooperative, prayer shawl ministry, and involvement in the Out of the Cold program; *for* St. George on Yonge, Toronto, its work as a pick-up centre for Out of the Cold programs, its monthly distribution of gift cards and TTC tokens, refugee resettlement, ESL classes, its support of the local food bank and local community housing; *and for* St. George-by-the-Grange, Parkdale, (formerly St. George-the-Martyr), its farmers' market, children's garden and arts project.

June 10, Pentecost 3- *Pray for* St. Hilary, Cooksville, its food cupboard, annual outreach fundraising walk to support local and global outreach, community vegetable garden, involvement in making bed mats for Haiti, and its Amnesty International circle; *for* St. Hugh and St. Edmund, and its community youth ministry; *and for* St. James the Apostle, Brampton, and its support of the Bridge Prison Ministry, Interim Place shelter services, the Knight's Table community meals, The Dam youth ministry, the Regeneration Outreach Community, and San Lorenzo's Caravan of Hope.

June 17, Pentecost 4- *Pray for* St. James the Apostle, Sharon, its Second Chance clothing depot, weekly food closet, and participation in Inn from the Cold; *for* St. James, Orillia, the James' Place Emergency Help Centre, weekly "Loonie Lunch" program, and support of Couchiching Jubilee House; *and for* St. James Cathedral, its weekly drop-in for homeless and street-involved people, Amnesty International Action Circle, Christmas food drive, its Seeds of Sanctuary initiative, refugee sponsorship, Indigenous reconciliation education program, and support of Streets-to-Trail.

June 24, Nativity of John the Baptist- *Pray for* St. John, Cookstown, its monthly community and seniors' lunches, and "Christmas for Kids Year-Round" program of practical and spiritual support for vulnerable families;
for St. John, Ida, its involvement with the One Roof Community Diner in downtown Peterborough, Millbrook District Foodshare and Habitat for Humanity Peterborough, its support for a First Nations congregation in the Diocese of Moosonee and for the Pikangikum Water Project;
and for St. John the Baptist, Norway, its participation in the East End Refugee Committee, and support of the Out of the Cold program.

July 1, Pentecost 6- *Pray for* St. John the Divine, Scarborough, and its support of Ryan's Wells, Sleeping Children Around the World, the Juliette's Place shelter, and St. Ninian's food bank;
and for St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope, its Treasure Trove second-hand shop, and its support of the Fairshare food bank, Green Wood Coalition, Community Care, and Neighbour Link.

July 8, Pentecost 7- *Pray for* St. John, West Toronto, its outreach ministry to LGBTQ+ youth, and its annual Christmas Carol performance in support of The STOP;
for St. John, York Mills, its support of Flemingdon Park Ministry, New Circles Community Services, Robertson House, and the Downsview Youth Covenant, its monthly breakfast, participation in refugee resettlement, and its Friends of Dismas ministry to prisoners and ex-prisoners;
and for St. Jude, Wexford, its Deacon's Pantry Food Bank, ministry to the Wexford Seniors' Residence, and fundraising for local and international outreach.

July 15, Pentecost 8- *Pray for* San Lorenzo, Toronto, its community centre and Voces Latinas radio programming, and its annual Caravan of Hope, bringing supplies to the needy in El Salvador;
for St. Luke, Creemore, its Toonie lunch, clothing exchange and Christmas hamper programs;
and for St. Luke, East York, and its support of the Kennedy House youth shelter, Kitchen Basics cooking program, and East York Strategy.

July 22, Pentecost 9- *Pray for* St. Luke, Peterborough, its Thrift Shop and Food Cupboard, financial and practical support of outreach in the local and wider community, and needs assessment survey;
for St. Margaret, Barrie, its Food Shelf and support of the Barrie Food Bank, and its support of Barrie Out of the Cold and the David Busby Street Centre;
and for St. Margaret, New Toronto, its monthly community dinners and Christmas "Among Friends" event, Deacon's Cupboard, participation in the Lakeshore Out of the Cold program, and its support of local outreach initiatives.

July 29, Pentecost 10- *Pray for* St. Margaret-in-the-Pines, its Caring Hands and Back Pack ministries and support of community outreach organizations;
for St. Mark, Midland, its involvement in an Out of the Cold program, support of the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre, support of the Next Door transitional home for teens, and refugee sponsorship;
and for St. Mark, Port Hope, its support of the Green Wood Coalition, Fare Share food bank, and participation in the River of Hope refugee sponsorship project.

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