# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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# **Deanery News and Announcements**

<u>DEANERY GATHERING:</u> Members of Deanery Council are reminded of this event, taking place on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am at St. John the Divine in Copper Cliff.

Archdeacon Anne says "Because this day is so important, I would also ask you not to plan any parish events for October 18<sup>th</sup>. This event will replace the Fall Deanery Council meeting, and will be very different in format. As such, every congregation is expected to send representatives as its success is dependent on it. It is my hope that this will be a positive experience for everyone"

# THORNELOE LECTURE:

Beyond the "Evolution" vs. "Creation" Debate Laurentian University, October 24, 2014, 7:30 PM

Are there only two positions on origins: evolution or creation? This presentation is an introduction to terminology, science-religion dialogue, and various views on origins—young earth creation, progressive creation (old earth creation), evolutionary creation (theistic evolution), deistic evolution, and atheistic evolution.

A poster is attached.

**THIS WEEKEND: ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN:** The ACW Deanery Fall Meeting, with a theme "Instruments of Love" will be held at All Saints Coniston on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts

at 9:30 a.m. and a Eucharist will begin at 10 a.m. lunch will be provided by donation and we will wrap up by no later than 3:30 p.m.

We are looking for items for the Toonie Table which was a huge success last year. Proceeds from the Toonie Table will go towards the costs associated with hosting the Diocesan Annual Meeting in the spring of 2016 which will be held in Sudbury.

If you have any questions please contact Beverly van der Jagt at 705-919-6541 or by email at beverlyvanderjagt@bell.net

**2015 DIOCESAN BUDGET PRESENTATION:** This year, the 2015 preliminary Diocesan budget will be presented via web conferencing. Sign up to review the budget as presented by our Treasurer, Jane Mesich, and to learn more about how the budget is put together and how it works. Jane will personally visit each deanery in the spring to present the budget estimates for 2016 and 2017 prior to Synod 2015, but this webinar is a great opportunity to have a look, give feedback and ask your questions about the Diocesan budget.

This web conference will take place on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am

To register please send an email to Linda Langdon at <a href="webconferencealgoma@ontera.net">webconferencealgoma@ontera.net</a> and she will sign you up. The Diocesan communications team has booked space at Contact North Centres in the communities of North Bay, Parry Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, and White River and those who have registered may choose to attend from there. Other Contact North Centres are available throughout the North; please request when you sign up. Individuals may also participate from home, or perhaps there are some parishes that would like to host interested members of their parishes and deaneries and attend as a group.

When you register, you will receive an E-Mail back explaining what to do next and how to get the most out of the web conference.

Deadline for registration is Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** The use of Social Media, such as Facebook, Twitter etc. is a great way to help spread the word about your parish/congregation and the events and activities you are involved in. It is also a great way for those who have moved away from the parish to stay connected.

Administrators of a Facebook page are able to see how many views a post to the page has had. For example, a recent post to the Church of the Epiphany's Facebook page, was viewed nearly 200 times, another post, which another facebook user also posted, or "shared", to their personal page, was viewed over 400 times.

Currently, The Church of the Epiphany, Church of the Ascension and Manitoulin Anglican Parishes all have Facebook pages. (that I am aware of)

If you would like to create a Facebook page for your church, and are unsure of how to set it up and maintain it etc. please contact our Deanery Program Associate, Marion Collinson. Marion will assist you with the creation, maintenance and moderation of a page for your church.

<u>IN THE Anglican Journal</u>, which many of you will have received this week, you will find the booklet, "Gifts for Mission", put out by the Anglican Church in time for Christmas giving. There are many meaningful gifts for those on your list who really need nothing - Or for those of you who are tired of the commercialism of Christmas. There is a great variety of worthwhile causes to support from 'Helping the battle against suicide among First Nations Youth' to 'Nurturing northern leaders to the many programs of Primate's World Relief and Development Fund including access to health care (bicycle ambulances in rural areas of Mozambique, Burundi, Bangladesh and others), provision of midwives in Mexico, hot lunches for children in Haiti, care for HIV/AIDS orphans in South Africa. Please take time to look through this catalogue.

The Anglican Journal also contains the October edition of "Under the Sun: News from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund". This contains, among other informative items, the 2013-2014 financial summary. This tells us where our dollars go. Fifty-seven % of the revenue for PWRDF comes from parish and individual donations. It is also interesting to note that the Diocesan contribution from Algoma was one of four out of thirty to be lower in 2013 than in 2012. Most had considerably increased their contributions.

Out Of The Cold Concert series: The first concert, in a series of three, was held last Sunday evening. These are excellent concerts and are the main source of revenue for the Out of the Cold Hot Meal Program. Attendance has dwindled in the last few years but not because of lack of quality. The second in the series takes place on October 26th at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Place and features The Laws, a husband and wife duo; the last concert is on November 23rd, same time, same place, and features the ever popular Valdy. This series is well worth supporting and the tickets are very reasonably priced. Please call Bob Bale at 705 523-6200 for ticket information.

# FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA FACEBOOK PAGE:

Plan to participate in the Advent Webinar on the Book of Genesis, with Bishop Stephen Andrews - Tuesday afternoons in Advent (2, 9, 16, 23 December), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Philosophers and geneticists tell us that in our beginnings we find clues to our end. Genesis is a book of beginnings, and from time immemorial, Jews and Christians have returned to this book to help them in understanding life's meaning and purpose in the plan of God. This four-session exploration of Genesis will touch on the themes of creation, Sabbath, disobedience and judgement, marriage and family, and the problem of evil. These are fitting themes to reflect on as we prepare ourselves to behold the end of all things in the Advent of Christ.

The discussion will not assume prior biblical knowledge among the participants, apart from having read the text before the sessions.

For more info or to register: click here

**INTERESTD IN GREEN AUDIT TIPS?:** The Church of the Ascension is hosting an information session on October 8<sup>th</sup>. See the attached poster for more information.

# **READINGS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:**

(taken from <a href="http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/">http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/</a>)

Proper 22 (27) (October 5, 2014)

- First reading and Psalm
  - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
  - Psalm 19
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
  - Isaiah 5:1-7
  - Psalm 80:7-15
- Second reading
  - Philippians 3:4b-14
- Gospel
  - Matthew 21:33-46