



**Diocese of Toronto**  
Anglican Church of Canada

**Social Justice & Advocacy Update**  
**November 2021**

News for November 2021

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1. **A Reconciliation Walk: Every Child Matters.** This series, presented by the deacons of Parkdale-West Toronto deanery, with the assistance of the National Film Board, continues on **Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** Join Bishop Riscylla Shaw and award-winning Indigenous filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin for a discussion of Ms. Obomsawin's film "*We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice*." This monumental documentary follows a historic court case filed by the Assembly of First Nations and the Child and Family Caring Society of Canada against the federal government, exposing generations of injustices endured by First Nations children living on reserves and their families. Through passionate testimony and unwavering conviction, frontline childcare workers and experts including Cindy Blackstock take part in a decade-long court battle to ensure these children receive the same level of care as other Canadian children. [Register now](#) for the discussion on Thursday, Nov. 4. You can watch *We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice* in advance [here](#).
  2. **Advocating for Inclusionary Zoning in Toronto:** The city's draft Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) policy was considered at Planning and Housing Committee last week, where Social Justice & Advocacy staff made a presentation in favour of higher set-aside rates. The policy will go to City Council for a vote on November 9 and 10. Read more [here](#) and consider contacting Mayor Tory and your city councillor in support of a robust Inclusionary Zoning policy.
  3. **Events for Refugee Sponsors:** The next meeting of the Diocesan Refugee Network will take place **Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** A reminder notice will be sent out the week of November 8. To be put on the mailing list, please contact [Elin Goulden](#). As well, on **Saturday, November 13 at 10 a.m.**, the Private Refugee Sponsor Network on Ontario is hosting a workshop on "The Road to Citizenship for Newcomers," exploring barriers and incentives around applying and completing citizenship requirements. Register [here](#) for this free online event.
  4. **ISARC Forum: "Housing: The Key To Health".** The Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), is hosting an online forum on **Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.** The forum will include a keynote address by Ricardo Tranjan of

the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, as well as sessions on advocacy for affordable housing, housing and social assistance, and long-term care as a dimension of housing. There is no cost to attend, but donations to offset the cost of honoraria are gratefully received. Learn more and register [here](#).

5. **Vestry Motion Update:** The Social Justice Vestry Motion for 2022 will focus on justice for precarious and low-wage workers - those workers who have been called "essential" but who have borne some of the greatest burdens of the pandemic. The wording of the motion will go to the College of Bishops this month. Watch for the motion and backgrounder on our website by Advent and in the December newsletter!
6. **New Resources Coming Soon!** In addition to the Social Justice Vestry Motion, our Social Justice & Advocacy Committee are hard at work preparing a freshly-updated **Parish Outreach Guide** as well as the new **Outreach Prayer Cycle** for the church year beginning November 28, 2021. Parish clergy and Outreach contacts can expect an email in the next few weeks asking you to confirm your current outreach activities. We plan to have both these resources available on the website by Nov. 23, 2021.

### Outreach Prayer Cycle for November 2021

#### **November 7, Pentecost 24**

*Pray for* the Church of the Transfiguration, its drop-in for children and their caregivers, its participation in Meals on Wheels and Blythwood Out of the Cold, support for residents of the Roehampton shelter-hotel, and its native plant garden;

*for* Trinity East (Little Trinity), and its bi-weekly Coffee Time neighbourhood outreach;

*and for* Trinity, Aurora, its "Clothes Closet" second-hand store, weekly "Welcome Table" community meal, refugee sponsorship, participation in a campaign to provide clean and accessible water to First Nations communities, and education projects on Indigenous issues;

#### **November 14, Pentecost 25**

*Pray for* Trinity, Barrie, its support for the David Busby Centre, "Bucket Brigade" for the Women and Children's Shelter, Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County, and participation in community meal programs;

*for* Trinity Church, Bradford, its involvement in a local food bank and Out of the Cold Café, and support for two local shelters;

*and for* Trinity, Streetsville, its support of Christians Against Poverty, its COPING bereavement group, ESL program, refugee sponsorship, and its new Green committee.

#### **November 21, Reign of Christ**

*Pray for* Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit, and its program providing fruit, groceries, and skate and swim passes for children at a local school;

*for* the Parish of Washago-Price's Corners, its support of Camp Couchiching, Orillia Out of the Cold, Cumberland Beach School breakfast program, and other local, diocesan and national initiatives;

*and for* the FaithWorks campaign and all the ministry partners supported by FaithWorks in the Diocese of Toronto

#### **November 28, Advent 1**

*Pray for* All Saints, Collingwood, its community Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation gatherings, monthly Friendship Dinner, support of the local food bank, refugee sponsorship, and the work of its Green Team;

*for* All Saints, King City, its provision of meals for residents of Cross-links Housing, support of King Township Food bank, participation in local community outreach, refugee sponsorship, and support of the Pikangikum Water Project;

*and for* All Saints, Kingsway, its community garden, refugee sponsorship, Out of the Cold program, outreach among the poor and disenfranchised of the local neighbourhood, and its involvement in programs at All Saints, Sherbourne Street and Stonegate Ecumenical Ministry.

For more information about social justice activities across the diocese, to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter, or to share information on events, please contact me at the email address listed below. If you would like to receive more frequent updates on our activities, consider liking our [Facebook page](#).

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