

April 4, 2020



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Dear PWRDF friend and supporter,

PWRDF staff are all working from home but can be reached by [email or telephone](#) and are checking voice messages regularly.

many ways has become even more challenging in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are receiving and processing donations for all our programs, including a [COVID-19 emergency response](#). Donate [online](#), or by calling toll-free at 1-866-308-7973.

In this update, read details about our COVID-19 response, how partners are coping with the pandemic, how the federal government is supporting charities and how you can pray for PWRDF.

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## **NEWS**

**PWRDF allocates \$200K to Partners in Health, Village Health Works, ACT Alliance and HelpAge Canada in COVID-19 response**



The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has announced a plan to allocate \$200,000 to respond to COVID-19 around the world and in Canada. The money will be spread across four partners: Village Health Works (Burundi), Partners in Health (global response), ACT Alliance's Global Appeal and HelpAge Canada, supporting vulnerable seniors here.

[Read the whole story](#)

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***How PWRDF partners are coping with pandemic***



Many of our partners work in communities where access to health care is limited, COVID-19 testing is unavailable and physical distancing is a luxury. Here's a check-in with some of our partners who have told us how they're doing.

[Read about our partners here](#)



### ***Letter to federal government gains traction***

PWRDF was one of 200 charitable organizations to sign on to a [letter](#) advocating for support of the non-profit sector in the face of COVID-19. The economic fallout of lost jobs and decreased investment income add up to a big loss for charitable giving. For PWRDF and other faith-based aid organizations, the loss of offerings coming in from church collection plates is particularly challenging. The letter has made an impact on the federal government, which stated that charities would be

For more on the story, read [here](#).

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## **RESOURCES**

### ***Pray with PWRDF on Zoom video conference***



On Thursday, April 2, PWRDF staff led a short service of prayer and reflection on Zoom video. Almost 50 people joined us to pray and hear a special message from the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Watch the Primate's message by clicking on the image above. Join us Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m. EST for another short service with the Rev. Canon David Harrison delivering the reflection. Don't have a computer? No problem! You can join by phone instead. **To receive the Zoom link, click below.**

[Register for Prayers with PWRDF](#)

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## ***A Prayer for PWRDF in your virtual services***



As your worship community gathers for virtual services or videoconference, please feel free to say this prayer.

Loving God, give PWRDF and the people who depend on its support, the courage and strength to persevere in this time of pandemic. Be with them in the challenges they are facing, and hold us to our vision for a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. In the name of your child, Jesus, Amen.

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[Give online to PWRDF](#)

Hello valued members, volunteers, and campers.

First,

I would like to thank you all for your incredible hard work and support that has continued to make Camp Gitchigomee what it is. In our 75th Anniversary year, it has been incredible to look back on the many ways God has moved in us to shape the Camp Gitchigomee community over the years, and you are the heart of this community.

Unfortunately, due to the current global COVID-19 crisis, that community is going to have to look a little different this year. The Board of Directors are currently engaged in email discussions on how this will impact Camp Gitchigomee this year. We have had to cancel all previously scheduled upcoming events including:

- > The Annual General Meeting
- > Camp Auxiliary Bake Sale
- > Log Painting
- > The Two-Bit Auction Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has contributed with planning, donating, and making yourselves available to help out at these events. It is our hope that these events can be postponed and run at later dates. The Board will continue to discuss the situation as it develops and provide updates as plans are made or things change. At this time, the Board feels it is best not to open up camper registration for this summer season until the end of April, at which point we are hoping for some clarity on the situation ahead and time to better prepare and make decisions.

In uncertain times it is important that we continue to reach out and support each other and find a way to connect, even if that is at a distance. We will continue to post memories from the past 75 years of camp to our Facebook and Instagram pages, please send in any photos or stories you wish to share, share our posts and comment to reach out to each other. For those seeking community at this time the Diocese of Algoma has provided a list of congregations putting worship services online, as well as prayer resources you can use during these challenging times, please see the links below:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/03/20/congregations-live-streaming-worship-in-algoma/>

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/03/17/prayer-resources-for-use-at-home/>

Thank you all again for the continued support of the Camp Gitchigomee mission. In our current situation, we are amazed and inspired by the strength and love in our camp family. Thank you also for working with us to keep our communities safe and healthy through physical distancing. We will continue to pray for healing and the ability to come together in physical community again soon.

Camp Gitchigomee Board of Directors

## Holy Week and Easter Services

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*“God rules over all the earth: O come let us worship.”*

Archbishop Anne Germond and Dean Jim McShane invite you to join us this Holy Week and Easter as we broadcast ‘live’ from St. Luke’s Cathedral the following services.

*“Send your Holy Spirit on this oil, that those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction may be made whole and that those who are sealed with this chrism may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ.”*

**Holy Thursday** – April 9th at **noon** for the Blessing of Oils



*“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”*

**Good Friday** – April 10th at **3pm** for The Solemn Intercession and Meditation on the Cross as we commemorate the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.



*“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.” (1 Cor. 5: 7-8)*

**Easter Sunday** – April 12th at **9am** for the Ringing of Bells and Liturgy of the Word as we celebrate Christ’s glorious resurrection and victory over death.



Congregations and individuals are invited to join in the ringing of bells at 9am on Easter Sunday morning to share the good news with family, neighbours, friends, and our communities that through the resurrection of Jesus all things have been made new in him. *Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*

**Congregations are asked not to plan their own online broadcasts during these times so that we may worship together as a diocese in this important time in our lives.**

Bulletins, including readings, prayers, and hymns for the above services will be posted on the diocesan website by Monday, March 30th.

In addition to these ‘public’ events we will be posting liturgies for individuals and families to commemorate each of the key moments of the Triduum in their homes.

Archbishop Anne will be live-streaming Evening Prayer on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and on Easter evening at 5pm.

**ALL** services from St. Luke’s Cathedral above will be available for public viewing via

[The Diocese of Algoma-Shaped by a Living Hope Facebook page](#)



Hello, hope this finds you well. You are receiving this update as part of the [Analysis to Action on Gender-Based Violence Project](#):

The Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre will be hosting two full-day Anti-Oppression & Anti-Racism workshops on **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** from **9AM – 5PM** at Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Treatment Centre (1700 Dease St). These workshops will be facilitated by Rania El Mugammar, a sought-after anti-oppression consultant based in Toronto, ON.

#### WHY ATTEND THIS TRAINING?

Gender equity; gender diversity; anti-racism; sexual orientation; decolonization; trans-inclusion; disability and accessibility; intersectionality - what do these words and concepts mean, exactly? And how do we build these complexities into our service, policy, protocol and decision-making frameworks? Many governments, institutions and organizations now require their workforce and decision makers to have clear and functional understandings about and commitments to incorporate human rights requirements into service provision and internal policies.

Join the NWOWC and Rania El Mugammar to learn about new practices and ways of thinking about power and privilege, methods to address sexual exclusions, and to incorporate equity and accessibility into our work on gender-based violence. This training is part of the [Analysis to Action on Gender-Based Violence](#) and the [High Risk Navigation](#) projects; both projects aim to raise awareness and increase the capacity of local organizations and legal system players to support women at risk of gender-based violence.

#### ABOUT OUR FACILITATOR

Rania El Mugammar is the lead anti-oppression consultant for RECENTRE, Program director of B Inc at BCurrent Performing Arts and co-founder of the "How to be an Ally" Series at the Centre for Social Innovation. She has worked extensively with contemporary arts institutions, STEM based enterprises, media organization, educational institutions and community/grassroots spaces. She is also the co-chair of the St. Jamestown Collective Impact Steering Committee and a member of the Leaders Panel for the Economic Development and Culture Strategic Plan at the city of Toronto.

#### TO REGISTER:

Registration is PWYC (Pay What You Can) to keep this training accessible to those in our community. If you are attending both workshops, we ask and encourage you to contribute to both; we also encourage those who can contribute more to do so in support of other community members wishing to attend. Registration is LIMITED and required in order to attend. You can register online using the following links:

- **Day 1 (June 4<sup>th</sup>): Anti-Oppression 101** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/anti-oppression-101-anti-oppression-anti-racism-pt-1-tickets-97399084283>
- **Day 2 (June 5<sup>th</sup>): Doing the Work + Building Consent Culture** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/doing-the-work-consent-culture-anti-oppression-anti-racism-pt-2-tickets-97400695101>

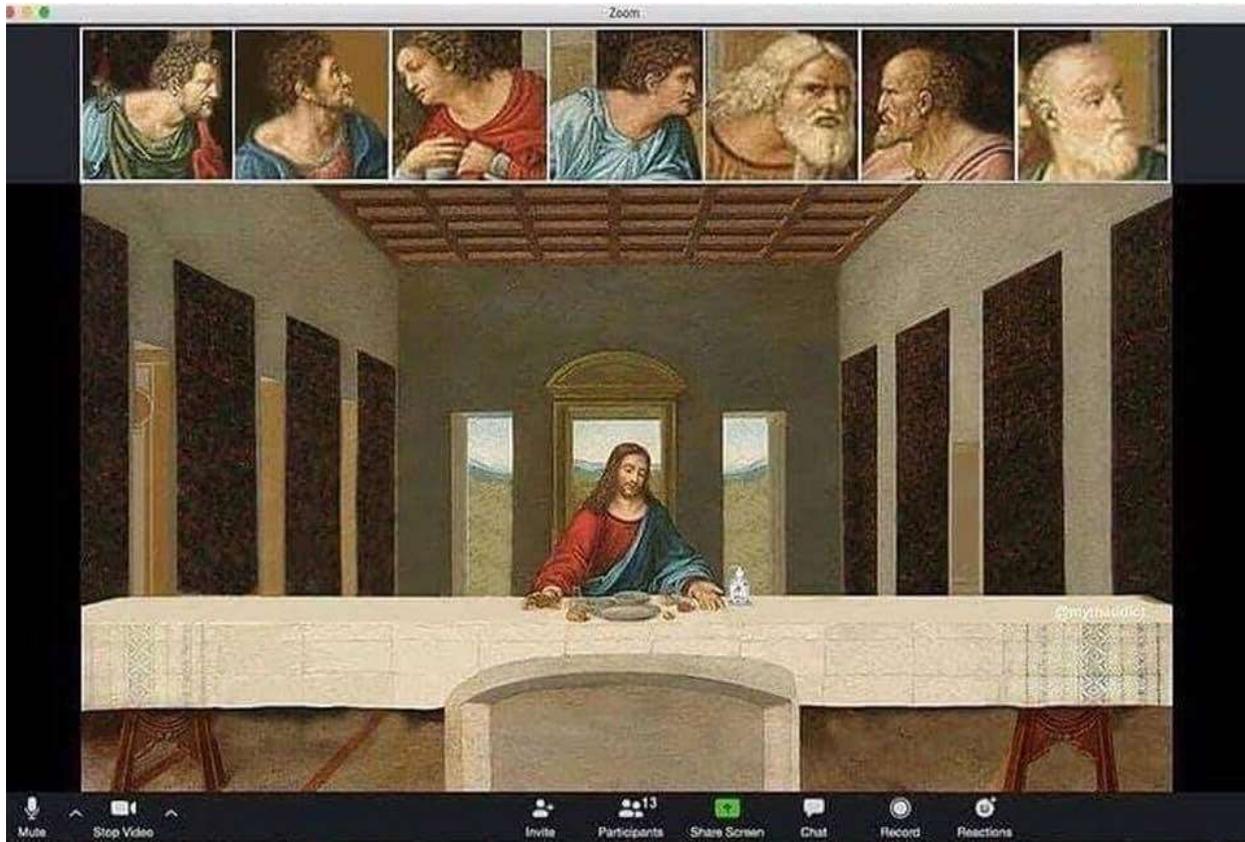
If you are experience issues with registration or are looking for more information, please call the Women's Centre at 807-345-7802 or email [gbvproject@nwowc.org](mailto:gbvproject@nwowc.org)

Thanks for your time and hope to see you at the training!

Take care,

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