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Newsletter - September 2019

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It's September – and that means the beginning of a new pastoral year. Hope everyone had a restful summer. Here are some ecumenical and interreligious activities that we will be working on in the coming weeks:



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

SEPTEMBER 1 to OCTOBER 4, 2019

Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2019

- **From September 1 to October 4**, Christians around the world will celebrate the Season of Creation. This is the annual occasion to pray and commit to actions of care for our common home. The Season of Creation is celebrated across the ecumenical Christian family, including the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches, and the World Evangelical Alliance.

Locally there are several events and activities that you may wish to consider:

- September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- September 4: Star of the North Retreat Centre (3A St. Vital Ave. in St. Albert) will host an ecumenical [Solidarity Prayer Service for the Care of Creation](#) – 7-8:30 p.m. at the retreat centre
- September 22: Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Climate Action (coordinated by [Citizens for Public Justice](#)) - 7-9 PM, on the grounds of the Alberta Legislature
- October 4: Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

You will also want to keep an eye out for Development & Peace's Fall campaign entitled: ["For Our Common Home"](#)

Additional resources for the Season of Creation are available at seasonofcreation.org



Ecumenical Prayer (Taizé)

Come join us for meditative prayer with scripture, silence and the songs of Taizé.

**Sunday, September 8, 2019
7:00-8:00 PM**

**St. Luke's Anglican Church
8424 95 Ave NW, Edmonton**

All are welcome! Bring a friend.

For more information: [Taizé Prayer in Edmonton](#)

Other upcoming items to note and keep in your prayers:

- September 3: A Common Word-Alberta meeting (Muslim-Christian dialogue)
- Sept 27: Diversity & Inclusion Council meeting (Covenant Health)
- Sept 29-30: Rosh Hashanah (in the Jewish calendar)
- October 1: E&I Advisory Committee meetings
- October 1-2: Diocesan Days
- October 4: Archbishop's Gala
- October 6: Taizé Prayer (Grace United Church)
- October 6-9: Strathcona County Ecumenical Mission
- October 24-26: Western Diocesan & Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (Winnipeg)

- October 26: Muslim-Christian Dialogue Day (A Common Word-Alberta)
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Thank you for your help in praying, promoting and supporting these ecumenical and interreligious activities in the Archdiocese.

Please let us know if you are aware of or organizing ecumenical and interreligious events in your own parish or location. We would love to help you to promote them via our [Facebook page](#). Visit us there for up-to-the-minute postings, event notices, theological updates, greetings and salutations to religious communities.

Blessings,
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