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Education and Health Standing Committee

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To: Diocesan Education and Health Committee Chairpersons
From: Wilma Vanderzwaag, Ontario Provincial Council, Education and Health Standing Committee Chairperson, Sub Committee Chairs: Mary Lou Watson and Heather Sisk
cc: Diocesan Presidents, Provincial Officers, National Health and Education Standing Committee Chairperson

The National Education and Health Chair, Fran Lucas sent information regarding the Season of Creation that began on Sept 1 and continues until October 4, 2017, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis released a special statement for the occasion: "Christians or not, as people of faith and goodwill, we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion". Pope Francis has called each of us to pray for and with creation, live more simply and advocate to protect our common home. For more information and prayer services refer to seasonofcreation.org or visit Catholic Global Climate website. When organizing your prayer service during this time, encourage your members to wear green as it is the colour of hope. Attached to this directive you will find a study guide for *Laudato Si'*, The Interfranciscan Commission for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, August 2015 to assist councils.

Partners for Mental Health has announced the following:

Not Myself Today, the workplace mental health program was transitioned to the Canadian Mental Health Association in July 2017.

Right By You, support of youth mental health will be transitioned to Jack.org in November 2017.

At the end of November, with our programs properly transitioned to other mental health stakeholders, Partners for Mental Health will cease operations.



Sue Lubowitz, Toronto Diocesan Education and Health Chair creates a monthly newsletter, *In The News* to keep councils current and up to date. Excellent Idea!

Blessings and peace,
Wilma

Attachment