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CHIEF AND COUNCIL NEWS BULLETIN #3 – COVID-19 UPDATE

Chief and Council of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation (MLCN) will be providing regular updates on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to our membership as new information becomes available.

Anglican Diocese of Saskatchewan (As of March 17, 2020)

- All public worship and gatherings of the Diocese of Saskatchewan are suspended effective immediately. This includes all Anglican churches, chapels and buildings.
- There will be weekly worship, though not together in the same church building, but online services.
- If you need a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please do not hesitate to contact your parish priest. Much of their work will be done by phone and online in case of a crisis, severe illness or someone dying.
- Churches are prepared to be open for private prayer at set and limited hours provided there is no public prayer and that the total number of people never exceeds ¼ of the number of pews in the congregation.
- **Effective immediately, no public wake or funeral will be allowed in any of the Anglican Churches or Halls without prior consent from one of the bishops.**
- Families should be considering smaller, family only funerals, graveside services and cremation.
- If there are groups or individuals that want to continue to use our buildings past March 21st, they must first convince the Anglican Diocese that this continued use is worth the risk, that extra precautions are in place and that this use would not undermine our decision as a diocese.
- The Synod Office will be closed to the public effective March 18th, but we will still be here to answer your calls and emails and to book meetings by phone and zoom.
- For further information, please call the Diocese of Saskatchewan in Prince Albert at (306) 763-2455.

Council, Pandemic Response Team and MLCN Urban Services Inc. are working together to meet the immediate needs of our members. For further information, please contact the following:

1. MLCN On-Reserve - Clifford Bird, Director of Health at (306) 981-1491
2. MLCN Off-Reserve – Charlotte Ross, Chair of MLCN Urban Services Inc. at (306) 281-9462

Teniki and stay safe everyone!