

## CCN Newsletter

### May 2024

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## Welcome, the Diocese of Huron, Canada!

Dean John on 27th April at St Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario, pictured with Dean Kevin George (left) and the Most Reverend Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron, following the receipt of their Cross of Nails.

London was one of several locations visited by Dean John, as he made and renewed contact with friends and partners old and new, among which Christ Church Cathedrals in Montreal, Hamilton and Ottawa; and St George's Cathedral, Kingston. Our heartfelt thanks to Michael Shapcott, Chair of the Canadian CCN Board, and all those others who made Dean John so welcome!

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## Duke Divinity School Summer Institute and Cross of Nails presentation

Dean John looks forward to being at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, later this month to present a Cross of Nails when Duke joins the CCN on 15th May, and to speak at their Summer Institute for Reconciliation in the days following. Duke will become our second partner in North Carolina: our long-standing partner Pullen Memorial Baptist Church is a short drive away (even by UK standards!). We so look forward to working with both partners into the future.



## Join other partners once a month on Zoom to pray the Litany of Reconciliation – all welcome!

- On the first Friday of the month at 11am UK time, led from May 2024 by our UK & Ireland partners :  
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6527541231?pwd=uAgknkerTxUiC4pvYy3jiEWbDtNLO.1&omn=82688331914>  
Meeting ID: 652 754 1231 Passcode: 2Cor518

- On the third Tuesday of the month at midday US EST, led by our North American partners :  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82501462596?pwd=Q1ZmNjNGZmhueklORldlRTVPT1liUT09>  
Meeting ID: 825 0146 2596 Passcode: 746888

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## News from ICONS (International Cross of Nails Schools)

This month the ICONS team have received a flurry of applications from local primary schools. Reading their applications is inspiring; I'm always astonished at the passion and creativity of school staff in finding opportunities to teach children the skills for building a resilient peace. Look out for news from Bablake Junior School, Holy Family Roman Catholic Primary School, Christ the King Roman Catholic Primary School and Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School. Each school presented a portfolio of evidence that demonstrated how the 3 aims of the CCN are embedded in their school life and have an impact on the community. Pupils and staff at each school have created ideas and projects moving forward to continue to embed peacebuilding and reconciliation throughout their school. I am excited to see what their energy will bring to the network.

We aim to present their crosses in June, July and September.

For more information, take a look at the  
ICONS-specific newsletter [here](#) or email:  
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**Keep up with us through our social media and our website:**

[ICONS Facebook](#)  
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<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/reconciliation/icon-schools>

## News from the Nagelkreuzgemeinschaft

### Can the wounds of history be healed?

### International Young Reconcilers' Gathering, Berlin, 12-13 October 2024



Berlin has been shaped like no other city by German history. Join us for discussion with our Berlin partners, including the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and the Chapel of Reconciliation, on whether the wounds of history can be healed; different forms of remembrance; and how wounds can be healed without crimes being critically appraised. Open to young reconcilers from 18 to 28 from Europe; however:

- German participants from 16 with parental consent; those older than 28 but still studying please contact us!
- Those outside of Europe interested to attend, please contact us asap.

Accommodation will be in homestays with members of the CCN and hostels. There is no cost for event participation, just a small fee for meals. There is the potential for some travel costs to be subsidized to a certain amount - please [contact us](#) for more details.



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## Our first virtual Cross of Nails presentation: the Denis Hurley Centre

Distance, cost and environmental concerns are all reasons to look at alternative ways to present our Crosses of Nails from time to time: cue our first virtual Cross presentation, following the livestreamed Litany of Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral on Thursday 27th June, to the Denis Hurley Centre in Durban, South Africa. Roman Catholic Archbishop Bernard Langley, a Patron of the Centre, will receive the Cross of Nails in Coventry on the Centre's behalf, with a corresponding service planned to take place in Durban alongside. The Cross will then be mailed to Durban.

The Centre works with people of all faith traditions to serve some of the poorest people in central Durban, in particular homeless people, drug users, the urban unemployed, and refugees, offering them community support and pastoral outreach. We're so pleased to be partnering with them, in an important multiple-anniversary year for the Centre.



The short service can be followed on our Cathedral Facebook livestream: do join us!



## An invitation to Evensong, Monday 1st July

We're so looking forward to welcoming the youth choir of Braunschweig Cathedral, which joined the CCN last year, to sing at Coventry on Monday 1st July in a special Evensong service at 4pm. An open invitation is extended to all Cathedral and CCN partners and friends within reach of Coventry to join us to hear them! All very welcome.

## CCN Sunday, 29th September 2024

The sixth CCN Sunday will this year include two Cross presentations across the weekend: to the Fellowship of Reconciliation on the Saturday, and to Friends of the Holy Land during the CCN Sunday and patronal Eucharist service at Coventry on the Sunday, at which we look forward very much to welcoming the new Bishop of Schauenberg-Lippe and Chair of the German CCN, Oliver Schuegraf, due to be installed as Bishop later this month, to preach.

The CCN Sunday online service will be created by our German partners this year, and shared just before the day. Please do consider how you might mark CCN Sunday this year to remind and inspire your community about your work: reconciliation is needed more than ever.

Pictured right: the early Crosses of Nails (each made from just two nails) from Christ Church Cathedrals in Montreal (left) and Hamilton, Canada.



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## Thought for the Month May 2024

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### The Diocese of Huron's journey to the CCN

The Very Reverend Paul Millward, then Rector of the Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese, had the opportunity to meet with The Reverend Canon Dr Sarah Hills, Canon for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral in 2017. She shared the story of how the ministry of Reconciliation began and how it has evolved since those earliest days following World War II. A seed was planted, and after a period of discernment we sought out ways to grow the work of reconciliation in our communities and especially with our Indigenous siblings, the hope being that we would be admitted as a partner in the CCN and receive a Cross of Nails. The journey had begun.

Later that year, he began offering The Litany every Wednesday on the steps of the cathedral. If I happened to be in London (Ontario) on a Wednesday I would join those gathered. Occasionally, if he had another commitment, he would ask me to lead: I was always honoured by the ask and humbled by the act. In 2019 when Coronavirus curtailed in-person worship, like many other Deacons, I was unable to carry out my ministries. I sent a proposal offering to pray the Litany from the steps of my church, St. James, in Stratford., Ontario, which received wholehearted approval, and when due to further restrictions I could no longer gather a group there, I brought the Litany to my home on the Lake Huron shore. Once a week, I offered it on the beach, in the sand dunes in front of, and in the forest behind, my home. No cathedral or church steps involved, just the beauty and majesty of God's creation. In October 2020 Paul+ announced his retirement and asked me to carry on the ministry. I have been offering The Litany of Reconciliation every week since, recording it and uploading it.

On April 27th, with great joy, we received our Cross of Nails. Our journey is not over. We will continue to pray for peace and justice in the middle east, for all the corners of the world where there is conflict, and continue to work on reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings. We will likewise continue to pray the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation.

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson

Below: Stephanie's faithful companion Murray, whose predecessor Murphy willingly foraged and brought home for good use the items that now make up the wooden Altar Cross in the Lakeside Chapel (right).

