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1. Last Call for *Engage Difference: Explore the Art of Intercultural Ministry*





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The Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning invites ministry leaders community members, and people of faith to join ***Engage Difference: Explore the Are of Intercultural Ministry, November 10-14***, 2025 at Jackson's Point Conference Centre in Georgina, Ont. This five-day learning experience focuses on how culture shapes us and offers practical tools for building respectful intercultural relationships through reflection, dialogues, and shared learning. Bursaries are available. For more information, please send an [email](#) to Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. To find out more, please see the [poster](#) and [register](#) **before October 31**. This is our last call to take advantage of this opportunity!

2. Dear Church... A Video Message from National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer has [shared the first video](#) in what he hopes to be a regular feature providing a glimpse into his ministry as National Bishop and that of the work of the National Office.

In the video, Bishop Kochendorfer asks you to mark your calendar for **November 30** and

plan to attend a church-wide 'town hall' event currently titled, '*Rooted in Faith, Conversations from Across the Church*.' [Learn more by watching the video here.](#)

Congregations are also encouraged to share this video as part of their worship service or congregational gatherings. Please share the video widely with your networks.

3. Appeal for Support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

The ELCIC National Office and Eastern Synod continue their appeal to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to assist in supporting this vital work that embodies faith, resilience and hope in a just peace. To date we have raised almost \$30,000.

In a recent October 10, 2025 statement from the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, the leaders “rejoiced at the recent enactment of the ceasefire in Gaza, and the release of those held captive.”

At the same time, they also acknowledged their shared concern regarding, “increasing violence against local communities in the West Bank in connection with settlement expansions.” The leaders urged the international community as a whole, “to widen the scope of the current negotiations to include an end of the occupation of both the West Bank and Gaza, leading to the establishment of a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with the present State of Israel.”

The war between Israel and Hamas has greatly affected our partners in the ELCJHL. Most of them have relatives in Gaza. Restricted movement in the region has continued to impact people’s ability to work and move freely resulting in huge financial implications for the church.

Our church's long-standing relationship with the ELCJHL is a vital expression of our shared faith and commitment to justice and peace. You are invited to: pray for peace, learn more about the work of the ELCJHL and give generously to the ELCJHL Appeal.

DONATE NOW!

4. Compassionate Justice

Faith Communities Share Best Practices for Reducing Carbon Emissions

The [Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) published a resource titled "Advocating for Climate

Justice: Best Practices on the Path to Carbon Neutrality". This publication shows how churches and local communities are adopting innovative ways to generate renewable energy, reduce carbon emissions, and advance climate justice. To read an article on this and to download this resource, please [click here](#).

Lutheran, Anglican, Moravian Community: Join Our Ecumenical Events in November

In partnership with the [Prairie Centre for Ecumenism](#) (PCE), the Lutheran, Anglican, Moravian Community (LAM) is hosting two web events. Feel free to share in your networks.

Ecumenical Shared Ministry Learning Session - November 6

For those newly exploring the possibility of local congregational partnerships and looking for introductory information

On Zoom on November 6, 11-1 Pacific, 12-2 Mountain, 1-3 Central, 2-4 Eastern, 3-5 Atlantic Hosted by members of the national Lutheran Anglican-Moravian Commission special guests include Dr. Sandra Beardsall and Cathryn Wood from the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Cm3iZN7BTFOZHPEwjtRqtA>

Ecumenical Shared Ministry Networking Session - November 20

For those already worshipping and serving in local congregational partnerships and looking to connect with one another to form supportive community and share ideas and resources.

On Zoom on November 20, 11-1 Pacific, 12-2 Mountain, 1-3 Central, 2-4 Eastern, 3-5 Atlantic

Hosted by members of the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Communion. Special guest will be Cathryn Wood from the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/pRPiVgunQkOacNWwxJC7Fw>

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism -October 14 to November 28

The 40 days have begun. Hosted by [The United Church of Canada](#), this year's resources for the [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) are now ready! There are 14 video reflections along with prayers, worship prompts, suggestions for congregational actions, ideas for study groups and individuals, and a children's activity. All available as a free downloadable zip file by registering on [CHURCHx](#).

5. Effective Partnerships

COP30 - Collective Action: November 10-21

From November 10-21, the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, [COP30](#), will be held in Belém, Brazil. The motto is Global Mutirão meaning collective efforts. During COP30, [For the Love of Creation](#) invites groups across Canada to

host candlelight vigils and/or Jubilee Walks for Climate and Debt Justice in their own communities on the weekend of **November 14-16, 2025**. This will be a time to reflect and share our love for our planet, our concern for ourselves, humanity, and all our non-human relations at risk from climate change. You can read more about this invitation and register or find an event at [Candles for COP30 and Jubilee Walks webpage](#).

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, November 2**.

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon

ELCIC: The president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon

TOGETHER: The people and ministries of the Alaska Province

6. From the National Office

Did you know... the ELCIC's Program Committee for Worship puts together regular resources in the form of worship outlines for the seasons of the church based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship? These are primarily focused at smaller congregations but can easily be used by anyone!

A few of the recent contributions include:

[Mid-Fall 2025: October 12-November 23, 2025](#)

[Advent through Christmas, Year A \(Nov. 30, 2025 to Jan. 4, 2026\)](#)

Find the [full list of resources here](#).

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Stewardship Resources

Looking for stewardship resources? For many, many years, the National Office ordered and sent out copies of the North American Ecumenical Stewardship Resource – *Giving Magazine* – to all ELCIC congregations free of charge. This annual publication, along with supporting resources, provided a wealth of stewardship content for congregations. In 2021,

the organization that oversaw this resource voted to dissolve the organization so the magazine is no longer produced, but 40 years of Giving Magazine resources are now available DIGITALLY! All of these resources are available at no cost through the Lake Institute. To view these, visit: <https://lakeinstitute.org/resource-library/ecumenical-stewardship-center-resources/>

The ELCIC also has a number of [resources available on our website for congregational use](#).

The following are links to additional Canadian denominational stewardship resources:

- [Giving our Thanks and Praise](#), from the Anglican Church of Canada
- [Exploring Stewardship](#), from the Presbyterian Church in Canada
- [Stewardship - Sharing - Generosity](#), from the United Church of Canada

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