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Week of February 10, 2026

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1. February is Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time where we recognize and give thanks for the history, heritage and contributions of People of African Descent in Canada and other places around the world. It is a time to learn about the stories, achievements and experiences that have shaped our communities, and to acknowledge the ongoing work toward dignity, justice and equal opportunity for all. You are invited to listen, learn, and reflect and to value the gifts

given by People of African Descent in our communities. The following are resources that you can use:

Racial Justice Committee - Black History Month 2026



The Eastern Synod's Racial Justice Committee invites communities to engage through resources that highlight culture and community. These resources include four recipes connected to African/Black communities in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, along with complementary liturgical materials. The recipes can be used at home or in group settings such as lunch-and-learns, offering a simple way to learn about the stories and significance behind each dish. All recipes, background notes and liturgical resources are available on the [Black History Month](#) page of the Eastern Synod website.

Other Resources to Check Out:

[Moravian Church's Resources for Black History Month](#)

[ELCIC Resources on Racism, White Supremacy and Racial Justice Issues](#)

[Eastern Synod Resources on Racial Justice](#)

[The United Church of Canada Black History Month Resources](#)

Black Anglicans of Canada: Black History Month Service and AGM on February 28



MONDAY SERVICE & AGM.
TIME: 11AM EST

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026

ZOOM:223 433 4364



SPEAKER: THE REV. CANON DR. STEPHEN FIELDS

Black Anglicans of Canada invites you to their upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) or **Saturday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. EST.** Join us in celebrating our Black History Month Service and AGM with The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields as speaker. This is an online event via Zoom with Meeting ID: 223 433 4364. Everyone is welcome!

2. ELCIC National Bishop Reflects on Solidarity Visit



ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer reflects upon his recent solidarity visit to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

"The ELCJHL remains steadfast in its mission," he shared. "Their faithfulness is being lived

out in powerful ways: hope persists, not as denial, not as silence, but as a daily, defiant choice."

[Watch the full video here.](#) Please consider sharing this with your congregation.

3. LAM-C: Exploring and Connecting in Ecumenical Shared Ministry



The Moravian Church



Two online sessions this February will offer opportunities to explore and connect around local congregational partnerships. **On February 12, a learning session** introduces newcomers to Ecumenical Shared Ministry (ESM). **On February 26, a networking session** supports those already serving in partnerships. Both sessions are hosted by the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Commission via Zoom and will include special guest speakers. For more information including details on these events, please [click here to download our informative poster](#) which you can share widely to your network.

Please register now for these events! You will need to register for each one when you click on the links below:

[Register here for the February 12 learning session](#)

[Register here for the February 26 networking session](#)

4. Join Us for Conversations Across the Church - February 22

Mark your calendars for **February 22** for our second *Conversations Across the Church* online event!

2026 is a milestone in the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, as we mark 40 years since the formation of our church. Join ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer as we begin our Lenten journey and reflect on this 40th anniversary milestone: where have we been, where are we today, and how is God calling us forward as we seek to be a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love for the next 40 years*. Please [click here to](#)

Living out God's grace and unconditional love for the next 40 years. Please [click here to register](#) for this online event.

5. Youth and Leadership

'And It Was So' - National Youth Project

AND IT WAS SO
NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT

Please join us for an upcoming webinar where you'll learn more about the National Youth Project

FEBRUARY 12TH 2026

6:00 - 7:00 PM eastern time

This is a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and explore ways to engage youth in your community.

REGISTER HERE





Visit the Alongside Hope website to get more information:
<https://alongsidehope.org/national-youth-project-2025/>

Join with leaders from CLWR, Alongside Hope and Canadian Food Grains Bank to learn more about the current National Youth Project! The webinar takes place **February 12, beginning at 6:00 pm EST** and is open to youth and youth leaders who want to learn more about this project. Register through the QR code found in the event poster below:

Luther League Legacy Fund: Call for Applications

Luther League Legacy Fund

This is your chance to submit an application for the Luther League Legacy Fund (LLLF). If you are 30 years of age or under, and looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines when you click on the button below. Deadline for applications is fast approaching **on March 1, 2026**.

[Application Guidelines Here](#)

6. Lent 2026

Prayer Vigils for Climate Justice – Lent 2026

Each Tuesday evening during Lent, 7:00-7:30 pm, CST, the ELCIC and its synods are hosting a *Prayer Vigil for Climate justice*. **Feb. 24, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.** Please [register here](#) to join the vigils live and/or to receive a link to the recording.

Addressing Anti-Judaism During Lent and Eastertide

Last year, the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) guidance on addressing anti-Judaism and *proposed alternate readings for Palm/Passion Sunday and Good Friday, along with revisions to the lectionary for the season of Easter and the time after Pentecost*. This provisional [update to the Revised Common Lectionary](#) (RCL) is now commended to the churches for a three-year trial period, beginning in Advent of 2025. ELCIC worship leaders are invited to integrate these revisions into worship planning.

Global Systemic Carbon Fast: A Faith-rooted Journey Through Lent

The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites you to participate in a Global Systemic Carbon Fast: a faith-rooted journey through Lent. Seven weeks of prayer, reflection and action address personal carbon footprints alongside the economic systems driving climate change and water contamination across the web of life. Beginning February 18, participant:

examine a different industry each week. For more information, please [click here](#).

7. Justice Updates

Join Our Climate Conversation Equipping Events



For the **Love**
of **Creation**

Climate Conversation
Equipping Events
With the Fossil Fuel
Non-Proliferation
Treaty as a
Test Topic



The Local and Congregational Engagement working group of For the Love of Creation is offering training events for people engaged in climate justice. The Climate Conversation Equipping Event will test a format for a conversation on the topic of The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. If interested, hold the dates: Thursday, February 26 at 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. ET ([register here](#)) or Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. ET ([register here](#)). For more information, please send an email to pgehrs@elcic.ca.

For the Love of Creation Members at COP30 Share Their Reflections

Delegates to the COP30 summit in Brazil included For the Love of Creation members such as KAIROS Canada, The United Church of Canada, Development and Peace Caritas-Canada, and the Office of Religious Congregations for Integral Ecology (ORCIE), who advocated for climate justice, just transitions, and respect for human rights and Indigenous sovereignty, in the post-summit reflections. Delegates shared both hope and frustration, highlighting the gap between reputations and the lived realities of vulnerable communities while reaffirming the call for bold, accountable climate action. You can read some of their

...you can do, accountable climate action. You can read some of their reflections below:

[COP30: between frustration and incarnation \(Development and Peace Caritas-Canada\)](#)

[The beauty and the burden: Indigenous realities of COP30 \(KAIROS Canada\)](#)

[Centering lived realities in the push for climate justice \(KAIROS Canada\)](#)

[From Ottawa to Belem: ORCIE's Voice for Integral Ecology at COP30 \(ORCIE\)](#)

Climate Justice in Court Webinar

Join [Citizens for Public Justice \(CPJ\)](#) for **Climate Justice in Court: civil society and climate advocates driving change through the legal system** on February 17, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. EST to learn how Canadians are fighting back against deregulation and unchecked economic development. Speakers for this webinar are John Olthuis and Glenn Wright. To join this Zoom webinar, please [register here](#).

Decolonizing Ourselves: Learning Through Story

Come hear traditional storytellers Louise Halfe, Dr. Kathy Walker, and Simon Bird share creation stories that are relevant to decolonization today. Held online over two evenings, Tuesday, February 17 and Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. CST (please check this time in your time zone). All are welcome! Attendees will hear the stories and reflect upon them in circles. This event is free. The KAIROS Prairies North Decolonization group hosts this event. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

8. Effective Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, February 15**

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and the Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod

MOR: The people and ministries of Rio Terrace Moravian Church in Edmonton

Celebrate Love: Share Thursdays in Black Valentine's Day Messages





On Valentine's Day - celebrated on February 14 in many countries - the World Council of Churches Thursdays in Black campaign is celebrating love with a new set of ready-to-send social media cards. For more information and to download these resources, please [click here](#). For more information on the Thursdays in Black campaign, please [click here](#).

9. From the National Office

2025 ELCIC Parochial Reports

By this time, congregations should already have received an email invitation to complete their 2025 ELCIC Parochial Reports. If you haven't received it yet and would like to complete it now, please use either of the following:

[2025 Online Parochial Report](#)

[2025 Parochial Report \(Downloadable PDF\)](#)

Parochial Reports are to be completed with year-ending December 31, 2025. Please contact Peace Anthony-Idoko, Director, Finance and Administration via [email](#) if you have any questions or would need help in completing the form.

Upcoming Days of Emphasis

- Diaconal Ministry Sunday - February 22, 2026

To support congregations, [the ELCIC has prepared 2026 Diaconal Ministry Sunday resources](#), including a sermon (both text and video files available) and worship and education materials, available for use throughout February.

Renewals Now Overdue

Are you part of a Congregational Subscription Plan for Canada Lutheran or Eternity for Today? If so, congregational renewals for this year are now overdue. Please ensure you contact the ELCIC national office to confirm your subscription!

- New to Canada Lutheran and Eternity for Today? Subscribe now!

Do the officers, council and members of your congregation receive ELCIC News directly? From information and resources, to upcoming events -- ELCIC News keeps you connected!

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Forward this email to others in your congregation.

Items can also be copied and pasted into worship bulletins, calendars and announcements.

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Some of the resources mentioned in ELCIC News are available from the ELCIC National Office. If you prefer to order those materials in print, phone 1.888.786.6707 ext 177 or 204.984.9177; email orders@elcic.ca; or fax your order to 204.984.9185 "Attn Orders Desk". Be sure to fully describe the item and tell us the quantity you need. You will be invoiced when the order is filled.

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