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## 1. Register now for the 2024 ELCIC/ACC National Worship Conference



# STONES CRY OUT: *Praying with the Land*

ELCIC/ACC National Worship Conference  
July 18-21, 2024 – Regina, Saskatchewan

The [2024 National Worship Conference](#) titled "**The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land**" will be held **on July 18-21, 2024** in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan. Visit the [website](#) and follow us on Facebook [@nationalworshipconference](#) for updates regarding keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options!

This conference engages questions of how to begin to decolonize worship within the

Anglican and Lutheran contexts. The stones are crying out for justice, especially in the ways we pray and worship. Let us begin by listening to the land, hearing the ancient voices of creation that hold our narratives.

## 2. Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage - Canada



The [Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage: Canadian Churches for Just Peace!](#) invites local faith communities and leaders to walk as a way of praying for a ceasefire and a just peace for all in Palestine and Israel. Learn more and [share your events, experiences, and photos with Kairos Canada](#). If you can, join national church leaders for the final leg of their pilgrimage, converging on Parliament Hill on May 22.

## 3. You Are Invited to Study Luther in Wittenberg

The [LWF Centre Wittenberg](#) of [The Lutheran World Federation](#) in which the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) is a member church of, invites pastors of member churches to join its **27th International Theological Seminar, November 2-16, 2024**. The seminar "**Basics of Lutheran Theology - Preaching the Word of God and Celebrating the Sacraments**" will be held in person, in Wittenberg, Germany. For information on requirements, agenda, and more, please read the [letter of invitation](#). If you are interested in applying for this seminar, please fill-up the [nomination form](#). Two spots are available. For endorsement and any questions, please send an email directly to Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations at [pgehrs@elcic.ca](mailto:pgehrs@elcic.ca). Deadline for completed nomination forms is **on June 10**.

## 4. Join the BIG Forum, May 23-26





## Basic Income Guarantee Revenu de base garanti

**23-26 May/Mai 2024 | Ottawa | CANADA**

**We believe that every Canadian deserves a secure future** where health, housing, and a sustainable environment are within reach. You have the power to drive positive change; we want you to be a part of the solution! Join us at the Forum!

**Nous croyons que chaque personne au Canada devrait pouvoir imaginer un avenir où la santé,** le logement et un environnement durable sont à portée de main. Vous avez le pouvoir de provoquer un changement positif; faites partie de la solution! Rejoignez-nous au Forum!

**Featuring: Yves-Marie Abraham, Evelyn Forget, Ugo Gentilini, Josephine Grey, Rabia Khedr, Dr. Danielle Martin, Dr. Kwame McKenzie, Jim Stanford, Paul Taylor, Jessica Topfer**

**[www.Forum2024.ca](http://www.Forum2024.ca)**

The **2024 BIG (Basic Income Guarantee) Forum** is taking place **on May 23 to 26** in Ottawa. [Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) is a co-planner for this first ever stand-alone Canadian event on basic income - a landmark moment in Canada's income security journey. This forum promises to be an influential moment for income equality in the country. You are invited to join this event and meet amazing people with perspectives from different sectors. Open to individuals and groups. For more information on the program and registration, please [click here](#).

### **5. Calling Young Adults - Strengthening Voices for a Just Transition**



[KAIROS](#) is seeking for young adults to participate in its **Strengthening Voices for a Just Transition** project. Applicants must be between the ages of 18-30 from the following locations:

- Edmonton, AB (Treaty 6 Territory and Metis Nation of Alberta Region 4)
- Saskatoon, SK (Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis)
- Sarnia, ON (traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg)
- Sydney, NS (unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People)

This project welcomes a diversity of lived experience and knowledge. To learn more and apply, please [click here](#). Deadline for applications is at **11:59 p.m. EDT on Sunday, May 5**. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Lorimer, Ecological Justice Program Coordinator at [blorimer@kairoscanada.org](mailto:blorimer@kairoscanada.org).

## 6. Compassionate Justice

### Seven Weeks for Seven Sacred Teachings - Resources Now Available

The [Circle for Reconciliation and Justice](#) of the [Eastern Synod](#) invites congregations to "**Save the Dates**" for seven Sundays, **from May 19 to June 30** as a time in the church year to walk with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We encourage you to learn about and reflect upon the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Anishinaabe, also known as the Seven Grandmothers or the Seven Grandfathers. A series of resources are now available to accompany you as you lean into these teachings as we celebrate National Indigenous History Month in June. To access and download these resources including a video message from Bishop Michael Pryse, please [click here](#).

### LWF Call for Youth-Led Climate Justice Proposals





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The [Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) is calling for proposals for climate projects led by young people in all regions of the global communion of churches. All projects must have the endorsement of an LWF member church and should be rolled out in the period from July to October 2024. For more information on guidelines and applications, please [click here](#). For more details on ELCIC member church endorsement, please contact Deacon Gretchen Peterson at [gpeterson@elcic.ca](mailto:gpeterson@elcic.ca) or Rev. Paul Gehrs at [pgehrs@elcic.ca](mailto:pgehrs@elcic.ca).

### **Recordings of Webinars on Environmental Action**

Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) has shared two recent recordings of webinars on environmental action. Discover the lessons on eco-spirituality and climate justice when you listen to these recordings.

[Laudate Deum: Eco-Spirituality in Action](#): CPJ and For the Love of Creation team up to dive into Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "Laudete Deum." Watch and discover how this inspiring document serves as a call to action in the realms of environmental justice and creation care.

[The Climate Virus: Lessons from COVID-19 Towards Urgent Climate Action in Canada](#): Julia Sterling leads a workshop on the cross-crisis lessons between the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis to imagine what an urgent pandemic-level climate action plan could look in Canada.

## **7. Effective Partnerships**

### **Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, May 5**:

**ACC**: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara

**ELCIC**: Bishop Sid Haugen, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod

## **8. Important Dates, Resources and More**

**Join the Webinar on Social and Ecological Justice Work - May 7**







If your congregation is interested in deeper engagement in God's mission to love and heal the world, you are invited to join a webinar on ***Engaging Your Parish in Social and Ecological Justice Work: From Discernment to Action*** on **May 7 at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time**. In this webinar, you will be equipped with the tools to help you and your congregation prayerfully discern and engage in work on social and ecological justice. You will learn more about the tools offered in the [Parish Engagement Resource](#) for social and ecological justice which was developed and shared with Assembly in July 2023 when the [Anglican Church of Canada](#) and the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) gathered for Assembly 2023. For more information and to register for this event, please [click here](#).

### **You Are Invited to Our Online Racial Justice Workshop**

A graphic for a Racial Justice Workshop. It features a background image of two hands, one from a Black person and one from a white person, held up in a gesture of peace or solidarity. The ELCIC logo is in the top left corner. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

  
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# Racial Justice WORKSHOP

Looking for a way to start  
conversations on addressing  
racism in the church and  
Canadian society?

Sign up for an upcoming online  
Racial Justice Workshop.

Carmen Ramirez (she/her), ELCIC's Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These are intended to be taken together.

## REGISTRATION

ELCIC members . . . . . Free

Presbyterian members . . . . . \$50

*Sign up early as each session will be capped at 50 participants.*

### SESSION 1 — MAY 9, 2024

11:30 am EST to 2:00 pm EST

[Click here to register](#)

### SESSION 2 — MAY 9, 2024

3:00pm EST to 5:30pm EST

[Click here to register](#)

If you're looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society, you can join our online **Racial Justice Workshop**. ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These workshops are intended to be taken together. **Session 1 is on May 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EST)** and **Session 2 is also on May 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST)**. Registration is **free to all ELCIC members**. To register for Session 1, please [click here](#). For Session 2, please [click here](#). To view and download the event poster, please [click here](#). You may share this event widely to your network.

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