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1. Lent 2026

A Lenten Reflection from LWF General Secretary

The Lutheran World Federation's Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt has written to the church at the beginning of the 2026 Lenten season.

"I pray that this Lenten season may be a time of prayer, discernment, and renewal of the mind, collectively and individually," [she shared in her letter](#). It is more urgent than ever to preach the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ in opposition to misleading theologies built on fear, meritocracy and prosperity. May it also be a season that invites us not only to ask wha

real, mercy and prosperity. May it also be a season that invites us not only to ask what we should refrain from, but to consider what requires deeper attention in our lives.”

[Click here to read the full letter.](#)

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*. **March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31.**

Please [register here](#) to join the vigils live and/or to receive a link to the recording.

Lent Resource on Modern Slavery “True Freedom” Available in Six Languages

The [World Council of Churches](#) prepared a Lent resource addressing modern slavery, in partnership with the Clever Initiative. This resource is available for churches and communities supporting efforts to strengthen protection against exploitation. For more information and to get this resource, please [click here](#).

2. Our Conversations Across the Church Recording is Now Available



The recording of our second Conversations Across the Church event held on February 22 is now available! Thank you to everyone who joined us! We are grateful for the time you’ve given to gather in worship and reflection with our wider church community! You can watch the video recording on our website when you [click here](#).

The next Conversations Across the Church event is taking place on Mary 24, 2026. [Visit our website to register!](#)

3. 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.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OUT OF MANY CULTURES,
WE STILL REMAIN AS ONE
PEOPLE.

JOIN US CELEBRATING
OUR BLACK HISTORY
MONTH 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!

4. Networking Event - February 26



The
Moravian
Church



The Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Commission recently held their learning session on February 12. While the learning event may be over, there's still opportunity to join our second online event which is a networking session taking place **on February 26.** For more information, please [click here to download the informative poster](#) which you can share widely to your network. Please register for this networking session when you [click here.](#)

5. Youth and Leadership

Luther League Legacy Fund: Call for Applications



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

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](#)

Be Part of WCC Eco-Diakonia Youth Hub 2026

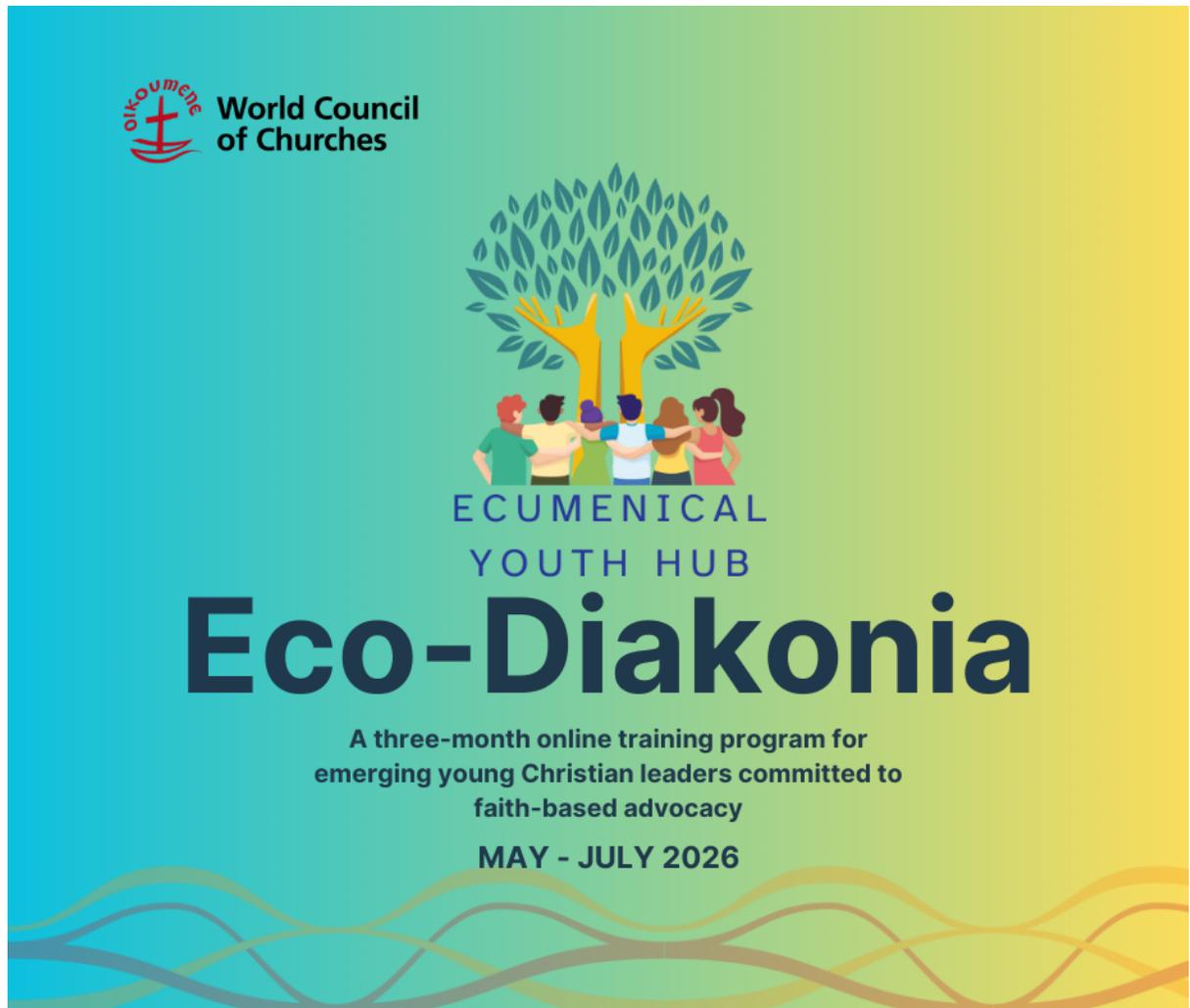


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The WCC Eco-Diakonia Youth Hub 2026 invites young leaders aged 20-30 to join a three-month global training programme combining faith, climate action and diakonia. A cohort of 20-25 changemakers worldwide are expected to be part of this exciting training taking place from May-July 2026 (Fridays, 15:00 CST). The focus of this training is on climate justice and care for creation.

“We seek to nurture young people as agents of transformative diakonia in their own contexts equipped with knowledge, skills, and a deep spiritual commitment to justice,” said Gloria Pu: Ulloa, WCC programme executive for Ecumenical Diakonia. This is the beginning of a 3-yea formation journey: training in 2026, local application in 2027, and membership in 2028. Will you answer the call? [Apply now!](#) **Applications close on March 1, 2026.**

6. 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.

Be Part of the World Day of Prayer



The Canadian Council of Churches invites congregations and ecumenical communities to take part in World Day of Prayer 2026 - a global movement of united Christian prayer observed in more than 120 countries in 90 language. On March 6, the worldwide observance will begin in Samoa, as prayers in native languages travel across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas -concluding some 38 hours later in American Samoa. The result is a continuous wave of prayer encircling the globe, lifting up themes of justice, peace and hope.

In Canada, communities are encouraged to select a date and time that best suits their local context. While many churches mark World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March, flexibility allows congregations to participate in ways that complement other services and schedules. All are welcome and encouraged to join in this meaningful expression of Christian unity. Please [click here](#) to avail of the resources for Canadian communities as provided by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. For any questions, please send an email to wicc@wicc.org or communications@wicc.org.

7. Effective Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, March 1**

ACC: The bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian Bay and Huronia Areas of the Eastern Synod.

MOR: The people and ministries of New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto.

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