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Week of November 4, 2026

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1. Begin Exploring ELCIC's 40 Stories of Impact



As we celebrate 40 years of the ELCIC, we invite you to explore a new ELCIC undertaking: *40 Stories of Impact* - stories of the events, people, experiences and milestones from the past 40 years that have helped shape who we are as a church. Read, be inspired, and be encouraged by the stories that continue to shape our church today as we honour our past and look toward the future. To check out and start reading the 40 Stories of Impact, please

click here. New stories will continue to be added to the webpage weekly over the year. Hav a suggestion for *40 Stories of Impact*? Email us at info@elcic.ca.

2. International Disarmament Week: Faith Leaders' Letter to the PM

ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer joined other leaders of faith denominations, ecumenical bodies, and humanitarian organizations in a signed letter to the Prime Minister expressing deep concerns over the government's approach to securing Canada's economi and national security. The letter was sent out during International Disarmament Week, observed from October 24-30. To read the letter, please click here.

3. Justice Updates

Help Light Up Canada With Hope and Action for Climate Justice





For the Love of Creation invites groups across Canada to host candlelight vigils in their owr communities on the weekend of **November 13-15, 2026.** 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. It is also a time to share hopes for truly transformative action to happen at COP and through each other. From **November 9-20**, world leaders, civ society, Indigenous peoples, grassroots movements, and others will gather at the COP31 climate conference in Antalya, Turkiye to advance action on addressing the climate emergency. You are invited to visit COP31 webpage where you can see a list of vigils happening on the map and where you'll find resources to host an event in your community. For more information and to get started, please click here.

United Church of Canada: Bridging Poverty & Privilege - A Self-Study Online Course
The United Church of Canada's CHURCHx has a new online course that leaders across Canada can study at their own pace online. Bridging Poverty & Privilege is a new CHURCH online course developed by Bedford House and shaped by the lived experience and leadership of epople who have navigated poverty. Drawn from Bedford House's successful Bridging Teams model, this six-module learning series helps participants explore the fears, stigma, and misunderstandings that often divide us from one another as church and community members. This course helps deepen understanding of poverty, privilege, and belonging through storytelling, reflection, and practical wisdom. For more information, please click here.

2026 Truth and Reconciliation Week Lunch and Learn Videos
The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is a place of learning and dialogue where the truths of the residential school experience will be honoured and kept safe for future generations. During Truth and Reconciliation Week this year, NCTR offered virtual lunch and learns. More than fifteen thousand people joined their lunch and learn series to confront common colonial misconceptions. Led by the survivors and subject matter experts these hour-long discussions helped audiences advance their understanding of the residential school system and deepen their commitment to truth and reconciliation. If you are interested to watch and learn any of the topics offered, please click here.

Join *Renewing Our Welcome for Migrant Workers* on November 18
Kairos has an upcoming event titled **"Renewing Our Welcome for Migrant Workers" on November 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).** Guest speaker Dr. Evelyn Encalada Grez is a professor at Simon Fraser University, a community organizer and a prominent

researcher. Dr. Grez will speak about the challenges of family separation for migrant farmworkers. For more information and to register for this event, please click here.

Webinar: 16 Days of Activism. One Powerful Place to Begin.



Moose Hide Campaign invites you to join their webinar on the first day of the **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence on November 25 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** The webinar will focus on a conversation with Fallon Farinacci, a Red River Metis speaker, survivor and advocate - as we explore healing, hope, and the power of each one of us hold to make a difference. For more information and to register for this event, please click here.

4. Seminaries and Schools

Luther College recently elected a new Board member to the Luther College Board of Regents. Jeff Barber was elected for the first term (2026--2030) at Luther College's 2026 Annual General Meeting held October 24, 2026. To read the full news release, please click here.

5. Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, November 8.**

ACC: The Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology
ELCIC: The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College

MOR: Remembering November 13 - 1471 - this day celebrated the wider church as the Festival of Christ the Chief Elder. It took two months for the news of the September 16 decision to be communicated to the churches around the globe.
TOGETHER: For those who have died in war and for renewed commitment to work for peace

New Cycle of Prayer Available Now
The Cycle of Prayer for Advent 2026 to Reign of Christ 2027 is available now for download. Please click here.

6. From the National Office

ELCIC Job Opportunities
The ELCIC National Office is seeking applicants for two part-time positions: **Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship** and **Assistant to the National Bishop for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations**. Both positions are .25FTE, with an anticipated start date of December 1, 2026. The Worship position supports worship planning and resource development, while the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations position focuses on strengthening relationships with church and interfaith partners.

For full position descriptions and application details, please visit our website. The application deadline for both positions is **November 15, 2026.**

Annual Report Covers Available Now





Are you preparing for your Annual General Meeting? Even if planning is still far away, our Annual Report Covers are now available! These are offered free to any congregation or ministry across the ELCIC. The cover includes devotions for opening and closing your annual meeting. Orders are expected to be mailed shortly. When placing your orders, congregations are invited to help cover postage costs at a fee of approximately $25 per package. To place your ELCIC 2026 Annual Report Covers, please click here.

“CRA is Going Digital - Here’s How to Keep Your Congregation Compliant” A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers

Starting January 1, 2027, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will require all registered charities, including ELCIC congregations, to file their annual T3010 charity information returns electronically. A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers on how to keep your congregation compliant has been prepared as a resource, outlining these changes and providing guidance to help ELCIC congregations prepare for the transition. To download the resource now, please click here.

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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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