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1. Conversations Across the Church



Conversations Across the Church

Sunday, November 30, 2025
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST

As we enter the season of Advent,
you are invited to join **National**
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for
an hour of devotion, reflection



and conversation.

REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/4otMfZB



Join us for **Conversations Across the Church** on **November 30, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST** for what we hope will become a regular churchwide online gathering.

Be a part of the conversation! Make sure you complete the following question on the registration form: *If you could ask Bishop Larry one thing as he begins his new ministry as National Bishop, what would it be?* You might hear your question asked during the gathering!

We encourage you to have a candle ready to light before the start of the event. We'll take time at the beginning to light the candle together.

*This event will be recorded. Not able to attend? Sign up so you can receive a link to the recording.

Did you have a chance to watch Bishop Larry's first video as National Bishop? Have you shared this with your congregation? You can [access the video here](#).

2. LAM Events Update and Cycle of Prayer

LAM Events in November Postponed to Early 2026

The Lutheran, Anglican, Moravian Community (LAM)) initially announced two events happening this November. These learning and networking events originally scheduled for November 6 and 20 respectively, will be postponed to early 2026. For questions or more information, please send an [email](#) to Rev. Paul Gehrs. We thank you for your enthusiasm and understanding.

Lutheran Anglican Moravian (LAM) Cycle of Prayer - Updated





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The Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian full communion [cycle of prayer, Advent 2025 to Reign of Christ 2026](#), is used across the church and is now available for download. Please note that the document was updated on October 30, 2025, so if you downloaded it before that time, please access the updated version.

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.



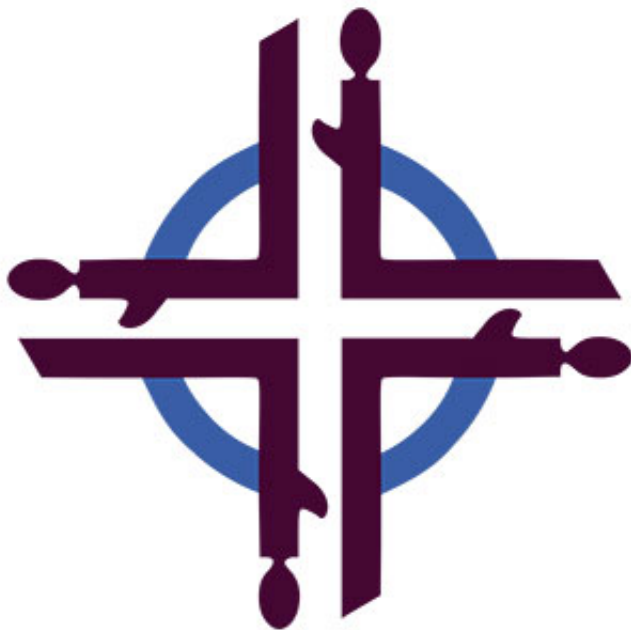
DONATE NOW!

4. Compassionate Justice

Candles for COP and Jubilee Walks for Debt and Climate Justice

From November 10-21, world leaders, civil society, Indigenous peoples, grassroots movements and others will gather at the [COP30 climate conference](#) in Belém, Brazil to advance action on addressing the climate emergency. [For the Love of Creation](#) invites groups across Canada to [host candlelight vigils in their own communities](#) on the weekend of November 14-16. You are also invited to mark the COP, with a Jubilee [Walk for Debt Justice](#) on Sunday, November 16, 2025. At your event, have the Jubilee 2025 [petition](#) available for signing.

World Day of Prayer 2026 is Ready for You!



The [Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada](#) (WICC) has posted the World Day of Prayer 2026 resources. To get these resources now in preparation for 2026, please [click here](#).

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

The 40 days of Engagement runs from October 14 to November 28. 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

Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order Issues "Call to All Christians"

The [Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order](#) has concluded by issuing a [Call to All Christians](#). Additional stories and videos are available on the website, including a [Message from the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute \(GETI\)](#) issued by this gathering of young and adult theologians.

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, November 9.**

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 – 1741 – this day is celebrated in the wider church as the Festival of Christ the Chief Elder. It took two months for 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

CPJ Job Opportunity: Financial Development Officer

[Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) is looking for candidates to fill in the position of Financial Development Officer. This role will be responsible for: generating campaigns for existing and potential members across Canada; communicating CPJ's progressive public justice values; and creatively engaging new and existing audiences. If you're interested and would like to find out more, please [click here](#). Deadline for applications is **on November 30.**

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 \(Nov. 30, 2025 to Jan. 4, 2026\)](#)

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