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1. Worship With Us on Emancipation Sunday, July 26

Join the [Black Anglicans of Canada](#) for our **Emancipation Sunday worship service** which will be held **on July 26 at 8:00 p.m. EST / 7:00 p.m. CST**. The speaker for this event is Rev Steve Greene from the Diocese of Huron. **To join this online event, use the Zoom Meeting ID: 954 6969 4485.** Follow the [Black Anglicans and Lutherans Facebook page](#) for updates or more information. To view the poster for this event, please [click here](#).

On Emancipation Sunday

The 2025 ELCIC National Convention formally designated the **last Sunday in July** as **Emancipation Sunday**. Emancipation Sunday commemorates the coming into effect of the

Slavery Abolition Act on August 1, 1834 - Emancipation Day - freeing approximately 800,000 enslaved people in British colonies, including Canada. Members are encouraged to observe this day through worship, reflection, and community engagement. Check out these [Anglica resources for Emancipation Sunday](#).

2. Justice Updates

Plan Ahead with Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026

The [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) (NCTR) shares that planning for **Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026** is well underway. The Truth and Reconciliation Week (TRW) website has officially launched, and the education portal for teachers is open -with new learning resources being added all summer long. The website also provides other valuable resources such as lunch & learn webinars and national events. To learn more and to access these resources, please [click here](#).

Five Things Canada Can Do in the Next National Housing Strategy

The **Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH)** recommends **Five Things Canada Can Do** in the next National Housing Strategy to Drive Large Scale Reductions in Homelessness. CAEH also invites you to email your MP to [call for a transformed Canada Housing Benefit](#).

3. Relational Leadership

Becoming an Intercultural Church: Encountering God Across Cultures

A six-week interactive online course entitled “Becoming an Intercultural Church” (starting October 16), offers a meaningful space for ministry personnel, lay leaders, and congregational teams to deepen their engagement with anti-racism, cultural diversity, and faithful intercultural ministry. Participants are invited to move beyond simple “inclusion” efforts and toward genuine transformation, as communities are continually reshaped - learning new ways of relating, leading, and being together across differences. The course will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho, Director of United Church Formation and Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. To read his short bio and to find out more on this course and how individuals or teams can register, please [click here](#).

4. Partnerships

WCC Annual Review 2025 Now Available in Four Languages

The [World Council of churches \(WCC\)](#) **Annual Review 2025** is now available in four languages: English, German, French, and Spanish. Entitled “Walking Toward Unity,” the

languages. English, German, French, and Spanish. Entitled *Walking Toward Unity*, the annual review records many of the WCC's activities undertaken in 2025 and continuing into 2026. "In 2025, under the aegis of the Pilgrimage of Justice, Reconciliation, and Unity, the council experienced a year steeped in history and tradition, as the WCC celebrated a host of anniversaries," writes WCC general secretary Rev. Dr. Jerry Pillay in the foreword. Download the Annual Review 2025 when you [click here](#).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 - Resources Now Available

Churches and Christian communities worldwide are invited to use the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2027 resources** to prepare for joint prayers for Christian unity in January and throughout the year. Coming soon, The Canadian Council of Churches will be posting additional resources that are [adapted for the Canadian context](#). To view the resources, please [click here](#).

Lutheran World Federation Scholarships

Lutheran World Federation (LWF) scholarships support theological and diakonia/development-oriented education that transforms individuals, the life of the churches and the world in which we live. Eligible programs include Diploma, Bachelor, Master, or PhD programs in theology or development-oriented study fields. The main criteria for a candidate's approval are that the proposed application responds to the strategic priorities and human capacity needs of the church in the area of theology and diakonia. Every application must be endorsed by the ELCIC. In this pre-screening phase, the ELCIC gathers the names of potential candidates and assists individuals in submitting an application.

Interested individuals are invited to contact Deacon Gretchen Peterson at gpeterson@elcic.ca.

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, July 26**

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

5. Sign-up for Our Weekly Sermons from May to October





Looking for worship resources this summer? The ELCIC Sermon Series offers weekly sermons from bishops and assistants to the bishops from across the church to support congregations throughout the season.

Available in both written and video formats, these sermons are designed to be adaptable for a variety of worship settings. New sermons are added as they are received and prepared, with resources currently available through July 26.

More than 425 subscribers are already receiving the series. Congregations can sign up to receive each new sermon as it becomes available through September, or access the resources currently available online.

Whether you're planning for vacation coverage, lay-led worship or simply looking to hear voices from across the ELCIC, these resources are here to support your congregation's worship life throughout the summer and into the fall.

[Sign up here](#) to access the sermons available so far.

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