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# ELCIC NEWS



## Week of September 30, 2026

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## 1. Last Chance to Register



GRACE  
*at the*  
TABLE



## Two Stories, Two Journeys

Join us for a meaningful conversation with **Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken** (Lutheran) and **Jodey Porter** (Anglican), as they each share their personal stories of lived experience of abilities, inclusion and belonging.

**Sunday, October 4, 2026**  
**5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST, via Zoom**



**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER:**



Join us for an evening of listening, learning and reflection through **Grace At The Table...** **Two Stories, Two Journeys** on Sunday, October 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST. This online event features Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken (Lutheran) and Jodey Porter (Anglican), as they share their personal stories and lived experiences of abilities, inclusion and belonging. For more information on this event and to register, please [click here](#). To view the event poster and share it to your congregation and network, please [click here](#).

**Grace At The Table** is part of ELCIC's DEIA Initiatives - offering a space for learning, listening, and understanding through the lived experiences, stories, and perspectives of others. Through these event series, ELCIC members are invited to listen, reflect, and deepen their understanding of the diverse experiences within our church and communities.

## 2. Luther: Installation of New Principal-Dean Rev. Dr. Daranne Harris





*Photo provided by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.*

The installation service for Rev. Dr. Daranne Harris as the new Principal-Dean of Martin Luther University College (Luther) took place on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at Trillium Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Ont. ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer was among the guests and shared a message of hope with the newly installed Principal-Dean.

“My prayer is that you will rejoice in hope as you intentionally seek to listen to the melody of the future; that you will courageously dance to its rhythm, and that you will stubbornly commit to love, to Living Out God’s Grace & Unconditional Love,” Kochendorfer said.

The ELCIC National Office congratulates Principal-Dean Daranne Harris on her installation.

### **3. Missed the September Conversations Across the Church? Watch the Recording**



The recording of our September 13 Conversations Across The Church event held on September 13 is now [available](#)!

Our focus was on Season of Creation - a time to come together in prayer and action. Dr. Mary Philip (Joy), Rev. Tim Wray, Eva Wray and Korpo Saily joined us to share caring for creation is a priority for our church.

If you missed the conversation, or would like to revisit it, watch the recording [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who joined us! We are grateful for the time shared in worship, reflection and conversation with our wider church community. Did you attend?

**The next Conversations Across the Church event will take place on Sunday, November 29, 2026. [Visit our website to register](#).**

## 4. Justice Updates

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



*ELCIC staff wore orange shirts to the office in recognition on Tuesday.*

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters. This day is an opportunity to remember the children who never returned home from residential schools, honour Survivors, and acknowledge the ongoing and intergenerational impacts of the residential school system. In observance of this day, the

intergenerational impacts of the residential school system. In observance of this day, the ELCIC National Office is closed.

Resources to support reflection and learning are available through the Government of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada websites. Please email your reflections or photos to [info@elcic.ca](mailto:info@elcic.ca).

#### **October 4: Sisters in Spirit Vigil**

October 4 is the National Day of Action and Sisters in Spirit Vigil, a day to honour and remember Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+), and to stand with their families and communities. Sisters in Spirit vigils create space to remember loved ones who never came home and to call for truth, justice, and safety. Consider taking time for prayer and reflection, learning more about MMIWG2S+, attending a local vigil, or finding ways to support Indigenous-led initiatives. These actions are part of our ongoing commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation.

## **5. Update and Continued Prayers for Natalie Abudayyeh**

The ELCIC continues to stand in solidarity with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) and Natalie Abudayyeh, an ELCJHL youth and Birzeit University student who has been held under “administrative detention.” Over the years, Israel has used “administrative detention” to place thousands of Palestinians behind bars for several months to several years without telling them what they are accused of and without disclosing the alleged evidence to them or their lawyers.

Following another court appearance, a decision regarding Abudayyeh’s release has been postponed until October 20. The ELCIC joins the ELCJHL in continuing to pray for Natalie, her family and the church and calling for her immediate release.

[Read the latest update.](#)

## **6. Partnerships**

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

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, October 4.**

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets

**ELCIC:** The dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod.

**TOGETHER:** Remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence

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