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Prayer Petitions for This Sunday

To download the **UPDATED** BC Synod 2023-2024 **Prayer List for Congregations**, please [click here](#). It can also be found on our website bcsynod.org under the Resources.

On April 21, we pray for:
Oakridge Lutheran in Vancouver
Redeemer Lutheran in Vancouver - Rev. Katrina Vigen

Lutheran Anglican Cycle of Prayer for Advent 2023 to Reign of Christ 2024.
To download your copy, please [click here](#).

HIGHLIGHTS

- **NEW** [Synod Office Staff Update](#)
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- **NEW** [CLWR Bible Studies](#)
- **NEW April 21** [Vocational Sunday](#)
- ***reminder*** **April 21 first deadline to** [nominate people to serve as delegates for the 2025 ELCIC National Convention](#).
- **April 21 - 28** [Earth Week 2024](#) - Together for the Love of Creation
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- **April 24** Applications due for [Job Posting](#) Anglican Diocese seeks a Communications Officer

- **April 30** registration deadline for [2024 BC Synod Convention](#)
- **April 30** [The Good Samaritan Society](#) is looking for clergy for Board of Directors
- **NEW May 11** [Hearts United for Ukraine](#)
- **May 30, October 23** [Healthy Boundaries for Clergy](#)
- **July 18-21** [2024 National Worship Conference](#)
- **NEW** Gloria Dei, North Vancouver is looking to [hire a Church Administrator](#)
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For more details, other announcements, prayer requests and resources, [see below](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Body, One Spirit, One Hope: BC Synod Convention

BC Synod Convention registration is now open.
The registration deadline is **April 30, 2024**.

You can find the registration link and other details on our [Convention website](#).



Synod Office: Staff Update

We are happy to announce that Durga Pandithurai has accepted the invitation to join the BC Synod staff team as a part time in-office administrator. She will officially begin her work this week. Please join us in extending her a warm welcome to this new role.

"Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion"

On May 11, Gloria Dei in North Vancouver is hosting "Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion"; fundraising dinner from 6-9pm for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

The evening was conceived by the newcomer Ukrainian women of Gloria Dei. The menu will feature authentic Ukrainian cuisine, bandura music and folk songs by vocal ensemble Družba, Canadian actor and activist, Andrew Petriew will be our guest speaker. He will bring us a fresh perspective on the situation in Ukraine from his recent trip where he led a therapeutic Spring camp for children victims of the

situation in Ukraine from his recent trip where he led a therapeutic Spring camp for children victims of the war.

Your presence at this special event will not only be an evening of cultural celebration but also a powerful demonstration of solidarity and support for those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. Together, we can make a difference and provide much-needed aid and assistance to those in need.

All proceeds will go to support [The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program](#) – CUSAP providing post-trauma reconstruction to both civilian and military casualties of war in Ukraine, and [Help to Help summer camp programs](#) for Ukrainian orphaned children.

Join us as we come together to show our compassion and generosity for the people of Ukraine.

For tickets, go to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/gloria-dei-lutheran-church/events/hearts-united-for-ukraine-dinner/>

For more info call 604-988-5838

*Hearts United
for
Ukraine Dinner*

Humanitarian Aid
Ukraine

Tickets - \$45
May 11 - 6-9pm

1110 Gladwin Dr.
North Vancouver

Gloria Dei
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nominations for 2025 ELCIC National Convention

To be elected at the 2024 BC Synod Convention

The Committee on Nominations invites you to nominate people to serve as delegates for the 2025 ELCIC National Convention.

The BC Synod is able to send 20 delegates to the National Convention, which will be held in **Winnipeg**,

MB, July 10-13, 2025. The 20 delegates allocated for the BC Synod are to come from across the four regions of our synod. At its April 2024 meeting the BC Synod council will determine the geographic allocation of delegates for 2025.

For 2025:

Total = 20 delegates = 12 lay (inclusive of at least 4 delegates aged 16-30), 8 Rostered delegates.

The deadline for nominations

The Committee on Nominations would like to receive nominations by April 21st so that the biographical information of nominees may be included in the Bulletin of Reports. Further nominations can be made at the BC Synod convention.

The election of these nominated delegates will take place at the upcoming BC Synod Convention, June 20 – 23, 2024 (to be held at UBC, Vancouver).

The Synod will make every reasonable effort to ensure that at least four of the delegates are between 16 and 30 years of age at the start of the 2025 ELCIC National Convention.

The Nomination Process

Attached to this letter is a document outlining the nominations and election of BC Synod Delegates to ELCIC National Conventions. It describes the process for nominating people for consideration and the election process. [You can download it here.](#)

Please pay particular attention to the two sections titled “Who Is Eligible to Serve as a delegate?” as well as the “How Does the Nomination Process Work.”

Also attached to this letter is the [“Nomination Form for BC Synod Delegates to 2025 ELCIC National Convention,”](#) which is to be completed by the congregational chairperson or the group nominating the candidate, and sent to synod office.

The nominees need to complete biographical information form, [found here.](#)

Thank your participation in selecting nominees for our 2025 ELCIC National Convention.

With deep appreciation for this work that we share,

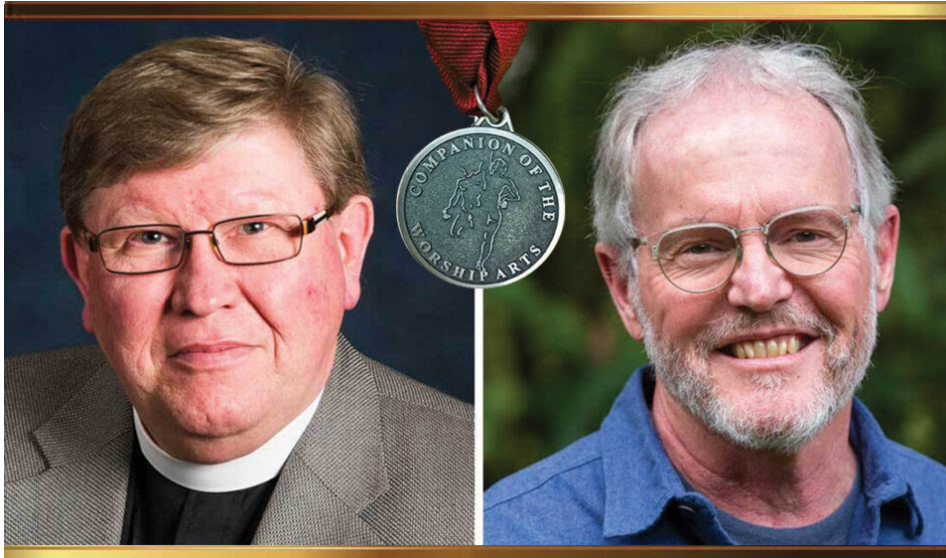
Bishop Kathy Martin

[You can download a printable version of this letter here.](#)

Healthy Boundaries

For information please visit: [Healthy Boundaries Workshop | Deacons and Pastors | British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](#)

2024 Companion of the Worship Arts Recipients Announced



(From left to right) CWA recipients the Ven. Dr. Richard Leggett and Rev. Lyle McKenzie.

In the continuing spirit of full communion, the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) and the [Anglican Church of Canada](#) (ACC) are pleased to announce the recipients of the **2024 Companion of the Worship Arts** (CWA). The CWA is awarded every three years in recognition of significant contributions to the worship life of both churches. Since 2014, one Anglican and one Lutheran recipient receive the honour, recognizing ongoing inspiration and encouragement to others, and service to God, through worship, spirituality and the arts. This year's Lutheran recipient is the Rev. Lyle McKenzie and this year's Anglican recipient is the Ven. Dr. Richard Leggett. The CWA awards will be presented by ACC Primate Linda Nicholls and ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson at the **2024 National Worship Conference "STONES CRY OUT: Praying with the land,"** which will take place **from July 18-21, in Regina, Saskatchewan.** For more information, visit www.nationalworshipconference.org.

To read the full article and the bios of our 2024 CWA recipients, please [click here](#).

Vocational Sunday, April 21

ELCIC members and congregations are invited to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, this year on April 21, as a **Day of Prayer for Vocations to Rostered Ministry**. This year's resources which include prayers and hymns can be downloaded when you [click here](#).

Earth Week 2024 - Together for the Love of Creation

Earth Week 2024 Together for the Love of Creation

During the week of April 21-28, engage in a climate justice activity - praying, learning, acting. Change takes all of us. Each action brings hope. Let's make hope visible across the country. To learn more and share your events, please [click here](#).

Earth Day Resources from BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group

This year's theme for Earth Day is "Planet vs Plastics". Take action against plastic pollution by consulting [The Earth Day Toolkit](#), where you will learn that "recycling is not the answer". Earthday.org also highlights the [UN Global Plastic Treaty on Plastic Pollution](#) for which you can sign [a petition](#). It is advocating for innovation aiming at finding sustainable alternatives to plastics.

Sunday April 21st is an opportunity to pray for the Earth and for creation, to encourage congregants to say no to plastics, to join a local beach clean-up project, to recycle electronics, or to host a community clean-up.

Any day is a good day to thank God for the Earth.



God of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away. Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth. Amen.

Church of England

National Worship Conference



STONES CRY OUT:
Praying with the Land
ELCIC/ACC National Worship Conference
July 18-21, 2024 — Regina, Saskatchewan

Registration is open!

Early bird price, before May 31:
\$475 per person

The [2024 National Worship Conference](#) titled 'The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land' will be held on **July 18-21, 2024** in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan.

Registration is now open! Visit our website at: nationalworshipconference.org and follow us on Facebook [@nationalworshipconference](https://www.facebook.com/nationalworshipconference) for updates regarding the keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options!



June 1 and later:
\$525 per person

Visit
www.nationalworshipconference.org
to register now!

Gifted keynote speakers will help us to think about, talk about and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in authentic ways - from language and image of empire and colonialism, to one which recognizes our rich multi-cultural and Indigenous heritage. These are challenging and, at times, difficult conversations and learnings. Together we will explore our own experiences, biases, and hopes for new ways of being the church!

Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei

**Gloria Dei in North Vancouver is seeking a Church Administrator.
Permanent Part Time 18 hrs. per week**

Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM and one evening or afternoon/month
Please click [here](#) for more information.

Charitus (formerly ELFEC) is Hiring

Charitus (formerly ELFEC) is inviting proposals from professionals or groups who can lead in the identification and development of case studies that provide comprehensive information surrounding the reimagining and/or redevelopment of faith communities in Canada and support positive engagement with congregations and other expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

More information about this position:

<https://charityvillage.com/jobs/rfp-for-case-study-development-remote-in-nationwide-ca/>

Job Posting at the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster.

This is a full-time position, housed at the Synod Office: 1410 Nanton Street, Vancouver, BC.

More information can be found [here](#).

More Announcements

CLWR Bible Studies



Did you know that CLWR has created Bible studies to help congregations delve deeper into themes of injustice and compassion by engaging with Scripture and considering how God calls us to act together?

These studies can be adapted for your congregation's needs and are free to use. We have been adding a new study to the collection monthly and each one focuses on a unique topic, while exploring local, national and global connections. The most recent study, based on 2 Kings 5:1-14 and focused on health, is available now - download it directly [here](#) and keep an eye on clwr.org/bible-study for more!

The Good Samaritan Society is looking to fill one clergy position on their Board of Directors

The Board is seeking to fill one clergy position for representation on our Board of Directors.



Clergy shall be rostered in any one of the following ecclesiastical organizations:

- a. Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC);
- b. Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and its full-communion partner, the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC);
- c. North American Lutheran Church (NALC); and
- d. Canadian Association of Lutheran Congregations (CALC).

Application deadline is April 30, 2024.

Click [here](#) for more information.

2024 AGM of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver

The Board of Directors calls the 2024 AGM of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC for **Tuesday, April 23rd, at 7:00 PM**. The event will include Guest Speaker Alice Sundberg presenting "The Faith Community and Affordable Housing." The meeting will take place in hybrid mode, both in-person at the Manor's facility at 375 W.10 Ave, Vancouver; and by ZOOM. Please check the poster. For more information, contact the Chair of the Board, Rev. Clifford Reinhardt, reinhardtcf@gmail.com.

The Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC presents

The Faith Community and Affordable Housing

Alice Sundberg

Housing and Community
Development Consultant

Former Executive Director
of the BC Non-Profit
Housing Association



April 23, 2024 - 7:00 PM, in-person and by ZOOM

All are welcome to attend this special guest presentation

Attend *in person* at 375 W. 10th Ave, Vancouver

To attend *by Zoom*, please register by Noon on Monday, April 22nd

Contact Rev. Clifford Reinhardt

604-790-1334 - reinhardtcf@gmail.com

The Society's AGM will follow the guest presentation

By registering at the door or with Rev. Cliff
members of congregations/parishes of the ELCIC & ACC
become members of the Lutheran Manor Society

This announcement serves as the Official Notice of the AGM of the Society
in accordance with its Bylaws.

RESOURCES

Congregational Stewardship Resources

Looking for stewardship resources to assist your congregation? Consider the [resources from the Lake Institute](#). Their library of resources offers a wealth of information on generosity. You can also find all the archived resources from the Ecumenical Stewardship Centre - which are the resources the National Office previously mailed out to all ELCIC congregations

ELCIC Mutual Ministry Guide

The [Mutual Ministry Guide](#) is designed to nurture good and healthy mutual relationships between rostered ministers and church leadership, and encourage regular evaluation of congregational ministry.

Eternity for Today - Our Daily Devotional Publication

The ELCIC National Office has taken over the publishing of our daily devotional resource. Congregations and individuals with a current subscription should be receiving their April-May-June copies any day now.

- **New to *Eternity for Today*?** Consider subscribing to this daily devotional series written by ELCIC members. Subscribe today using this link: <https://simplecirc.com/subscribe/eternity-for-today> You can also GIFT a subscription to someone using the following link: https://simplecirc.com/give_a_gift/eternity-for-today

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- For new congregational subscriptions, please call the ELCIC National Office to set up your new subscription at 204-984-9177.
- Gift an individual *Canada Lutheran* subscription here: https://simplecirc.com/give_a_gift/canada-lutheran

Transitions in Ministry

Transitions, Vacancies and Call Processes in the BC Synod can be found here:
[Transitions in Ministry | Resources | British Columbia Synod \(bcsynod.org\)](#)

BC Synod Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

BC Synod staff work a variety of hours in various locations, including from home offices. To better serve you, please contact the synod office before dropping by to ensure someone is present to receive you.

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eTransfers are linked to the office email address: bcsynod@elcic.ca

Auto Deposit has been enabled. No password is required.

The message field of the eTransfer should explain what the payment is for. (It is like the memo field of a cheque, but with more space).

If a congregation is doing their monthly congregation remittance, then the remittance form can be emailed or mailed separately at the same time that the transfer is done.

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