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Week of June 24, 2026

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1. An invitation to the ELCIC Day of Action Wrap-up





It has been so exciting to see all the stories, connections and photos from the first ever ELCIC Day of Action.

THANK YOU for your leadership and participation. Whether you organized an event, helped coordinate activities or encouraged participation in your community, your efforts helped make this a meaningful expression of our shared commitment and witness.

We'd like to invite you to a brief online wrap-up gathering where we will:

- Share highlights and stories from across the church
- Celebrate participation of ELCIC congregations and communities
- Gather your feedback and insights as we look to the future

This will be an opportunity to reconnect, learn from one another's experiences and reflect on what worked well and what we might build on moving forward.

Join us on **Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m. (Central)** for a Zoom gathering as we look back on this year's ELCIC Day of Action.

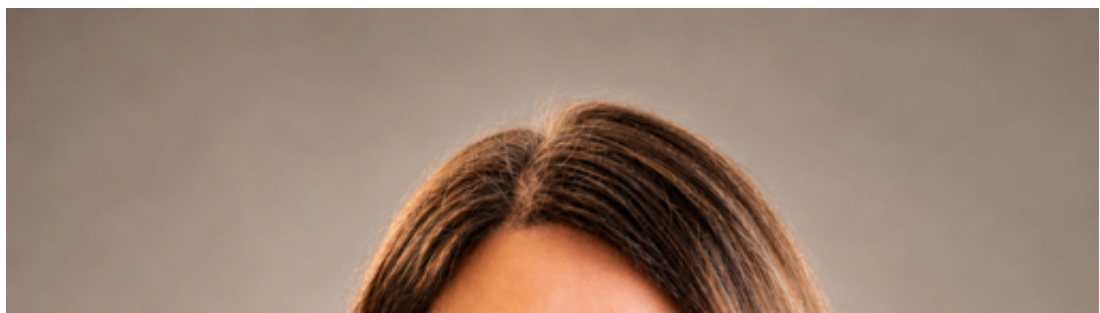
You must register to join us. **[Please register here.](#)**

We Want To Hear From You!

Share your ELCIC Day of Action photos and highlights here:

<https://form.jotform.com/ELCIC/elcic-day-of-action---our-stories>

2. Rev. Dr. Daranne Harris Named New Principal-Dean at MLUC

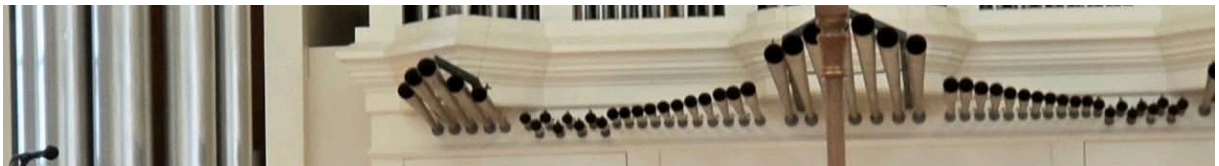




The Board of Governors of Martin Luther University College (Luther) has appointed Rev. Dr. Daranne Harris as Principal-Dean for a five-year term beginning August 10, 2026. She succeeds Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund, who retires after 26 years of service, including six years in this role.

Dr. Harris is an ordained ELCIC pastor who brings more than 25 years of leadership experience across congregational ministry, humanitarian work, healthcare, and education. To read the full news release, please [click here](#).

3. Former National Bishop Receives Honourary Doctorate of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary





(Image from United Lutheran Seminary's Instagram page)

On May 23, 2026, former National Bishop Susan Johnson was presented with an honorary doctorate of divinity from United Lutheran Seminary (ULS). The ELCIC joins in celebrating this well-deserved honour.

4. Month of June

National Indigenous History Month

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June 21





Image courtesy of the Government of Canada

June is National Indigenous History Month - a time to honour the histories, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples in Canada. **June 21** was National Indigenous Peoples Day and 2026 will mark the 30th anniversary of the celebration.

This month, we take time to reflect on reconciliation and commit to truth, justice and healing. We are invited to learn from Indigenous voices - through books, films, conversations and events. Attend a National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on or around June 21, visit a local friendship centre, or explore whose land you live on and the treaties that shape it. This month, let us listen, learn and walk together in respect and relationship. You can find additional resources here:

[The Anglican Church of Canada](#)

[The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#)

[The United Church of Canada](#)

Pride Month - Get Involved!



Photo courtesy of Cameron Ylimaki - Pickering, ON.

June is also Pride month. Looking for your nearest Pride parade or other Pride events? The task force on Affirming Grace: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for All has prepared a [list of events across the country \(and throughout the year\)](#).

Are you or your congregation participating in any Pride events within your city or community? If so, [we'd love to hear from you!](#)

Resources

On the ELCIC website, you'll find tools and resources for congregations and faith communities for further engagement as we journey together, *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*. [Learn more and view those resources here.](#)

5. Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, June 28**

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Alexander Pryor, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Ann Martha Keenainak, Suffragan Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Jared Osborn, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Arctic

ELCIC: The congregations of the northern area of the Saskatchewan Synod

6. Deepen Your Connection to the Wider Church With Weekly Sermons





You and your congregation are invited to welcome our Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops into your worship gathering through a collection of weekly sermons available from May to October.

Offered in both written and video formats, each sermon is easy to access and adaptable to your local worship setting. Whether you're navigating the rhythms of vacation season or simply looking to bring a wider church voice into your community, these resources offer a meaningful connection to leaders across the ELCIC.

If you're interested in receiving the full collection of sermons, simply [sign up to access the full set of resources as they become available.](#)

A collection of weekly sermons is being made available to support congregations in their worship life from May through October. Offered in both written and video formats, these resources are designed to be easily accessible and adaptable for a variety of local contexts. Sermons through July 12 are now available for download online.

As congregations navigate the rhythms of the summer months and beyond, this series provides a helpful option for sustaining meaningful worship and connecting to leaders across the ELCIC. Those interested can [sign-up](#) to receive access to the full collection of sermons as they become available throughout the season.

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