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### 1. What Will You Do as a Church in Your Community?



**ELCIC Day  
of ACTION**  
MAY 21, 2026

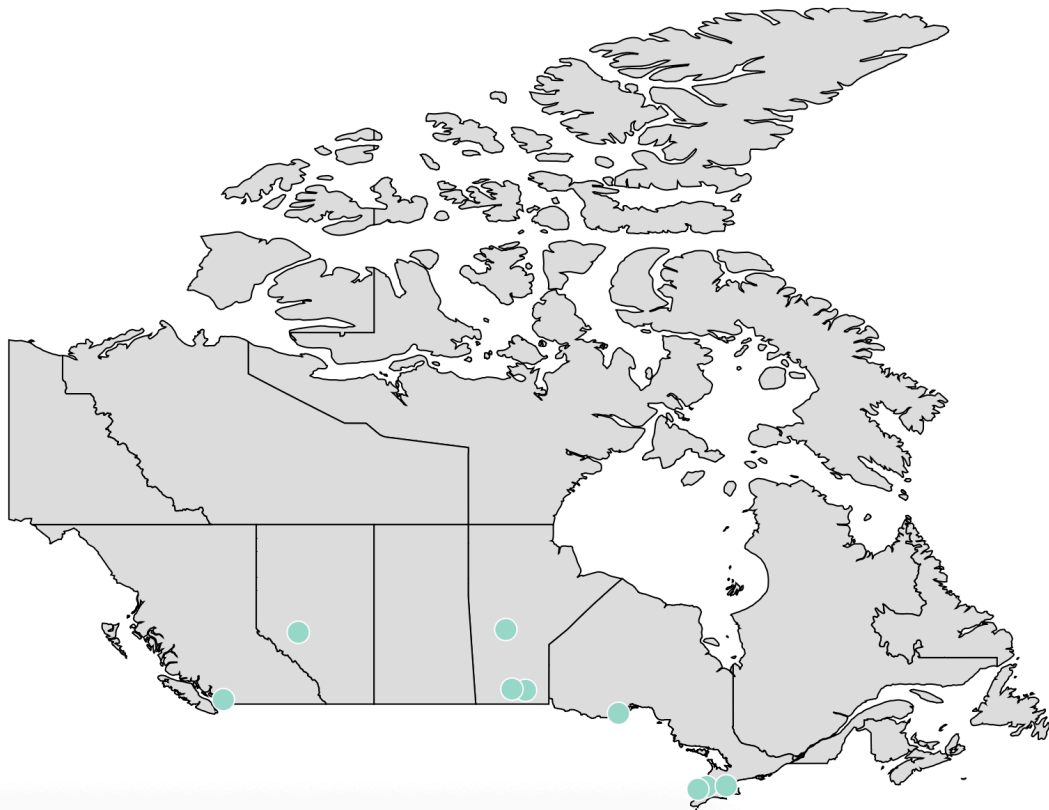


# MAY 31, 2020

In recent weeks, we have been inviting congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) to participate in the ELCIC Day of Action on Sunday, May 31 - and step beyond their church walls and serve communities in ways that are big or small, *Living Out God's Grace and Unconditional Love*. This is in part of our journey toward the 40th anniversary of the ELCIC this year.

Information sessions were held online and we thank all of those who were able to join us and learned more about our ELCIC Day of Action. For those who were unable to join, a recorded video is now available to help you get started!

**Has your congregation decided on its ELCIC Day of Action activity?** Let us know what you are planning on doing and we'll add your congregation to the ELCIC Day of Action interactive map! Still unsure of how your congregation can get involved? Check out the map for ideas from congregations across the country!



**ELCIC Day of Action - Sign up, download resources and more!**

[ELCIC Day of Action website](#) - You will find a toolkit, information on ordering t-shirts and frequently asked questions.

[Information Session](#) - A video recording of our information session is now available.

[Video Invitation](#) - Hear from our national and synod bishops, and take part of our ELCIC Day of Action. Please share this video during worship. [Download here.](#)

[Sign up Here](#) - Let us know how your congregation is getting involved and to receive the latest updates and resources.

We are looking forward to hearing how you and your congregation are getting involved in the ELCIC Day of Action on May 31!

## 2. PCLM Continues Vital Work with Discernment



*In photo from left to right: Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Harrison, National Bishop Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund, Rev. Iris Kristjansdottir, Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Deacon Gretchen Peterson, and Rev. Christie Morrow-Wolfe. (Not present in the photo but involved in the taskforce meeting: Rev. Kristian Wold)*

The Program Committee for Leadership for Ministry (PCLM) of the ELCIC met over the weekend, April 16-19 at the ELCIC National Office in Winnipeg. The PCLM is a national committee tasked to focus on providing oversight to leadership, candidacy and ministry policies. This committee continues its work on several matters including the Candidacy Manual and Continuing Education Plan (CEP). The committee's work continues as it supports the discernment, formation and ongoing development of leaders for ministry across the ELCIC.

### 3. Earth Week 2026: Prayer for Climate Justice

The ELCIC hopes you are having a meaningful Earth Week! Below is a prayer for climate justice from Korpo Saille, member of the ELCIC Task Force on Carbon Neutrality.

*Divine creator of All,  
the creator of our beautiful home, and the God who entrusted humankind to serve as stewards, yet we have not fulfilled our stewardship and that has led to the climate crisis we are faced with today. May we have the willingness to strive for carbon neutrality. Empower us to take consistent action and achieve faithful outcomes through our practice of justice.*

*We ask for more knowledge and the heart of humankind to serve as stewards. Give us the encouragement to shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy so as to have clean air in the future. May our obligation to serve as stewards be fruitful so our children can have a clean and safe environment.*

*Amen.*

For the Love of Creation shares with you current Action Opportunities for climate justice. Please [click here](#).

#### **Earth Day Worship Service at the ELCIC National Office**

Members of the ELCIC National Office were joined by staff members of Group Services Inc and Canadian Lutheran World Relief for a morning worship service this Wednesday, April 22 at the ELCIC National Office in Winnipeg. Prayers focused on gratitude for creation, reflection, and climate justice following the Earth Day theme.

What did you do to recognize Earth Day?

## 4. Effective Partnerships

### Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

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

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron

**ELCIC:** The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

**TOGETHER:** For our full communion partner churches The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based The Episcopal Church (TEC)

### ELCJHL Schools: A Message of Hope from the Holy Land

Even as the calendar moves beyond Easter Sunday, the promise of resurrection continues to speak into our daily lives. In a recent Easter video message, students from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) schools share a powerful witness of hope - lifting their voices in faith amid ongoing uncertainty. To watch this Easter video, please [click here](#).

## 5. Looking Ahead for Worship Prep? We'll Help With the Sermons



From May until October, Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops are once again sharing a series of weekly sermons designed for use in congregations. The first sermon has been prepared as is now available in the online Box folder for download!

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.](#)

## 6. From the National Office

### **Step Into the Story: Discover Faith in Action with *Canada Lutheran Today!***

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