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1. World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel - September 20-26

The [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) invites churches around the world to mark the upcoming World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel taking place on September 20-26. This annual initiative calls congregations to join together in prayer, education, and advocacy for a just peace in the region. Churches are encouraged to prepare worship, learning opportunities, and community actions that lift up peace and reconciliation. For more information to access WCC's resources, please [click here](#).

Prayer Walk for Peace On September 21

On September 21, you are invited to join the President of [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) and Christians across the country to walk and pray for peace. September 21st is the International Day of Prayer for Peace, which people of faith around the world will be observing. Here in Canada, Christians are invited to join a Prayer Walk for Peace in support of the ministry of The Canadian Council of Churches. In a world longing for healing, justice, and reconciliation, we invite you to "pray with your feet." For more details, please [click here](#).

2. You and your congregation are invited to the Installation Service for Bishop-Elect Larry Kochendorfer, September 27





You are warmly invited
to attend the installation of

ELCIC National Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (CDT)

Faith Lutheran Church, 1311 Dakota Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Reception to follow with light refreshments.



You and your congregation are invited to the Service of Installation of Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer at 4:00 p.m. (CDT) on Saturday, September 27 at Faith Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, MB. The service will also be livestreamed (link will be posted via elcic.ca). Congregations and individuals are encouraged to gather together for the online service.

Those participating in the sacrament at their locations may wish to have bread and wine/grape juice near them to receive the elements at the appropriate point in the service.

The offering for the day is designated to the [ELCJHL Appeal](#) and [CLWR's Friends of Creation](#).

Written greetings to Bishop-elect Larry are also welcome and may be sent directly to lkochendorfer@elcic.ca.

We invite you to take part - whether in person or online, and to [share this invitation in your congregation's bulletin, print it out for your information boards, and help spread the word.](#)

3. Compassionate Justice

100K Mission Possible - Jubilee Action Rally





On Wednesday, September 17, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, an energizing online rally will take place to equip participants with simple, concrete ways to take action, spread the word, and help shift Canada's role in ending unjust sovereign debt. For more information and to register, please [click here.](#)

Draw the Line - National Day of Action, September 20

Communities across Canada will rise together to "draw the line" against injustice. [KAIROS](#) is proud to endorse this movement demanding dignity for migrants, respect for Indigenous sovereignty, urgent action on climate, and end to militarism and putting people before profit. Find an action near you - or visit one. To find or host a local action, please [click here.](#)

CPJ Report Calls for Action on Climate-Induced Migration



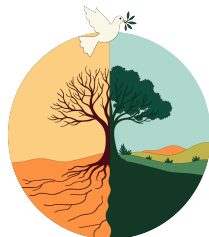
CLIMATE-INDUCED MIGRATION: **Canada's Obligations & Opportunities**

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[Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) has released a new report, *Climate-Induced Migration: Canada's Obligations & Opportunities*, written by former CPJ student policy worker Lainie Nichols. The report explores how climate-induced migration - when people are forced to leave their homes due to extreme weather events or slow-onset environmental changes - is already a pressing reality in Canada. In 2023 alone, 200,000 Canadians were displaced by unprecedented wildfires. This report highlights Canada's lack of action in protecting the rights of climate migrants and urges stronger communities. To view the report, please [click here](#).

Season of Creation 2025: Peace With Creation



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

This year's theme for the Season of Creation (September 1 to October 4) is "**Peace with Creation.**" With that theme comes a call "To hope is to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity." [Check out the For the Love of Creation blog for a calendar of events](#) and key moments during the Season of Creation. If you have resources or event notices to share, please email flc.pac@gmail.com and FLC will add them to the blog.

Related Items:

Practicing Peace With Creation Video and Other Resources Now Available

Following the webinar *Practicing Peace With Creation* held on September 10 with Join Keri Wehlander, Murray Pruden, Becca Whitla, and Wendy Janzen, a [video recording](#) is now available. This webinar helped participants reflect on and explore practices that are sustaining and life-giving for the work and ministry of creation care. Along with the

recorded video, the following resources are also available for you to use. For the Love of Creation requests that credit be given to the individual who created it. For more ways to engage during Season of Creation, please [click here](#).

[Peace With Creation Mediation from Keri Wehlander](#)

[Practicing Peace With Creation Presentation slides](#)

Season of Creation Devotional: LC† Radian Earth, Sacred Calling

From Wednesday, September 17 to Friday, September 26, 2025, [Lutherans Connect](#)

will be offering a special ten-day daily devotional featuring Hildegard of Bingen. The phi<https://radiantearthsacredcalling.blogspot.com/>osophy and art of this remarkable 12th century theologian, composer, visual artist, botanist, and medical writer blends both Celtic and high medieval Christian spirituality and practice. Working with her own texts, the devotional will reflect on how we in the 21st century can be 'greening our souls,' enlivening the way we relate to the earth and each other. The daily offerings will also go out by [email](#) and will be posted on Facebook. Please plan to join us! For more information, please [click here](#).

4. Appeal for Support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

The ELCIC National Office and Eastern Synod have launched an appeal to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to assist in supporting this vital work that embodies faith, resilience and hope in a just peace. To date we have raised almost half of our goal.

For nearly two years, the people in Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem have been suffering under devastating violence, a deepening humanitarian crisis and uncertainty.

Despite all this, the ELCJHL remains steadfast in its mission. Congregations continue to gather in prayer and fellowship. The schools of the ELCJHL have begun their 2025/26 academic year. Diaconal ministry is providing food, rent assistance, medical care and school tuition support to hundreds of families across the West Bank. Gender Justice and environmental ministries are still working towards a more just and sustainable future.

Our church's long-standing relationship with the ELCJHL is a vital expression of our shared faith and commitment to justice and peace. You are invited to: pray for peace, learn more about the work of the ELCJHL and give generously to the ELCJHL Appeal.

DONATE NOW!

5. Effective Partnerships

In Partnership With CLWR and LWF



Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer with CLWR interim executive director Michael Pryse and the LWF's Maria Immonen

It has been a busy first two weeks for ELCIC's Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer, who formally began his call at the National Office on Tuesday, September 2. This past weekend, the bishop-elect attended [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR)'s board of directors meeting. Through our partnership with CLWR, we work together to challenge the causes and respond to the consequences of injustice and poverty.

Also present at the board meeting was Maria Immonen, director of the [Lutheran World Federation's Department of World Service](#). Reflecting on both the Canadian and global context, she highlighted the rapid pace of change and uncertainty many people are experiencing, noting that across Europe individuals are, "looking again to the church to find ways help find meaning and hope in their lives."

"The ELCIC, too, is being challenged to find ways to engage with young people, and people of all ages, looking for community and connection," she said. "In this [the ELCIC] joins LWF member churches all over the world bearing witness to hope in our world today. We look forward to continued collaboration, sharing, walking together."

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, September 21:**

ACC: The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod

Lifting Up voices of Young People Across the Communion

[The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) at its most recent Assembly in Krakow, Poland, called on all its member churches to implement a youth quota, so that young people "are fully engaged through participation and voting in decision-making structures and processes." To find out more on how member churches are responding to that call, please [click here](#).

6. From the National Office

Luther League Legacy Fund: Call for Applications

This is your chance to submit an application for the [Luther League Legacy Fund](#) (LLLF). If you are 30 years of age or under, and looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines when you click here. Application deadline is **on October 1, 2025**.

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Stewardship Resources

Looking for stewardship resources? For many, many years, the National Office ordered and sent out copies of the North American Ecumenical Stewardship Resource – *Giving Magazine* – to all ELCIC congregations free of charge. This annual publication, along with

magazine – to all ELCIC congregations free of charge. This annual publication, along with supporting resources, provided a wealth of stewardship content for congregations. In 2021, the organization that oversaw this resource voted to dissolve the organization so the magazine is no longer produced, but 40 years of Giving Magazine resources are now available DIGITALLY! All of these resources are available at no cost through the Lake Institute. To view these, visit: <https://lakeinstitute.org/resource-library/ecumenical-stewardship-center-resources/>

The ELCIC also has a number of [resources available on our website for congregational use](#).

The following are links to additional Canadian denominational stewardship resources:

- [Giving our Thanks and Praise](#), from the Anglican Church of Canada
- [Exploring Stewardship](#), from the Presbyterian Church in Canada
- [Stewardship - Sharing - Generosity](#), from the United Church of Canada

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