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ELCIC NEWS



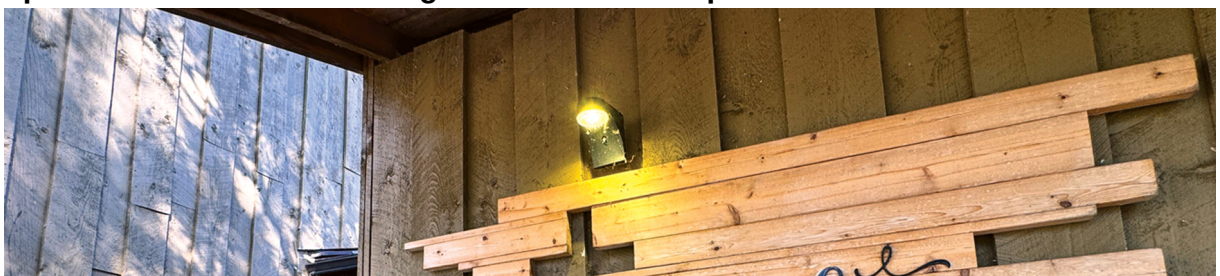
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1. Celebrating 40 Years of the ELCIC, Partner Messages, Thanks for Joining us on Sunday!

Special Thanks and Recording of National Worship Service



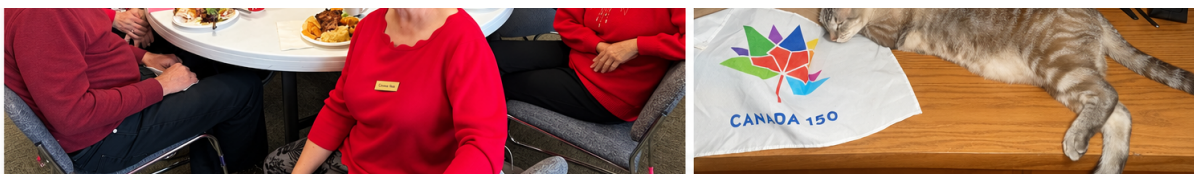


Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) gathered online this past weekend via livestream on Reformation Sunday, 2026 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the ELCIC. The National Worship Service was led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and was joined by youth and young adults from the Saskatchewan Synod who were gathering that weekend for their camp retreat. The service was livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan. If you missed joining us via livestream, you can still celebrate and watch the video recording when you [click here](#).

Our **heartfelt thanks** goes out to everyone who helped make the National Worship Service celebrating the ELCIC's 40th Anniversary a meaningful and memorable occasion! We are deeply grateful to the leadership team and staff of Camp Kinasao; Bishop Ali Tote, Rev. Sean Bell, and Deacon Gretchen Peterson; the youth and young adults of the SK Synod; and all the congregations, ministry groups, and individuals who joined us through the livestream. Thank you for generously sharing your time, gifts, service, and presence in this special celebration! We are grateful to have celebrated 40 years of the ELCIC with you!

Do you have photos of you and your congregation gathered to watch the livestream on Sunday, October 25? We'd love to see them! [Send us your photos!](#)





Photos courtesy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Cross, Brian Rude and the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

A Message from the LWF

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt on behalf of the Communion Office wrote a letter to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) celebrating its 40th anniversary and giving thanks for its faithful witness over the past four decades.

Reflecting on the anniversary theme, “One Body” (Ephesians 4:1-6), the LWF emphasizes that Christian unity is a gift from God and is calling to work for peace, respect diversity, and stand against division in a world marked by polarization, conflict, and threats to rights. The letter encourages the ELCIC to continue being a faithful witness to Christ, nurturing unity within the church and beyond as it looks to the future with hope. To read the full letter, please [click here](#).

2. Justice Updates

Seeding An Economy of Life: A Guide for Dialogue on Just Transitions





Kairos Canada is pleased to release a new resource designed to help churches, community groups and people of conscience host meaningful conversations about the future beyond fossil fuel dependence. The guide **“Seeding an Economy of Life”** offers practical tools, exercises and reflections to help explore what a just transition could look like in their own context. This resource invites communities to move beyond polarization and fear toward courageous conversations about economic justice, ecological well-being and the flourishing of all Creation. For more information and to download this resource, please [click here](#).

Join *Renewing Our Welcome for Migrant Workers* on November 18

Kairos has an upcoming event titled **“Renewing Our Welcome for Migrant Workers” on November 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**. Guest speaker Dr. Evelyn Encalada Grez is a professor at Simon Fraser University, a community organizer and a prominent researcher. Dr. Grez will speak about the challenges of family separation for migrant farmworkers. For more information and to register for this event, please [click here](#).

Kairos Rooted and Rising: An Online Worship Service

Kairos Canada invites you to join the KAIROS Steering Committee and staff for an online worship service to celebrate 25 years of faithful work for justice and peace, and to prepare our hearts and minds to rise in solidarity in the years to come. This event is taking place **on November 4 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Please register for this event when you [click here](#)

Webinar: 16 Days of Activism. One Powerful Place to Begin.



Moose Hide Campaign invites you to join their webinar on the first day of the **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence on November 25 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** The webinar will focus on a conversation with Fallon Farinacci, a Red River Metis speaker, survivor and advocate - as we explore healing, hope, and the power of each one of us hold to make a difference. For more information and to register for this event, please [click here](#).

3. Save the Date and Join Us for a Coffee Chat



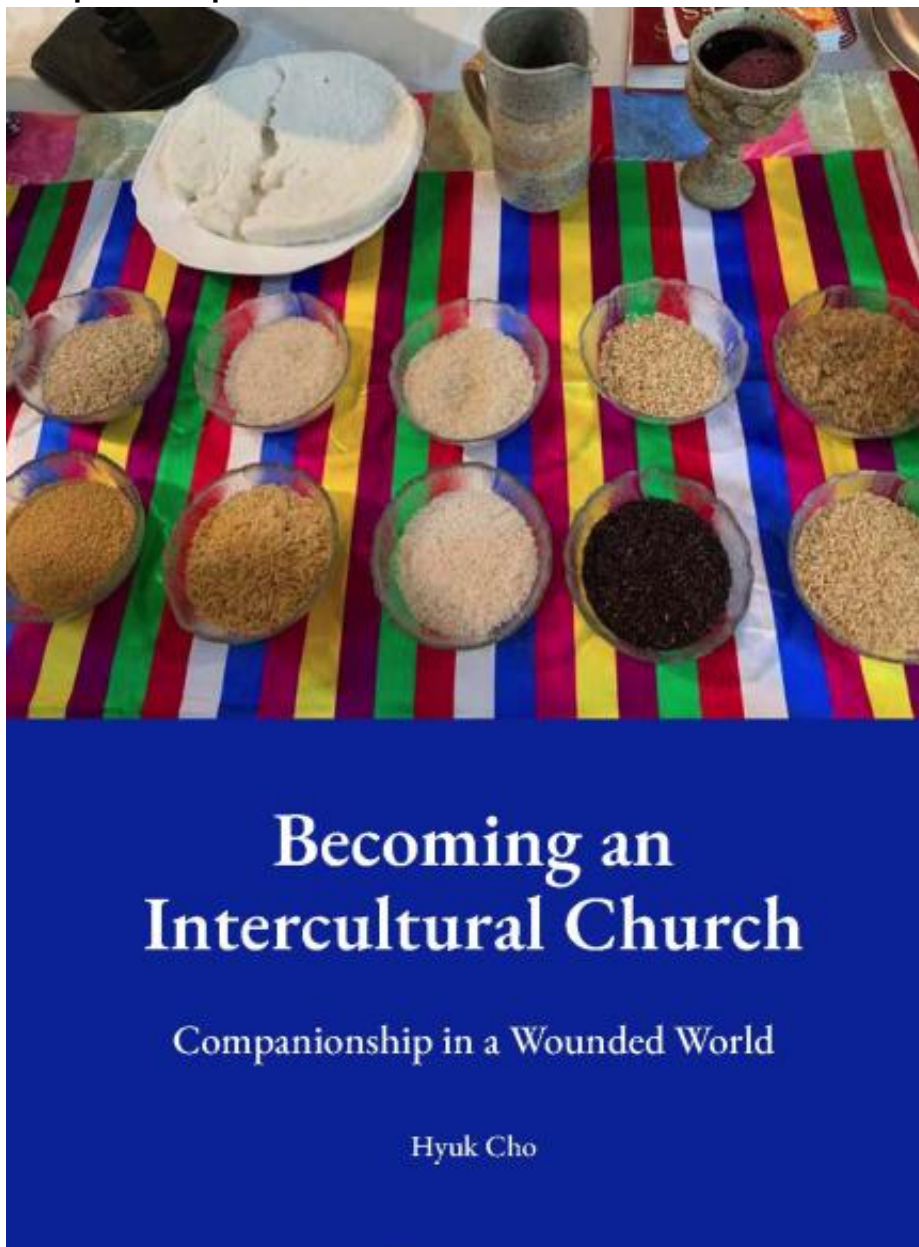
SAFE HARBOUR

CLAY 2027 • Nanaimo, BC

Lutheran and Anglican youth and their leaders are invited to attend CLAY 2027 - Safe Harbour! The gathering will take place **August 19-22, 2027** in Nanaimo, BC at Vancouver Island University. CLAY is an opportunity to gather with youth age 14-19 from across Canada for a time of fellowship, worship, learning and fun! Want to learn more? Check out updates that will be coming out on the website at claygathering.ca and watch our socials for more info (Instagram, [Facebook](#)). **The next coffee chat hosted by Deacon Gretchen is on November 15, 4:00 p.m. Saskatchewan time.** Please register when you [click here](#).

4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Initiatives

New WCC Publication Invites Churches to Become Intercultural Through Companionship



The World Council of Churches (WCC) endorses the resource “Becoming An Intercultural Church” by Hyuk Cho - an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada and a theologian, whose work in intercultural theology, postcolonial critique, and ecclesial formation converges in a theology of companionship. Cho draws a clear line between multicultural and intercultural. A multicultural church can be diverse in the pews and unchanged in its centre; an intercultural church is one in which the centre itself is altered by the encounter. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection, and the book is written to be read together - over six sessions of six months - by ministers, lay leaders, and congregational teams. For more information and to download this resource now, please [click here](#).

United Church of Canada: 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

The 40 Days of Engagement has returned with new videos and new prayers for 2026 and beyond! For this season and throughout the year, you can explore these 6 new videos from three different younger church leaders. Each video is available in a [shorter version \(about 1 minute\)](#) and a [longer version \(about 3 minutes\)](#). To learn more, please [click here](#).

Explore the Collection: Advocacy for People Living With Disabilities and Neurodiversity

You are invited to explore the Justice Resources collection which offers a starting point for learning about disability advocacy and neurodiversity. As you explore these materials, you are encouraged to consider how your congregation can move beyond welcome toward a meaningful access, participation, and leadership. A few of the important areas you'll explore include: understanding disability justice, learning about neurodiversity, creating accessible faith communities, and centering lived experiences. To find out more and access these resources, please [click here](#).

5. Partnerships

New Cycle of Prayer Available Now





The Cycle of Prayer for Advent 2026 to Reign of Christ 2027 is available now for download. Please [click here](#).

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, November 1.**

ACC: The Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Yukon

ELCIC: The president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran theological Seminary, Saskatoon

MOR: The people and ministries of the Alaska Province

6. From the National Office

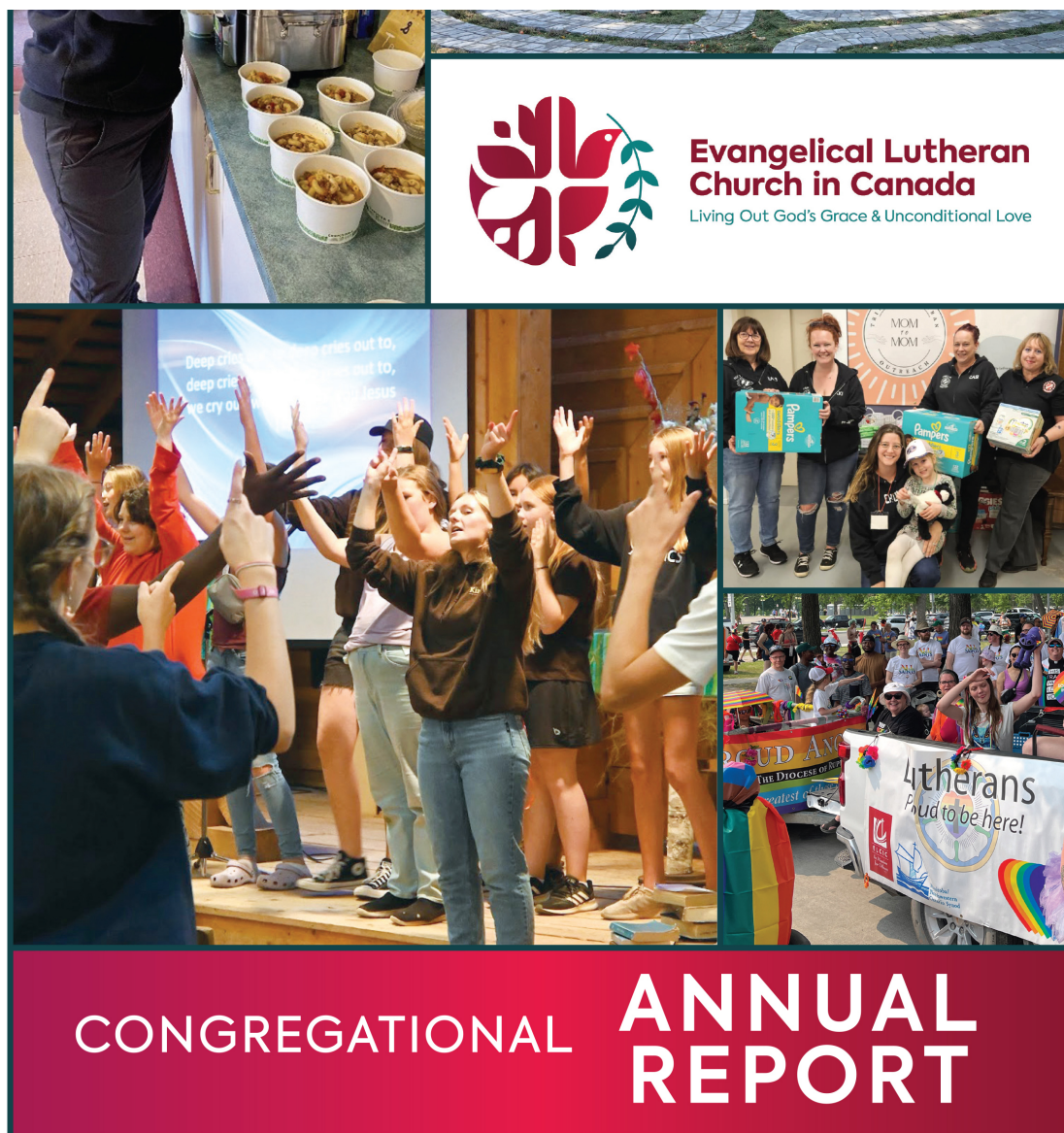
ELCIC Job Opportunities

The ELCIC National Office is seeking applicants for two part-time positions: **Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship** and **Assistant to the National Bishop for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations**. Both positions are .25FTE, with an anticipated start date of December 1, 2026. The Worship position supports worship planning and resource development, while the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations position focuses on strengthening relationships with church and interfaith partners.

For full position descriptions and application details, please visit our website. The application deadline for both positions is November 15, 2026.

Annual Report Covers Available Now





Are you preparing for your Annual General Meeting? Even if planning is still far away, our Annual Report Covers are now available! These are offered free to any congregation or ministry across the ELCIC. The cover includes devotions for opening and closing your annual meeting. Orders are expected to be mailed shortly. When placing your orders, congregations are invited to help cover postage costs at a fee of approximately \$25 per package. To place your ELCIC 2026 Annual Report Covers, please [click here](#).

“CRA is Going Digital - Here’s How to Keep Your Congregation Compliant” A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers

Starting January 1, 2027, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will require all registered charities, including ELCIC congregations, to file their annual T3010 charity information returns electronically. A Quick Guide for ELCIC Treasurers on how to keep your congregation compliant has been prepared as a resource, outlining these changes and

providing guidance to help ELCIC congregations prepare for the transition. To download the resource now, please [click here](#).

Putting Stewardship at the Heart of your Congregation's Life

Register today for this inaugural two-day Canadian conference that will explore church stewardship and **Funding Ministry into the Future**. Join us for practical workshops and to hear experts in the field of stewardship, along with keynotes from Grace Duddy Pomroy - from Luther Seminary and author of *Funding Forward*, and Paul Nazareth, renown Canadian speaker on generosity and an expert on giving, tax, financial and estate planning. **NOTE: the early bird rate of just \$125 per person ends October 31!**

For more information and to register, please [click here](#). To view and/or download the event poster and share it to your network, please [click here](#).

FUNDING MINISTRY *into the* **FUTURE**

A CONFERENCE OF **HOPE & STEWARDSHIP** FOR THE CHURCH

How to put stewardship at the heart of your congregation's life

Conference includes practical workshops and our key-note speakers:

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Important Notice: Winnipeg Will Remain in Daylight Saving Time

Winnipeg will not change its clocks in November 2026, as Manitoba is moving to permanent Daylight Saving Time (DST). This means the province will remain on Central Daylight Time (CDT) year round. Please keep this in mind when converting times to or from Manitoba to help avoid any potential time conversion errors.

Do the officers, council and members of your congregation receive ELCIC News directly? From information and resources, to upcoming events -- ELCIC News keeps you connected!

Encourage them to sign up for ELCIC NEWS today.

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Please share this information widely.

Forward this email to others in your congregation.

Items can also be copied and pasted into worship bulletins, calendars and announcements.

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Some of the resources mentioned in ELCIC News are available from the ELCIC National Office. If you prefer to order those materials in print, phone 1.888.786.6707 ext 177 or 204.984.9177; email orders@elcic.ca; or fax your order to 204.984.9185 "Attn Orders Desk". Be sure to fully describe the item and tell us the quantity you need. You will be invoiced when the order is filled.

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