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1. CLAY 2025 - Today Through Sunday, August 24





The [Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering](#) (CLAY) is here! Youth delegates from the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) and [Anglican Church of Canada](#) (ACC) are gathering August 21 to 24 in Saskatoon to grow roots of faith and rise in hope. Please pray for the delegates and follow their journey on Facebook and Instagram @claygathering. To visit the CLAY website, please [click here](#).

2. A Message to the ELCIC From ELCJHL Bishop-Elect Rev. Imad Haddad

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land Bishop-elect Rev. Imad Haddad shares a message of thanks to members of the ELCIC for their prayers and financial support through the ELCJHL Appeal.

[Watch that video message here.](#)



Rev. Dr. Imad Haddad

Bishop-elect - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

Recently, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), the ELCIC National Office and Eastern Synod [launched an appeal to raise \\$50,000](#). Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to this appeal.

We have not yet reached our goal of \$50,000 though. Please consider how you can contribute to this important effort to support the vital work of the ELCJHL that embodies faith, resilience and hope of a just peace.

Despite everything, the ELCJHL has remained steadfast in its mission.

- Congregations continue to gather in prayer and fellowship.
- The schools of the ELCJHL have successfully completed their 2024-25 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.

Your donation to the [ELCJHL Appeal](#) will help support this important ministry.

DONATE NOW!

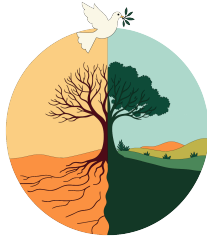
The ELCIC is actively advocating for peace in the region. Find an ongoing list of updates, statements and resources regarding the current situation in the Holy Land, including information from our partners, [here](#).

The following are two recent updates:

- JULY 18, 2025: [ELCIC National Bishop writes to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on peace in Taybeh](#)
- July 28, 2025: [A joint ecumenical letter to the Prime Minister on just peace in Palestine and Israel](#)

3. Compassionate Justice

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.

Join the CPJ Ride for Refuge - Fundraising to Keep Refugee and Migrant Rights Advocacy Strong



[Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) invites you to join the Ride for Refuge in Nepean, ON, and across Canada **on October 4**. The event raises funds and awareness to strengthen CPJ's advocacy for refugee and migrant rights through an organized walk, ride, and public engagement campaign. To join and for more information, please [click here](#).

Where Science Meets Faith - Free Virtual Course

From September 29 to December 8, join a free virtual course exploring the fundamentals of genetics through a faith-based lens. This course is co-organized by the [Faith and Life Sciences Reference Group](#) of [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) (CCC) along with the World Council of Churches and the Christian Medical College of Vellore, India. Engage in meaningful dialogue, explore harmony and tension between belief and science, and gain

meaningful dialogue, explore harmony and tension between belief and science, and gain tools to discuss genetics in your community. For details, please visit the [CCC website](#) and [click here](#) to register. Applications due on **August 31**.

4. Youth and Leadership

Funding Open for Youth-Led Climate Justice Projects

[The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) is inviting young people aged between 18-30 years old, to take the lead in addressing climate change through small-scale, community-driven projects. This [funding opportunity](#) is designed to support innovative initiatives that promote climate justice, environmental stewardship and equity. [Applications close on August 25, 2025](#). Projects must run between September 2025 and January 2026 and be locally designed and implemented. Please contact Deacon Gretchen Peterson at gpeterson@elcic.ca for the ELCIC endorsement of your application.

LWF: Join the Climate Conversation: COP30 Youth Delegate Nominations

This is a unique chance to engage directly with international climate discussions and bring the voice of youth to the forefront. If you're interested in being nominated, learn more when you [click here](#). Please contact Deacon Gretchen Peterson at gpeterson@elcic.ca if you're interested in being nominated.

5. ELCIC Publications

2025 Summer Sermon Series



Has your congregation signed up to receive sermons through the ELCIC Summer Sermon Series?

May 25 to September 21, ELCIC National and Synod Bishops and assistants to the bishops, are sharing sermons for each Sunday in both video and text format for congregational use.

Currently 15 of the sermons (through the month of August) are posted. Files consist of high and low resolution videos as well as Word and PDF styled text documents.

The full sermon schedule can also be found within the Box folder. [To access these resources, please complete the following form by clicking here.](#)

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6. Effective Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, August 24:**

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Bishop of Mississippi and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

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