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ELCIC NEWS



Week of September 17, 2026

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1. World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel

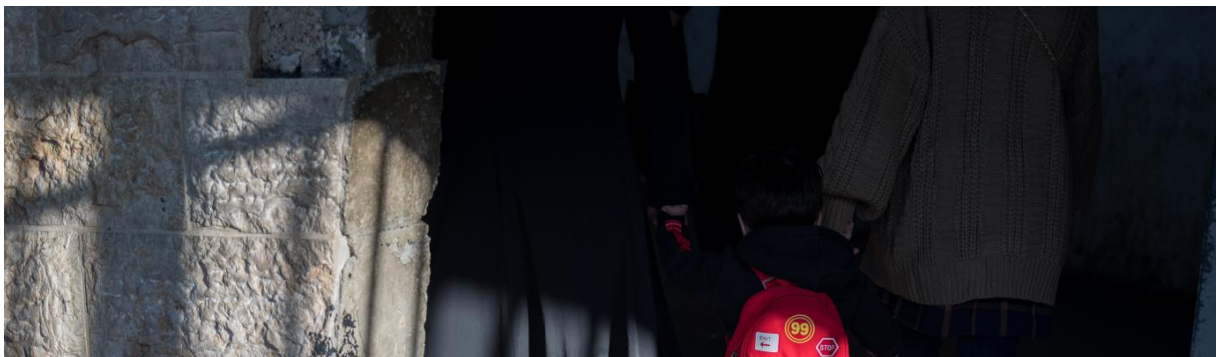




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The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites people and churches all over the world to pray, advocate, and stand in solidarity with people in the Holy Land during the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel, to be observed **from September 20-26, 2026**. The WCC World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel will focus on protecting children. The theme is from Psalm 127:3, “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.” Read the full article when you [click here](#).

2. National Worship Service to Celebrate the ELCIC’s 40th Anniversary



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As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada celebrates 40 years in 2020, members and congregations from across the church are invited to come together for a special National Worship Service **on Sunday, October 25**. Led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the service will be livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, where youth from across the Saskatchewan Synod will gather for a weekend retreat. To read the full news article, please [click here](#).

3. Free Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 21-26

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) shares that planning for Truth and Reconciliation Week 2026 is well underway. The Truth and Reconciliation Week (TRW) website has officially launched, and the education portal for teachers is open - with new learning resources being added through the fall. The website also provides other valuable resources for everyone, such as lunch & learn webinars and national events. Truth and Reconciliation Week this year is **from September 21 to 26**. To learn more and to access these resources, please [click here](#).

Looking Ahead: September 30 marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters. For information, resources, and more, please [click here](#). You can also find more resources from the Anglican Church of Canada website.

4. DEIA Initiatives

Come, Meet With Us at Grace At the Table...Two Stories, Two Journeys On October 4



GRACE *at the* TABLE



Two Stories, Two Journeys

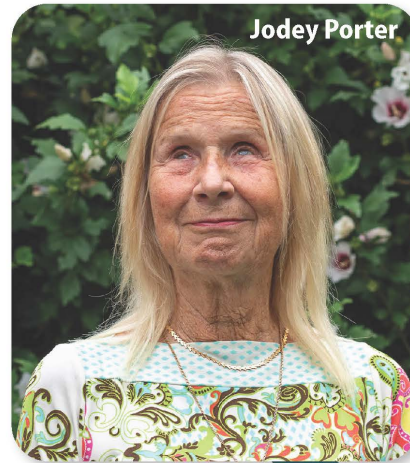
Join us for a meaningful conversation with **Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken (Lutheran)** and **Jodey Porter (Anglican)**, as they

each share their personal stories or lived experience of abilities, inclusion and belonging.

Sunday, October 4, 2026
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST, via Zoom



Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken



Jodey Porter

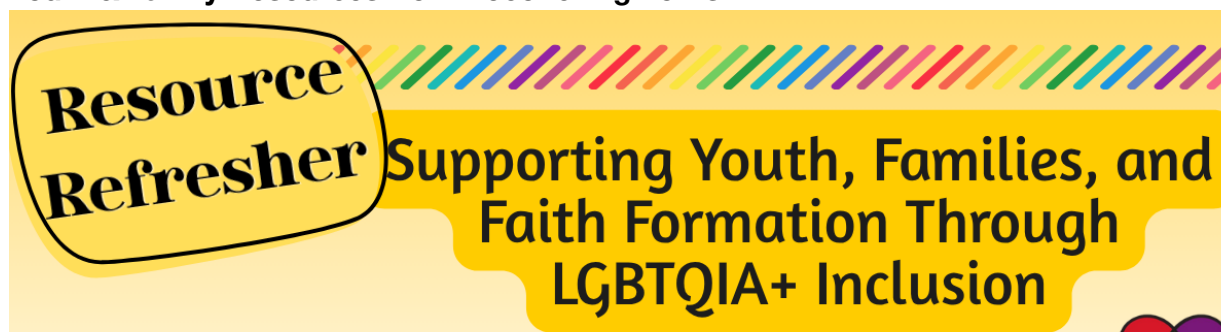
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Join us for an evening of listening, learning and reflection through **Grace At The Table... Two Stories, Two Journeys** on Sunday, October 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST. The online event, part of the ELCIC's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Initiatives, will feature Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken (Lutheran) and Jodey Porter (Anglican), as they share their personal stories and lived experiences of abilities, inclusion and belonging. For more information on this event and to register, please [click here](#). To view the event poster and share it to your congregation and network, please [click here](#).

Grace At The Table is part of ELCIC's DEIA Initiatives - offering a space for learning, listening, and understanding through the lived experiences, stories, and perspectives of others. Through these event series, ELCIC members are invited to listen, reflect, and deepen their understanding of the diverse experiences within our church and communities.

Youth & Family Resources from ReconcilingWorks





One of the most meaningful opportunities for people of faith is to nurture young people and support families as they grow in faith, identity, and belonging. [ReconcilingWorks](#) offers a variety of resources designed to help faith communities create environments where young people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions can thrive. You are invited to explore their Youth & Family Ministry resources and discover tools that can support learning, conversation, and faithful accompaniment. To view their resources, please [click here](#).

5. 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](#). Deadline for applications is fast approaching on **October 1, 2026**.

6. Justice Updates

KAIROS' Renewed Vision & Strategic Plan - Learn More, Sept. 29

You are invited by [KAIROS](#) to attend its virtual event ***Two Paths. One Journey. Shared Purpose*** on **Tuesday, September 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Eastern Time**. Hear from Murray Pruden, Director of Indigenous Programs and Tania Principe, Executive Director, who will share KAIROS' renewed vision and strategic plan, and how you can be part of it. Register for this event when you [click here](#).

Counting the Ecological Cost of AI: Data Centres, Water, Energy, and Critical Mineral Extraction

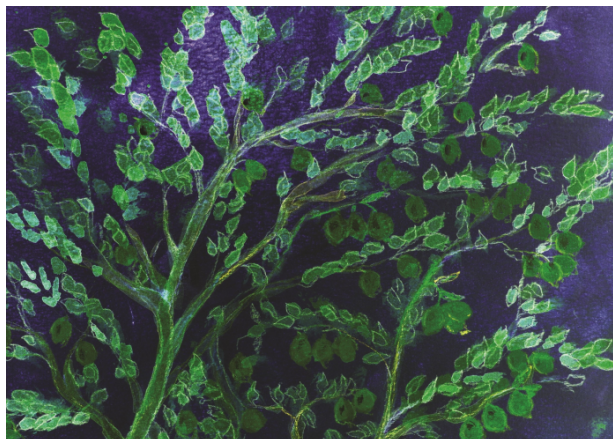




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A webinar titled “**Counting the Ecological Cost of AI: Data Centres, Water, Energy, and Critical Mineral Extraction**” is taking place this **Thursday, September 17 at 16:00 Zurich time (or 9:00 a.m., Winnipeg time)**. The webinar is hosted by the World Council of Churches’ Commission on Climate Justice and Sustainable Development and the Commission on Health and Healing, in partnership with The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC). The panel brings together theologians, ethicists, and scientists to ask what climate justice demands of the AI age, and how churches can respond. To join this event, please register when you [click here](#). More information is also available on the [WCC website](#).

Season of Creation: Resources and Events for You

Season of Creation is here **from September 1 to October 4** - a time when we can pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. The theme for Season of Creation this year is ***Living Water***. Inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12, the theme invites us to reflect on God’s life-giving waters that bring healing, renewal, and flourishing for all creation, and to consider our shared responsibility to protect and restore the Earth’s ecosystems.

Visit the [Season of Creation Celebration Guide 2026](#) to find theological reflections on the theme, an Ecumenical Prayer Service, invitation from ecumenical faith leaders and the Season of Creation 2026 Prayer.

Related Resources:

[Lutherans Connect](#) will post daily devotions for the Season of Creation **from September 1 to 12**. Titled, [LC† The Winged Word](#), the devotions reflect on the birds of the Bible, and birds at risk today. What can we do to help preserve these essential creatures?

7. Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, September 20.**

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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

8. From the National Office

Register for the Ecumenical Stewardship Conference In November

Looking to put stewardship at the heart of your congregation's ministry? Plan to attend

Funding Ministry into the Future: A Conference of Hope and Stewardship for the Church - taking place **November 20 and 21, 2026** in Waterloo, Ont. This ecumenically planned event, including the ELCIC, will feature practical worships, along with keynotes from Grace Duddy Pomroy, from Luther Seminary and author of *Funding Forward*, and Paul Nazareth, renowned Canadian speaker on generosity and an expert on giving, tax, financial and estate planning. Mark your calendar - and make sure to take advantage of the early bird registration rate! <https://presbyterian.ca/stewardship/events/funding-ministry-into-the-future/>

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