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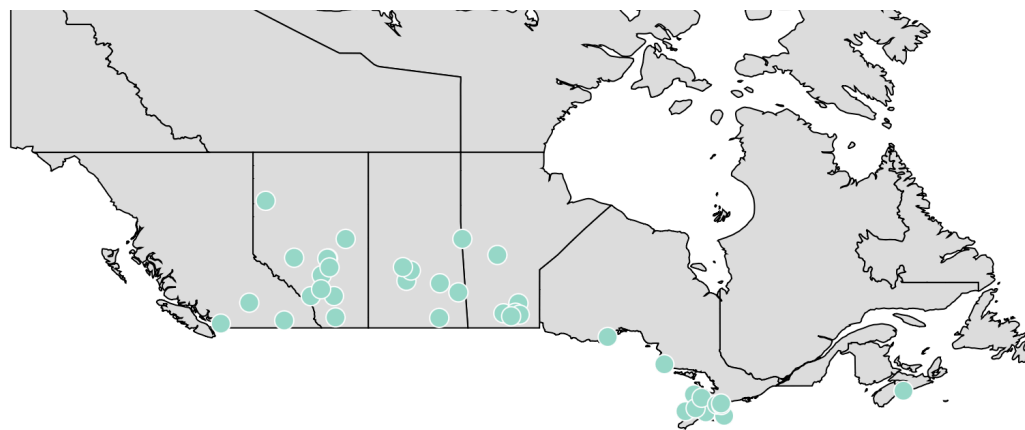
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1. Share Your Plans and Get on the Map Today!





Have you shared your ELCIC Day of Action plans yet? As we move closer to May 31, congregations across the church are finalizing how they will step out in service - *Living out God's grace and unconditional love* in their communities.

If your congregation has planned an activity, don't forget to let us know! When you share your plans, your congregation will be added to the interactive map which helps inspire others and shows our collective impact as a church in action. Let us know what you're doing and make it visible!

Make sure your congregation is part of the ELCIC Day of Action. Share your plans. Get on the map. (<https://form.jotform.com/ELCIC/DayofActionSubmissionForm>)

As you prepare for the day, why not also show our church's spirit by wearing an ELCIC t-shirt? Everything you need to order online or work with a local t-shirt shop can be found here: [click here](#).

****NOTE:** The online webstore requires at least 10 business days for t-shirt orders! That means NOW is the time to order. Full information is available here: <https://elcic.ca/dayofaction/t-shirts/> .

Download Our Resources

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



ELCIC Day



Day of ACTION

MAY 31, 2026

2. Conversations Across the Church - Sunday, May 24

Join us for our next *Conversations Across the Church* online gathering on **Sunday, May 24!**

This time together will include a brief time of worship, grounding us in prayer and community as we listen, learn and reflect together.

We'll be joined by voices from our Global Mission partners: Bishop Imad Haddad from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), Pastor Mariela Pereyra, President of Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Unida (IELU), and Pastor Ofelia Davila, President of Iglesia Luterana del Perú (IL-P). Together, we will reflect on a shared question: *Where do you see life in your church?*

Through these perspectives, we'll hear stories from across our global community—reminding us of the many ways God is at work with and among us.

Join us for this meaningful time of connection and reflection. Come ready to listen, be inspired, and consider where you see signs of life in your own context.

Register now to reserve your spot!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/s27TUCRVTGS2EUyJJBvLKg>

3. Justice Updates

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) - May 17

On **May 17**, the world will mark **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia,**

Intersexphobia, and Transphobia - (IDAHOBIT) - a global moment to stand in solidarity with 2SLGBTQI communities and spotlight in the urgent need to confront hate and discrimination. You can find resources for Lutheran communities at **Reconciling Works** when you [click here](#) and Canadian advocacy resource at **Egale Canada** when you [click here](#).

Webinar Digital Health: What is possible? Who will benefit?



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On Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. EST, the World Council of Churches' Faith and Science Working Group in partnership with Transform Health, will host an online webinar exploring the real-world impact of digital health technologies. Drawing on experiences from India and Kenya, the conversation will look at what these tools are currently achieving and where gap remain.

Panelists working with these systems will speak candidly about whether digital health is helping to close healthcare gaps or risk widening them, and whether it can truly empower communities or leave the most vulnerable further behind. To register for this event, please [click here](#).

Moose Hide Campaign - Be Part of the Movement

May 14 marks Moose Hide Campaign Day. Started over 10 years ago in British Columbia, the Moose Hide campaign has grown into a grassroots, nationwide movement aimed at engaging men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. Your Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice encourages you to watch the video as well as visit the Moose Hide Campaign website to familiarize yourself with this important day and find ways of engaging with the campaign. To watch the video, please [click here](#). For more information, please visit the [website](#).

4. Partnerships

Sunday, May 17 - Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday

Observed annually on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada recognizes Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday this year on May 17.

This joint day of emphasis with the Anglican Church of Canada is an opportunity to lift up our partner churches in the region — the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

The ELCJHL is one of our [Global Mission partners](#). As part of the ELCIC's Sermon Series, Rev. Margaret Koizumi, assistant to the bishop for the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, has prepared a sermon lifting up this day of emphasis for our church. [Sign up to access the prayer here](#).

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, May 17**

ACC: The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario

ELCIC: The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the Saskatchewan Synod

MOR: The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

NATI-RETI 2026: Cross-Border Theological Learning Program





NORTH AMERICA TURTLE ISLAND
REGIONAL ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

NATI-RETI 2026

Where Now for Visible Justice?

The North America-Turtle Island and Regional Ecumenical Theological Institute (NATI-RETI) will convene on **August 3-16** under the theme “Where Now for Visible Justice?” The application **deadline has been extended to May 31**. This is a formational experience for those with an interest in theology, ecumenism, mission, and justice. The program is open to emerging ecumenical leaders, with priority given to those aged 21-35. Nevertheless, people of all ages may consider applying. [Details and application to NATI-RETI are available here.](#)

ELCIC members, please contact Rev. Paul Gehrs at pgehrs@elcic.ca for support or questions in making your application.

ELCJHL Newsletter

The April Newsletter of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land (ELCJHL) is available now. Read about the stories and ministries of the ELCIC’s partner church when you [click here](#).

5. Meet our Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops with the ELCIC Sermon Series





You and your congregation are invited to welcome our Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops into your worship gathering through a collection of weekly sermons available from May to October.

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

Discover the Stories Shaping Our Church

Across the ELCIC, faith is lived out in ways both quiet and bold. *Canada Lutheran* brings these stories together, highlighting communities, voices, and moments that reflect God's work in Canada and beyond.

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