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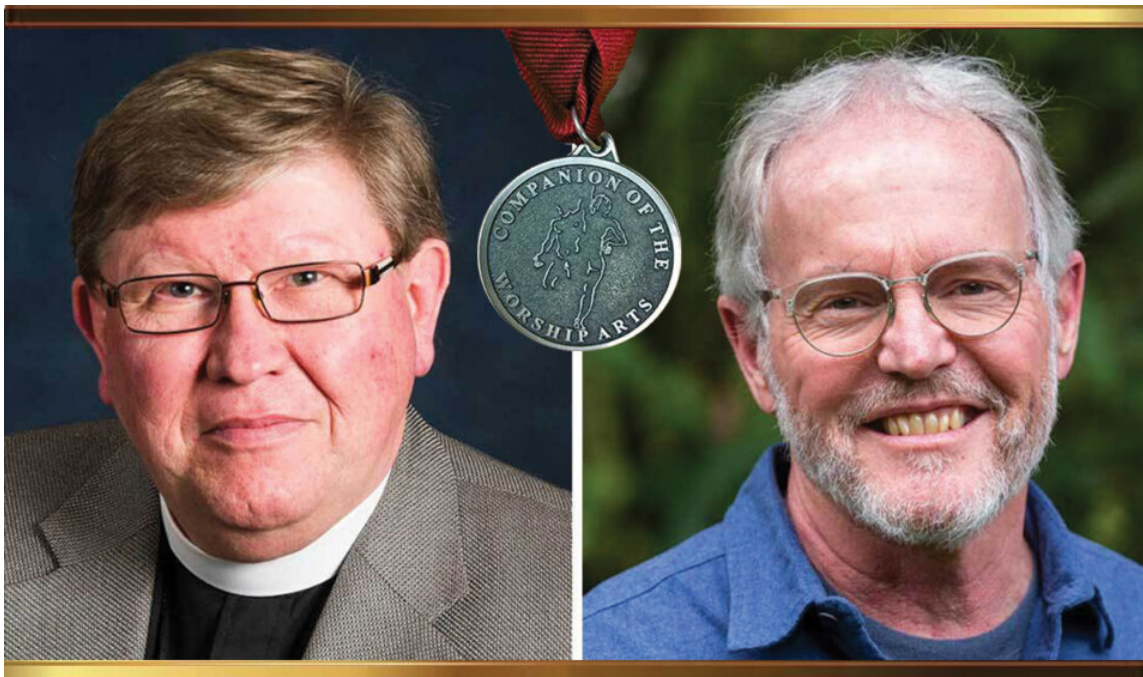


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## 1. 2024 Companion of the Worship Arts Recipients Announced



(From left to right) CWA recipients the Ven. Dr. Richard Leggett and Rev. Lyle McKenzie.

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in the continuing spirit of full communion, the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) and the [Anglican Church of Canada](#) (ACC) are pleased to announce the recipients of the **2024 Companion of the Worship Arts** (CWA). The CWA is awarded every three years in recognition of significant contributions to the worship life of both churches. Since 2014, one Anglican and one Lutheran recipient receive the honour, recognizing ongoing inspiration and encouragement to others, and service to God, through worship, spirituality and the arts. This year's Lutheran recipient is the Rev. Lyle McKenzie and this year's Anglican recipient is the Ven. Dr. Richard Leggett. The CWA awards will be presented by ACC Primate Linda Nicholls and ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson at the **2024 National Worship Conference "STONES CRY OUT: Praying with the land,"** which will take place **from July 18-21, in Regina, Saskatchewan.** For more information, visit [www.nationalworshipconference.org](http://www.nationalworshipconference.org).

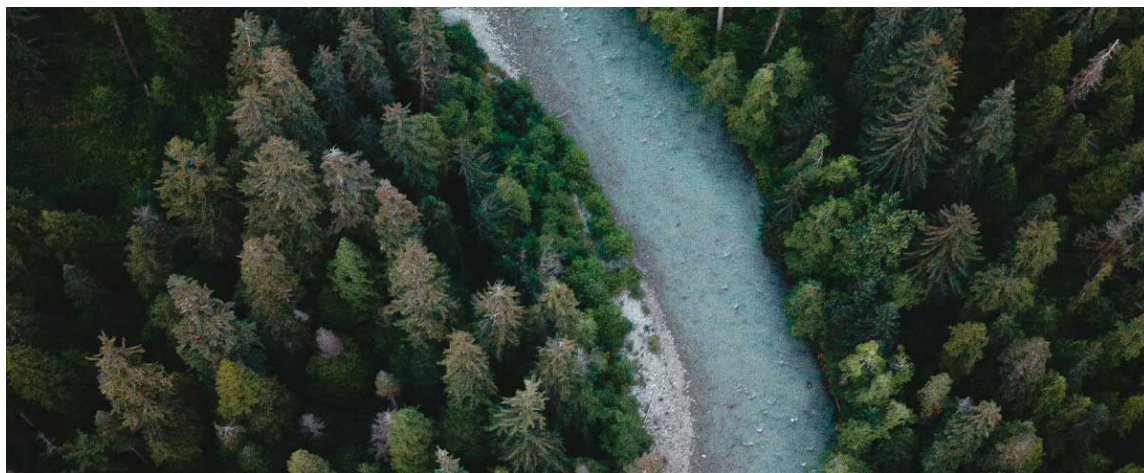
To read the full article and the bios of our 2024 CWA recipients, please [click here](#).

**Registration is now open!** Visit our website at: [nationalworshipconference.org](http://nationalworshipconference.org) and follow us on Facebook [@nationalworshipconference](#) for updates regarding the keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options!

## 2. Archbishop & Primate Linda Nicholls Announces Plan to Retire

In an April 9, 2024 statement, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, announced that she will step down from her role on September 15, 2024. Archbishop Nicholls was elected as the 14th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada on July 13, 2019. She was the first woman to hold the office in Canada and only the second in the Anglican communion. [Read the full announcement here.](#)

## 3. Engaging Your Parish in Social and Ecological Justice Work: From Discernment to Action





If your congregation is interested in deeper engagement in God's mission to love and heal the world, you are invited to join a webinar on ***Engaging Your Parish in Social and Ecological Justice Work: From Discernment to Action*** on **May 7 at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time**. In this webinar, you will be equipped with the tools to help you and your congregation prayerfully discern and engage in work on social and ecological justice. You will learn more about the tools offered in the [Parish Engagement Resource](#) for social and ecological justice which was developed and shared with Assembly in July 2023 when the [Anglican Church of Canada](#) and the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) gathered for Assembly 2023. For more information and to register for this event, please [click here](#).

## 4. Effective Partnerships

### Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, April 14**.

**ACC:** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma

**ELCIC:** The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod

**TOGETHER:** Climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth

### ELCJHL Appeal

The ELCIC has an ongoing [appeal to support our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land \(ELCJHL\)](#). Looking for more resources? You can find a [list of updates, statements and resources on the ELCIC website here](#).

### Seeking a Common Word: Webinar to Inform and inspire

Interested in initiating or continuing Christian-Muslim dialogue in your community? Join us on **April 16, 2024 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)**, for a webinar that will inspire you to strive for a deeper understanding of your neighbours and inform you about the resources available to support local conversations and collaborations. Learn about the origins of the [A Common Word](#) initiative, explore local engagement tools and resources, hear stories from people who have used them in their context, and engage in discussions. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

### Leah Reesor-Keller Named Transitional Executive Director at KAIROS





The [KAIROS](#) Steering Committee has announced that Leah Reesor-Keller, KAIROS' Interim Executive Director has accepted the offer to extend her time with KAIROS Canada for an additional year. She will support the organization's restructuring process that launched in the fall of 2022, while providing important stability to the staff, members, and partners of KAIROS. To read the full announcement, please [click here.](#)

## 5. Important Dates, Resources and More

### **Vocational Sunday, April 21**

ELCIC members and congregations are invited to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, this year on April 21, as a **Day of Prayer for Vocations to Rostered Ministry**. This year's resources which include prayers and hymns can be downloaded when you [click here.](#)

### **Earth Week 2024 - Together for the Love of Creation**

During the **week of April 21-28**, engage in a climate justice activity - praying, learning, acting. Change takes all of us. Each action brings hope. Let's make hope visible across the country. To learn more and share your events, please [click here.](#)

### **Upcoming Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry's 5-Day Program, April 15-19**

Engage Difference! **Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry (DUIM)** is a 5-day interactive and engaging program with practical ideas for implementation in your own context. DUIM is for ministry leaders and community members nurturing cultural relevance, understanding, and awareness in their communities. The next DUIM takes place April 15-19 in Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre (Beausejour, Manitoba). For more information on this event, including available bursaries and registration details, please [click here.](#)

### **You Are Invited to Our Online Racial Justice Workshop**

If you're looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society, you can join our online **Racial Justice Workshop**. ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These workshops are intended to be taken together. **Session 1 is on May 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (ET)** and **Session 2 is also on May 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (ET)**. Registration is **free to all ELCIC members**. To register for Session 1, please [click here](#). For Session 2, please [click here](#). To view and download the event poster, please [click here](#). You may share this event widely to your network.

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