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1. *Together We Pray: Women's Prayer Book*





A new prayer resource from The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is sharing the voices, experiences and theological reflections of women from across the global Lutheran communion – with significant contributions from members of the ELCIC. *Together We Pray* brings together prayers written by lay and ordained women, theologians, leaders, students and activists from LWF member churches around the world.

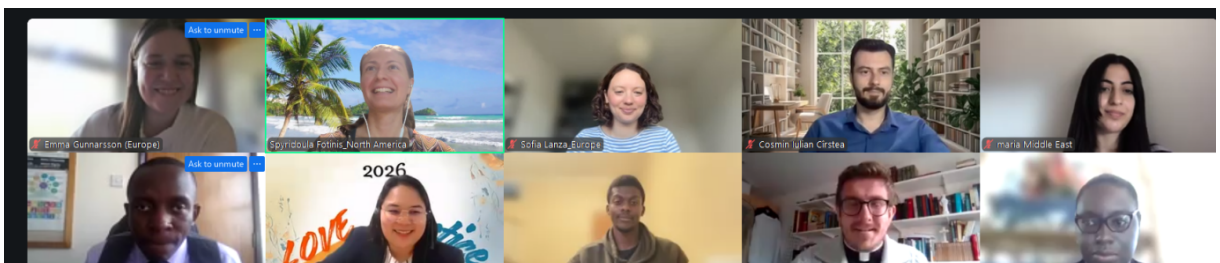
The project also carries a special connection to the ELCIC through the legacy of the former Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) organization. Following the dissolution of ELW, remaining funds were used to establish the [ELCIC Women of Faith Fund](#), which provided annual grants supporting leadership, learning and the participation of women in the life of the church. As the Women of Faith Fund reached its final year, remaining funds were gifted to the LWF and allocated toward Gender Justice and Women’s Empowerment initiatives – including nearly \$16,000 to support the creation of *Together We Pray*.

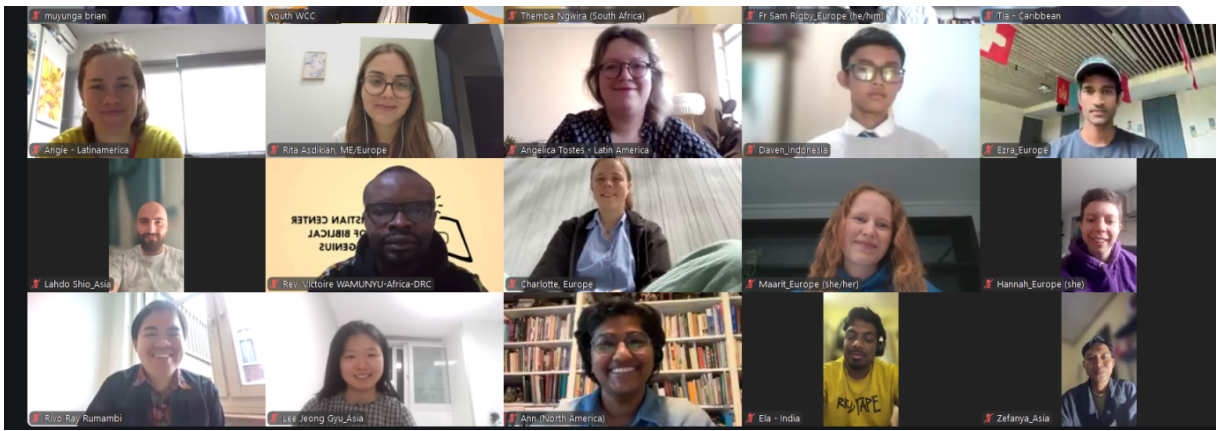
ELCIC contributors to the women’s prayer book resource include Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken, Rev. Aneeta Devi Saroop, Rev. Katherine Gohm, Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund and former ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson.

Available to download for free in English, Spanish, German and French, *Together We Pray* invites Lutherans around the world to experience the diversity of the communion through shared prayer.

[Learn more here!](#)

2. WCC Virtual Youth Gathering Draws Prayers and Solidarit





The World Council of Churches (WCC) Young People in the Ecumenical Movement (YPPEM) held its second online Connection Gathering on June 10 which drew over 60 young people from around the world in prayer, solidarity, and friendship. To read the full article, please [click here](#).

3. Our Hearts Are Full! Share Your Story and Let's Celebrate!

Inspiring stories of hope, compassion and service continue to pour in from across the church for the 2026 ELCIC Day of Action.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and gave their hearts, time and energy to the ELCIC Day of Action! Please keep sharing your stories on social media, online and [directly with us](#). These stories reflect acts of service, compassion and care that not only touched your congregations, but also the communities you serve. If you participated in our ELCIC Day of Action but haven't shared your story yet, [we invite you to do so today](#).

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE CELEBRATION ON JUNE 25!

Even if our ELCIC Day of Action is already over and we've gone back to our usual routines, we are holding an online celebration get-together **on Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time)**. This Zoom gathering will focus on highlights from coast to coast, and will include a time for reflections. Since it will be an opportunity for all of us to be together online, we will also take the time to "thank you" for your immense support! If you would like to join us for this online event, [please register here](#). A Zoom link will be sent out once your registration is completed.

READ ABOUT THE ELCIC DAY OF ACTION:

From neighbourhood clean-ups and community barbecues to fundraisers, food donations and acts of service, congregations across the ELCIC came together on May 31 for the first ever Day of Action. [Learn about two congregations](#) in particular that hosted a classic car parade and a sidewalk fiesta below!

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Read that story here:

<https://elcic.ca/2026/06/02/elcic-day-of-action-brings-communities-together-across-the-church/>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Share your ELCIC Day of Action photos and highlights here:

<https://form.jotform.com/ELCIC/elcic-day-of-action---our-stories>

4. Month of June

National Indigenous History Month

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June 21



Image courtesy of the Government of Canada

June is National Indigenous History Month - a time to honour the histories, cultures and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples in Canada. **June 21** is National Indigenous Peoples Day and 2026 will mark the 30th anniversary of the celebration

Indigenous Peoples Day and 2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of the celebration.

This coming month, we take time to reflect on reconciliation and commit to truth, justice and healing. We are invited to learn from Indigenous voices - through books, films, conversations and events. Attend a National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on or around Sunday, June 21, visit a local friendship centre, or explore whose land you live on and the treaties that shape it. This month, let us listen, learn and walk together in respect and relationship. You can find additional resources here:

[The Anglican Church of Canada](#)

[The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#)

[The United Church of Canada](#)

Pride Month - Get Involved!



Photo courtesy of Gloria Dei - Winnipeg, MB.

June is Pride month. Looking for your nearest Pride parade or other Pride events? The task force on Affirming Grace: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for All has prepared a [list of events across the country \(and throughout the year\)](#).

Are you or your congregation participating in any Pride events within your city or community? If so, [we'd love to hear from you!](#)

Resources

On the ELCIC website, you'll find tools and resources for congregations and faith communities for further engagement as we journey together, *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*. [Learn more and view those resources here.](#)

World Refugee Day and Webinar Event

June 20 is World Refugee Day, a time to bear witness to the needs of people forced to flee their homes, and a time to ask ourselves how we are to respond.

What does a Christian response to hunger look like for those forced to flee? A webinar titled **Food Security and Forced Migration: A World Refugee Day Webinar** is going to be held **on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. In this webinar, we will explain the connection between forced migration and food security, what makes a resilient food system and how we can support people forced to flee their homes around the world through learning, giving, prayer, and advocacy. This webinar event is hosted by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). To register, please [click here](#).

5. Justice Updates

Building the Canadian Welcome for Refugees and Migrants

BUILDING THE CANADIAN WELCOME

CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE 

- ➔ Watch the recording of our Ottawa refugee and migrant rights event
- ➔ Get involved: help us **Build the Canadian Welcome** for refugees and migrants

LEARN MORE AND TAKE ACTION TODAY

A RENEWED CANADIAN WELCOME
ELEVEN VISIONS FROM MIGRANTS AND ADVOCATES
Edited by Emilio Rodriguez

Dozens of [Citizens for Public Justice](#) (CPJ) supporters gathered in person and online for the Ottawa stop of the Renewed Canadian Welcome Book Tour - an initiative inviting reflection on Canada's response to refugee and migrants. The event featured Dr. Patti Tamara Lenard

who observed that while many people remain committed to supporting refugees, the current political climate has made the work more challenging. Through its 2026 campaign, Building the Canadian Welcome, the organization is encouraging renewed public engagement and support for policies that uphold a spirit of welcome and respect for international human rights. More information including how to support this work is available when you [click here](#)

ELCIC GHG Inventory Calculator

The ELCIC has developed a Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory Calculator for Congregations to assist faith communities in monitoring GHG emissions. There is also a User Manual for the GHG Inventory Calculator. If you would like to learn more about the GHG Inventory Calculator, contact Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop at pgehrs@elcic.ca.

Practical Climate Action for Church Buildings - Workshop Summary

The ELCIC Task Force on Carbon Neutrality and the Eastern Synod Climate Justice Committee co-hosted *Every Square Foot Counts: Practical Climate Action for Church Buildings* last April 16. We heard from Beth Lorimer ([KAIROS Canada](#)), Stephen Collette ([Faith & the Common Good](#)), and Rafael Rodriguez ([Eastern Synod Climate Justice Committee](#)), and learned from one another's experiences. Please check-out the summary if you missed the event or the details from the workshop. You are also invited to complete the [questionnaire](#) to share about the needs of your congregation.

WCC Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action

The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites churches and disciples to join the Ecumenical [Decade of Climate Justice Action \(2025-2034\): *Moving Together in Ecological Metanoia for Transformation*](#). This movement supports people in answering the prophetic call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with those who suffer most from climate injustice

ELCIC Greening Faith Communities

The [Greening Faith Communities](#) form is an invitation to document your goals for the stewardship of creation on an annual basis.

6. Partnerships

Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for: **Sunday, June 14**

ACC: The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights

TOGETHER: Global partners and companions

7. Get Our Weekly Resources for Congregations



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.](#)

A collection of weekly sermons is being made available to support congregations in their worship life from May through October. Offered in both written and video formats, these resources are designed to be easily accessible and adaptable for a variety of local contexts

As congregations navigate the rhythms of the summer months and beyond, this series provides a helpful option for sustaining meaningful worship and connecting to leaders across the ELCIC. Those interested can [sign-up](#) to receive access to the full collection of sermons as they become available throughout the season.

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.

ELCIC News is an electronic Newsletter full of information and resources from the ELCIC National Office.

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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