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1. Give in Support of the Lebanon Emergency Appeal

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The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#) (ELCIC) joins in support of [Canadian Lutheran World Relief](#) (CLWR) and the Humanitarian Coalition in responding to the growing crisis in Lebanon. Members of ELCIC are encouraged to pray for those who are affected and suffering, and to give generously to those who are in need.

Your gift will provide emergency supplies, clean water, and protection for the vulnerable. Gifts from individual Canadians are being **matched by the Canadian government for a limited time until November 3rd at 11:59 p.m.** Cheques mailed and stamped before the due date will be included in the match. Please make sure to mail in your cheques to CLWR at 400-185 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J1. You may also give your donation over the phone at 204-694-5602 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2597 during office hours. Please give urgently and provide life-saving aid to twice as many people in Lebanon. To start giving online or to find more information, please go to: clwr.org .

2. Compassionate Justice

Candles for COP29



[COP29 conference is taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan on November 11 to 22.](#) World leaders, civil society, Indigenous peoples, and others will be gathering together to advance action on addressing climate emergency. [For the Love of Creation](#) invites groups across Canada to host **candlelight vigils** in their own communities on the weekend of **November 15-17, 2024**. This will be a time to reflect and share our love for our planet, our concern for ourselves, humanity, and all our non-human relations at risk from climate change. It is also

careless, humanity, and an ever rich human relations at risk from climate change. It is also a time to share hopes for truly transformative action to happen at COP and through each other. FLC needs volunteers across the country, like you, to help organize these moments of public witness. Please [visit the website](#) to learn more about this campaign, add your local event to the interactive map or to find an event near you.

Join "Sexual Exploitation and Demand Reduction: Keeping Our Children Safe" Webinar on November 18

The [Sexual Exploitation Working Group](#) (SEWG) of the [Canadian Council of Churches](#) is holding the third of a series of webinars titled, "**Sexual Exploitation and Demand Reduction: Keeping Our Children Safe**" on November 18 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Guest speaker for this webinar is Victor Malarek, a well known (retired) journalist and SR reporter for such show as W5, Fifth Estate and is a prolific author of multiple books. If you are interested in attending this webinar, please [click here](#) to register for this event.

Citizens for Public Justice

A message from Natalie Appleyard, CPJ's Socio-Economic Policy Analyst:



Poverty Trends 2024: Finding our Place in Systemic Change is out now!

[Citizens for Public Justice](#) has announced the publication of their annual report, **Poverty Trends 2024: Finding our Place in Systemic Change**. To download and read the full report for free, please [click here](#).

3. 2025 National Convention

Discernment Process Launched in Advance of ELCIC National Bishop Election





After 18 years of service leading the ELCIC as national bishop, Rev. Susan Johnson has announced she will be retiring from her role at the conclusion of her current term, which means delegates to the 2025 ELCIC National Convention will elect a new National Bishop. To assist the church in this transition, National Church Council (NCC) has thoughtfully considered a discernment process in the lead up to the election of the new national bishop.

[More information can be found here.](#)

Resources for the 2025 National Convention and the discernment process [can be downloaded here.](#)

4. Church-Wide Events

Racial Justice Workshops Begin in November

Sign up for a series of online workshops and learn how to start conversations addressing racism in the church and Canadian Society. Carmen Ramirez (she/her), Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will lead four workshops on racial justice. They are intended to be taken consecutively. **Sessions start in November 2024.** [Download the workshop flyer here.](#)

ELCIC Lutheran Day of Learning and Evening Bible Study

On November 5, join us for a **Day of Learning and Evening Bible Study.** This event will be held in-person and online. If you're interested to join, [please click here.](#)

5. Subscribe to Canada Lutheran Today!

Do you and your congregation subscribe to [Canada Lutheran](#)? The award-winning publication of the ELCIC is a hard-copy magazine published eight times a year and can also be viewed fully online. Stay up to date on local and international news from across the Church, read captivating features and narratives from Lutheran writers, while getting to

know your national and synodical bishops on a more personal level. With a new database for 2024, subscribing congregations can now manage their own subscriptions online. *Information for congregational subscription plan renewal is hitting the mail this week so watch for your renewal packages! Canada Lutheran is only a click away! [Learn more here.](#)*

6. Effective Partnerships

Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

The following are the prayer petitions for **Sunday, November 3:**

ACC: The Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology

ELCIC: The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College

TOGETHER: For those who have died in war and for renewed commitment to work for peace

Study Luther at the 28th International Theological Seminar - March 2025

The [LWF Center Wittenberg](#) will be hosting the **28th International Theological Seminar on March 8-22, 2025**. Participants from this seminar are expected to be better equipped for the challenges in their ministry. For the home churches, these seminars provide the opportunity to offer their pastors additional theological education and spiritual formation. For more information and to learn how to apply, please [click here](#).

Canadian Council of Churches 80th Year Anniversary Events

Join us **on Wednesday, November 6** starting at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time). This is a hybrid event and you can [register online](#) now or [in person](#) from Mount Zion in Waterloo, Ontario. There will be panel presentations at Mount Zion Lutheran in Waterloo during the day and Singing Lament and Hope towards Peace at First United, Waterloo at 7:00 p.m.

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