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NEW REVISED DATES

BISHOP'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR ROSTERED LEADERS

MARCH 27-30, 2022

BISHOP'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LAYPERSONS

APRIL 1-3, 2022

ATLANTIC MINISTRY AREA ROSTERED LEADERS RETREAT

APRIL 24-27, 2022

2022 Spiritual Retreats

In view of evolving Covid-19 situation across the Eastern Synod we have made some adjustments to the scheduling of the Bishop's Spiritual Retreats scheduled to take place in 2022.

[The Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Rostered Leaders](#) at Mt. Carmel, Niagara Falls ON has been postponed and will now take place **March 27-30, 2022**.

[Atlantic Ministry Area Rostered Leaders Conference](#) at White Point, Nova Scotia has been postponed and will now take place **April 24-27, 2022**.

[The Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Lay People](#) at Mt. Carmel, Niagara Falls, ON will be convened as previously scheduled, from **April 1-3, 2022**.

Please note: those who have already signed up do not need to re-register. Those who wish to cancel their registrations are asked to contact [Liz](#) (Atlantic Rostered Retreat) or [Cindy](#) (Rostered Retreat) at the Synod Office.

Thanks for your flexibility and understanding as we seek to provide a safe way for us to enjoy these special in-person experiences with one another in 2022!



Task Force on Addressing Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

The taskforce addressing homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) is inviting people in the 2SLGBTQQIA community to share stories and experiences in order to help form the taskforce's report and recommendations.

A set of questions has been developed to guide you through telling your story. You can share as much or as little as you would like. Space is held for both positive and negative experiences, for new stories and those from the past.

You can share as openly as you feel comfortable, even anonymously if that's what's right for you. The stories you share will be used by the task force to advocate for the 2SLGBTQQIA community within the Lutheran Church.

There are many different ways to share your story including an online survey, writing a letter, an email or a zoom call with a member of the task force.

Please email us for more information at tfhbt@elcic.ca.

Letter post:

Task Force HBT
c/o 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5

[Watch the video invitation here.](#)

[Complete the online survey here.](#)

JANUARY 27, 2022
6:30PM EST

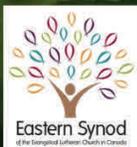
Finding Your Voice

Youth Climate Justice



Join us for an interactive discussion with Katarina Kuhnert about her experience finding her voice as a young adult climate scientist and delegate to the COP 26 Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

bit.ly/YAYAClimate



This event is co-sponsored by YAYA and the Eastern Synod Climate Justice Movement

SCHOLARSHIPS RETURN

Once again there will be scholarships available for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Watch for more information coming soon.

ELCIC Task Force on Ableism

The ELCIC Taskforce Addressing Ableism invites you to participate in a survey for gathering stories and experiences in the church. This information will be gathered by the Taskforce in order to report to the 2022 National Convention. If you're willing, we would love to have you share from your experience. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AddressingAbleism>

You will be invited to share your name with the task force but this is not a requirement of completing the survey. If you would like a large print version of this survey, or to have assistance in completing the form, please email srudd@gss.org. Please fill out the survey by Feb. 1, 2022 if possible.

Ministry Opportunities

Christ the King, Whitby, ON

Christ, Peterborough, ON

St. Peter's, Cambridge, ON

Faith, Port Elgin, ON

Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce

Faith, Lutheran & St. Peter's, Anglican, Elliot Lake, ON

Trinity Care Centre, Kitchener, ON

For more information please contact Rev Douglas Reble, Assistant to the Bishop. dreble@elcic.ca



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EVENTS

Special events

Jan. 19 – [Wampum Belt Presentation: The Friendship Belt](#) Speaker: [Yvonne Bomberry](#), associate professional faculty at Luther.



Feb. 1 to April 22 – Unmasking, Breathing, Moving Forward art exhibition ([Video](#) description. For more details, please visit the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song [web page](#).)

Feb. 2 – Abrahamic Faith Forum ([Video](#) description. Zoom details forthcoming)

Feb. 13 – [Art and Vespers](#) Online event. Live jazz and artist presentations.

Weekly events

Tuesdays 12:30 – 12:50 A contemplative reading of the gospel of Mark.

Wednesdays 12:30 – 12:50 Multifaith teaching (various faiths and themes)

Wednesdays 5-5:50 p.m. Open Door worship/gathering

Thursdays 12:30 – 12:50 Praying with Open Eyes: Art and Science

NOTE: Please visit our [public events calendar](#) for details including themes, names of speakers and links to register for online events.

Also, feel free to view our [event overview video](#).

MORE NEWS

Inshallah among Week of Prayer resources

[Inshallah](#), the 130+ voice community choir based at [Martin Luther University College](#), has contributed to the resources available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022. [View the list of resources](#) (assembled by the Canadian Council of Churches.).

E-newsletter format

Welcome to the electronic format of our monthly newsletter. By presenting our stories to you in this format, we hope to better understand which stories interest you the most. If you prefer to receive a PDF version of this newsletter, please contact mpetricevic@luther.wlu.ca

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