



# Eastern Synod Newsletter

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## Bells Will Be Ringing

In July bells were installed at Advent Lutheran in Toronto and on July 28th they were dedicated in memory of Annalise Schickendanz.

## Living Our Faith– PRAY\*READ\*WORSHIP\*LOVE

You are invited to join in a new four-year emphasis on Living our Faith, as together we pray, read worship and love.

Starting this September, ELCIC members are invited to join in a year of prayer. As a whole church, we will learn about prayer, grow in our experience of prayer and deepen our regular prayer practice.

In September 2020, we will move on to a year of reading and learn about scripture together. September 2021 will see us focusing on a year of worship and private devotion. And September 2022 will bring us into a year of focusing on love.

Go to <http://elcic.ca/livingourfaith/default.cfm> often for updates and resources. We will be posting weekly and monthly encouragements on our social media pages and through e-communicue.

As we begin this first year, consider how you might offer workshops or retreats on prayer. Use different forms of prayer on Sunday mornings and in all your meetings and gatherings. Preach about prayer. And provide opportunities and encouragement for people to pray with each other.



## Get Your Tickets Now for the Bishops' Company Luncheon

Saturday, October 5, 2019

12 noon at the Doubletree Hotel, Fairway Road, Kitchener  
(formerly the Holiday Inn)

Guest Speaker Rev Dr. Susan Johnson  
National Bishop of ELCIC

[Click here for tickets](#)

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## Worship Resources

A new digital hymn resource published by the Hymn Society is available for use in congregations and includes a free copyright for 2 months. This collection emerged from a desire to create hymns by, for, or about the LGBTQIA2S+ community that are accessible for a wider range of congregation.

See the following link:

[https://thehymnsociety.org/resources/songs-for-the-holy-other/?fbclid=IwAR3P\\_SEBBQVx3sb21CG-frFEf5sT\\_v0dE4v8Z8wmZBoOwasDKs0N0EgDkk](https://thehymnsociety.org/resources/songs-for-the-holy-other/?fbclid=IwAR3P_SEBBQVx3sb21CG-frFEf5sT_v0dE4v8Z8wmZBoOwasDKs0N0EgDkk)

You will be asked to provide the name of your congregation and church body as well as an email address and will then receive a PDF copy of the music.



Our prayers are with Rev Wendell Caron Grahlman and his family as they mourn the death of his brother.

## Upcoming Events

Healthy Boundaries, Halifax  
September 25, 2019

Liturgy Canada Conference  
September 28, 2019

Congregational Treasurer  
Regional Workshop  
September 28, 2019

Grant Writing Workshop  
September 28, 2019

Bishops' Company Lunch  
October 5, 2019

For more information and to see further events click [here](#).

## Transitions

Rev Ralph Weigold finished at New Denmark Parish, NS and began at Grace, Eganville/ St. John's, Augsburg/ St. John's, Bonnechere

## Interims

Rev Claudine Carlson began at St. Matthew's, Kitchener

## Report of the Treasurer

(To July 31st, 2019)

**Benevolence offerings** remitted to the Synod office continue to track well below those received for the comparable period in 2018, a decrease of more than 6% (\$41,000). Offerings designated for Canadian Lutheran World Relief show a decline of about 2%. For details refer to [Report of the Treasurer](#) or go to <http://www.easternsynod.org/> and click the orange Treasurers/Financial Info button.

**The 2018 audit** is now complete. Audited financial reports can be viewed by clicking on the following link: [2018 Eastern Synod Audited Financial Statements](#).

**A series of regional workshops** for congregational treasurers and others involved in financial matters has been scheduled for this fall. For details, refer to [2019 Regional Treasurer Workshops](#). In addition to the four workshops that are listed here, a workshop will be held at St. Paul's, Bridgewater on November 9th. For details email the Synod Treasurer ([kmyra@elcic.ca](mailto:kmyra@elcic.ca)).

## Missional Leadership Cohort Scholarships– **ONLY 3 SCHOLARSHIPS LEFT**

The Eastern Synod is making 10 full scholarships available to lay persons who will be accompanying a rostered leader from their congregation in the upcoming 2019-2020 Missional Leadership Cohort.

**Scholarships will be offered on a first come, first served basis**, for up to two lay participants per congregation whose pastor or deacon is also registered for the programme.

The 2018-2019 cohort included several Eastern Synod participants and we are hoping to encourage five or more new congregational teams to come to life in 2019-2020.

**Please see poster on page 2.**

To register or to learn more about Fresh Expressions and the Missional Leadership Cohort go to <http://www.freshexpressions.ca/mlc/>

Scholarship applications are available through your congregation or at <https://www.easternsynod.org/resource/missional-leadership-cohort-scholarship-application>

# IMMERSIONS

## OVERVIEW

An affordable non-residential training that enables leaders to study while remaining in the context of their current ministry. The six-month training program involves three, weekend immersions exploring: The Call Of Missional Leaders, Introduction To The New Contextual Church, The Mission Of God, Understanding Context & Discerning Need, Developing & Multiplying Disciples, and Engaging The Un-Churched & De-Churched.

- 1. Explore**  
November 15-17
- 2. Integrate**  
February 7-9
- 3. Engage**  
April 24-26

## Location

Immersion 1: Urban Toronto  
Immersion 2 + 3:  
Ecology Retreat Centre  
308046 Hockley Rd,  
Mono, Ontario

## Food & Stay

Overnight stay and meals for all 3 immersions are included.

## Cost

\$990 includes tuition materials, food and accommodations for all 3 immersions.

## DISCOVER YOUR MISSION FIELD

Do you have the heart for Jesus-centred, Kingdom-inspired communities-in-mission? Do you want to imagine and explore new forms of Christian community, to help an existing congregation experiment with fresh expressions of church, or to plant a new missional/worshiping community?

If so, this program is designed for you!

Learn More  
[www.freshexpressions.ca/mlc](http://www.freshexpressions.ca/mlc)

# THE MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP COHORT





# LUTHER

August 2019



## Bridges VBS

More than 50 children, youth leaders, organizers and volunteers buzzed around Luther during the Bridges vacation Bible school in July. At left: Learning about ablutions performed by Muslims before prayers. Above: A quiet moment in a busy week. More photos on [Facebook](#) or [Flickr](#).



## Luther links with Earth Charter

Luther has signed a memorandum of understanding with Earth Charter International (ECI) as a way of strengthening the school's commitment to care for creation. Under the three-year agreement, Earth Charter International will provide scholarships for Luther's members taking ECI programs. Luther is to incorporate the charter into its training, and promote the activities of Earth Charter Initiative. See the [announcement](#).

## Faithful on This Land

Responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's call to faith leaders, Luther is hosting a day-long conference — Faithful on This Land: Respecting Indigenous Spirituality in its Own Right. Date: Wednesday, Aug. 28. Details on the [flyer](#) and at [bit.ly/LutherConference](http://bit.ly/LutherConference). Registration deadline Aug. 21.

## Sing Fires of Justice

This year's Sing Fires is scheduled for Oct. 4-6. Stay tuned for details.

## Principal-dean search

In the spring of 2020, at the end of his five-year term as Luther's principal-dean, Rev. Dr. Mark W. Harris plans to retire. Please share the search [application package](#). The deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2019.



## A brief break from classes

Students take a brief break from a recent class. While things slow down a little at Luther during the summer months, classes are still conducted throughout July.

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# LITURGY CANADA

## a Rediscovering Liturgy conference

# Real Presence: GOD SENDS US IN MISSION

FIFTH OF FIVE CONFERENCES

ON RENEWING EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP, FROM *GATHERING* TO *SENDING*

**Saturday, September 28, 2019, 9:00 to 4:00**

**All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church**

210 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph, Ontario



A Rediscovering Liturgy conference designed for parish worship teams — for all who serve in the liturgy.

To register and pay, visit <http://realpresence5.eventbrite.ca> and submit name(s) and the name of the parish. Cost: \$35 per person, or \$125 for a parish team (up to 5; \$25 for each person beyond the first 5); \$25 for students. Lunch is included.

For the list of workshops and directions to All Saints Church, visit us at [www.liturgy.ca](http://www.liturgy.ca). Sign-in, coffee, & workshop registration at 9 am.