

ELCA National Day of Racial Healing Event Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Eastern time

The National Day of Racial Healing programming runs through 3:00 p.m. Eastern, however opening worship for the Ohio Rostered Ministers Gathering begins at 2:00, and you will need to register before that. Consequently, this schedule does not include the Racial Healing workshops scheduled from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend one of the morning workshops.

Opening Worship, 11-11:40 a.m.

(Presented virtually in Hamma Library Lobby)

Welcome by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Purpose of the Day by Judith Roberts, Community Guidelines presented by Jennifer DeLeon, opening worship guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, and music by Ali Paris.

Concurrent Workshops 11:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

Workshop Title: “God’s Holy Darkness: Healing Through Representation and the Impact of Children’s Literature Across Generations”

(Presented virtually in Hamma Library, First Floor Reference Room)

Presenter: Beckah Selnick, Sharei Green and Rev. Nicolette Faison

The children’s book God’s Holy Darkness explores ways to break down light/dark binary language and expand representation of Blackness, darkness and night in church and theology in a way that resonates with an intergenerational audience. Join the authors and illustrator as they discuss the impact of anti-racist children’s literature. The panel discussion will include a Q&A.

Workshop Title: “Bridging Cultures: Arab Immigration and Lutheran Ministry in America”

(Presented virtually in Hamma Library Lobby)

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarra

This workshop will highlight the ministry of the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage within the ELCA. Participants will explore the unique contributions and challenges faced by Arab and Middle Eastern Lutherans and strategies for fostering inclusivity and understanding within the church. Join us to engage in meaningful dialogue and support this vital ministry.

Workshop Title: “Asian Lutheran Experience”

(Presented virtually in Hamma Library, Second Floor Room 2A)

Presenter: Dr. Kao Nou L. Moua

This workshop explores the journeys, experiences, and challenges of Asian Lutherans against the backdrop of a long-standing history of xenophobia and recent increases in anti-Asian sentiment. Participants will examine the concept of "Asian" and gain insight into the resilience of Asian Lutherans as they navigate complexities, celebrate the richness of Asian cultures within the church, and strive to build solidarity with others.

Workshop Title: “Creating a Positive and Practical Call”

(Presented virtually in Trinity, Classroom 314)

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Patricia Davenport

Gather tips, tools and recommendations for a meaningful call process. We will explore the Rostered Ministers Profile, the Ministry Site Profile, and interview skills needed on your journey.

Workshop Title: “BIPOC Learning — A Gathering Space for People of Color” –

BIPOC only

(Presented virtually in Hamma Library, Third Floor)

Presenter: Rev. Angela T. !Khabeb and Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy

People who identify as Persons of Color are invited into an affinity space of reflection and community building. This facilitated session will promote the healing work from the wounds of racism.

Transition activity, 12:50 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Join Rev. Jenny Sung Torgerson and Poet Joe Davis in a 20-minute guided recentering and reflection activity.