



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

November 3, 2021

November Updates

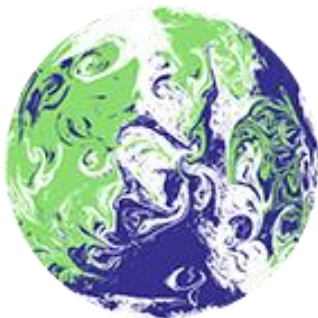
Wednesday Noon Live with a focus on COP26 - Faith leaders join government officials & advocates at this critical time for our planet. Pray with us!

Anti-sex Trafficking and the State Senate

Upcoming Events:

LOPPW Advocacy Workshop at ECSW Women of the ELCA Convention

Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants online gathering



**UN CLIMATE
CHANGE
CONFERENCE
UK 2021**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

[Wednesday Noon Live](#)
Special presentation on COP26
and its significance for God's creation.

The ELCA will again have a presence at the Conference of Parties (COP). LOPPW's director is grateful to be one of the participants during the second week of the two-week event. Learn more on Wednesday Noon Live via the link above.



Photo from Lutheran World Federation: "31 October 2021, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom: Interfaith vigil held at George Square on the opening day of the united nations climate change conference COP26 in Glasgow. The vigil gathered representatives from a wide range of religions as well as people of no faith to collective pray for all those working for COP26 to be a successful meeting in mitigating what will otherwise be further development towards a climate disaster.

The religious leaders shared a joint statement urging governments to put the Paris accord into action. Photo: LWF/Albin Hillert"

Join in praying for leaders at COP26!

Prayer from Rev. Andy Twiton, Co-Host of Wednesday Noon Live: "Creating God, we praise you for the miracle of our life-sustaining earth. Teach us to treasure and care for your creation that it may continue to be a place where life can flourish. We pray this day for the Conference of Parties annual summit in Glasgow, Scotland. Guide the elected negotiators with your wisdom to take decisive, urgent, and equitable action to limit global warming. We pray especially that your courageous and compassionate Spirit rest upon Pastor Cindy Crane and the whole ELCA delegation at COP26. May their presence and witness be a visible sign of your great love for this good earth. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer."

Additional Examples for Prayers:

- Wisdom and compassion for negotiators at COP26 in Glasgow; meaningful decisions that seriously address our climate emergency to be made.
- Developed countries will lead in diminishing greenhouse gas emissions and climate finance, as they promised in the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- Leaders both at the conference and not in attendance to be inspired by COP26 to do all they can to rapidly reduce extraction and burning of fossil fuels, and promote sustainable economic, social, and political systems. Raise our ambition to protect the earth.
- Protection of climate activists and environmental defenders, who often risk their health, and even their lives in many countries.
- Protection of the most vulnerable communities, who are often least responsible yet most affected by our insufficient climate action.
- Inspiration for people of faith to take back Christianity as a path to care for God's creation rather than treat it like an endless supply to dominate.
- An inclusive conference, in which all voices are heard.
- For action to be taken in all countries after COP26 to promote systems that help stabilize global temperature rise at 2.7 degrees F above pre-industrial levels.
- Safety during this pandemic time, that delegates attending the COP remain healthy and COVID-free. Also, we pray for access to vaccines for all people.



One-pager on an anti-sex trafficking bill SB 245 also known as Safe Harbor to all 33 senators: [SB 245 Safe Harbor](#). It was signed by numerous groups and all six ELCA bishops. We sent this after SB 245 was voted out of committee, though not unanimously. A Republican senator requested that LOPPW send a one page explanation of why we support Safe Harbor to all the senators because of continual misunderstandings surrounding the bill.



East Central Synodical Women of the ELCA

will hold their Biennial Convention on Saturday, November 13th at St. Mark's in Neenah beginning at 8 am (breakfast included). For more info on registering please contact debmartin04@gmail.com

At the event, **LOPPW will hold a workshop on advocacy co-led by Ms. Shirley Paulson and Rev. Barb Girod!**



Together We Welcome: A National Faith Gathering to Strengthen Support for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants. NOVEMBER 7-11 6-9PM EDT (5-8 PM Central Time)

The "Together We Welcome" national faith gathering on November 7-11 from [CWS](#) will help foster welcome of refugees, immigrants and migrants by sharing personal experiences and learning from experts, facilitating networking and relationship building and more. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is part of the conference's Faith Solidarity Team. Register [HERE](#).

Thank you for taking time with us!

God's Blessings,

Team LOPPW