



January Updates

1. **Wednesday Noon Live** with special guest, Giovana Oaxaca, ELCA Program Director, Migration Policy
2. **Celebrating and Remembering:** Epiphany, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and the 2021 Insurrection
3. **Events:** 1. Remember January 6, 2021; 2. Invitation to All who Strive for a World Without Hunger (led by hunger leaders from WI and the UP)
4. **Action Alerts:** 1. Water and Health; 2. Afghan Adjustment Act
5. **Additional Resources:** 1. ELCA Advocacy Summer School Videos; 2. Additional Resources on Immigration and Refugees

Wednesday Noon Live



Special guest, Giovana Oaxaca, ELCA Program Director, Migration Policy, gives highlights on immigration and refugee policies in 2021 as well as her reflections on the insurrection. What can we advocate for in 2022?

Celebrating & Remembering



Today is Epiphany, a time we celebrate the divine in Jesus manifest in the world via the Magi. But in the background was Herod, who only lived in a shadow of reality. Despite Herod's power, the Magi disobeyed his command that they direct him to the baby Jesus. Herod responded in a rage.

This month, we will celebrate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who also practiced civil disobedience out of love. Look for events in your area and online for the week of **January 17** and the days leading up to it.

One year ago today, we witnessed an insurrection at our U.S. Capitol. Recalling that a violent mob tried to threaten our democracy and movements toward equity, let us pray for our country and its leaders. We pray also for those who were most directly impacted by the violent assault.

In the spirit of Epiphany and the continual ways God's compassion manifests in our world, let us remember to love in our personal lives and in public by seeking justice.



Here We Stand: Remember January 6, 2021

Today, January 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM: Join Rozella Haydée White, the #LoveBigCoach and owner of RHW Consulting LLC and the Rev. Leila Ortiz, Bishop of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as we remember what happened on January 6, 2021. [Registration](#)

Invitation to All who Strive for a World Without Hunger

"Do you hunger for resources and a network to inspire your hunger ministry?" Join others to connect, share your story, and energize for action. You are invited to attend virtual networking sessions led by ELCA Hunger Leaders, Deb Martin, Cindy Dobberke, Rev. Kathy Ingbritsen, Meg Finerty, Rev. Walter Baires, Rev. Cindy Crane and others in the 6 synods of WI and the UP.

- **Connect** ELCA Churchwide World Hunger, Synods, Congregations and Individuals in WI and the UP
- **Share** what is currently happening and ideas
- **Develop** an ELCA Education and Networking grant

Across the six synods of WI and the UP, all ages are invited! Everyone has a stake in a world without hunger, and all are invited to participate in these three **45-minute Zoom sessions** including both presentation and discussion time.

- Thursday, January 27 at 10 am or 7pm Connect
- Thursday, February 3 at 10 am or 7pm Share your best story
- Thursday, February 24 at 10 am or 7pm Energize for action; Grant proposal

Collaborate with other hunger stakeholders from across the state and the UP, network, learn and grow together. Share ideas, ask questions, so that we can build on each other's knowledge. We want a final program that can easily be implemented for a congregation as we work together for a just world where all are fed. The grant will help us do this. Please attend one session each day as you are able. If you cannot attend at these times, register to receive a recording of the session."

[Register HERE](#). Please share this link with others.

Questions? Please contact Deb Martin at debmartin04@gmail.com or Cindy Dobberke cindy.dobberke@gmail.com
Hunger leaders, thank you for including LOPPW in your broad efforts!



[Support Clean Water and our Health](#)

[Pass the Afghan Adjustment Act!](#) Action Alert from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

Additional Resources



NEW ELCA RESOURCE AT:
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Videos and Discussion Guides



to engage and equip our faith

This 5-part series on faith-based advocacy, along with discussion guides for each session, is now available online. Use all 5 sessions or pick and choose for advocacy tips and themes for yourself, small groups within your congregation, youth groups, and more! You can find the video sessions at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8860262>

Additional Recommendations for Resources on Immigration and Refugees from Giovana Oaxaca:

Resources (LIRS)

- [How to Help Afghan Refugees](#)
- [Learn more about co-sponsorship and the Long Welcome](#)
- [Locate a local LIRS or partner resettlement office](#)
- [Join us in Advocacy for Afghans](#)
- [Urge the Biden Administration to Protect Afghans Left Behind](#)

- [Call on Members of Congress to Support the Afghan Adjustment Act](#) (also mentioned earlier under Action Alerts)

Resources (ELCA)

- Situational Update: [AMMPARO » Blog Archive Welcoming Afghan Newcomers - AMMPARO - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](#)
- Congregational Accompaniment: [AMMPARO » Blog Archive Urgent Need for Congregational Accompaniment of Afghan refugees - AMMPARO - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](#)



Thank you for taking time with us and for your advocacy!

God's Blessings,

Team LOPPW