2025 CWA Resource List

Full Summary of Actions from the 2025 Churchwide Assembly

https://resources.elca.org/churchwide-assembly/summary-of-actions-of-the-2025-churchwide-assembly/

Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

https://mcselca.org/who-we-are/bishop-yehiel-curry/

Secretary Rev. CeCee Mills

https://nclutheran.org/synod_staff/the-rev-cecee-mills/

Social Statement: Faith and Civic Life : Seeking the Well-being of All

https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/current-social-writing-projects/civic-life-and-faith

Lutheran-Orthodox Joint Statement on the Filioque: A Study Guide

https://resources.elca.org/worship/lutheran-orthodox-joint-statement-on-the-filioque-a-studyguide/

Updates to Human Sexuality Social Statement

https://resources.elca.org/faith-and-society/human-sexuality-gift-and-trust-social-statement-preliminary-copy-2025/

Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church

https://www.elca.org/about/leadership/church-council/crlc

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bc35f5d7980b31e1c91ba1c/t/681e1e3ec0d5014c03b32313/1746804287795/CRLC+Synod+Assembly+Presentation++-++Read-Only%5B28%5D.pdf

From Pastor Carol Tomer, The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd, Olympia

Here are some resources from the Churchwide Assembly that I'm particularly enthusiastic about:

We heard a great theological presentation on the assembly theme, "For the Life of the World," by the Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer, Wed, July 30. His talk is included among the Churchwide Assembly youtube videos; in addition, you can find the text of his excellent address here:
https://learn.elca.org/jle/for-the-life-of-the-worldto-come/

At worship one day at the assembly, a few of us sat behind a row of folks wearing t-shirts that said: *6261 — Ask me about it*. We did! And we learned about the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod model for connecting congregations (6 congregations, 2 full-time pastors, 6 licensed lay ministers, and 1 full-time deacon, bound together in common life, ministry and mission). You can learn more — food for your imagination! — here:
https://nepasynod.org/6261mc/

We heard great sermons and shared in wonderful worship.
One sermon I especially recommend is:
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie's sermon, from Thursday, July 31.
She serves as President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and is also a retired bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. You can find her sermon and all the videos from the Churchwide Assembly here:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNDmVwhz-M37GdI_V2jXSZ2e2E-I_LPBK

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Resources for the Crisis in the Holy Land

https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/crisis-holy-land

Praying for Peace Amid Ongoing War in the Middle East | Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | 10-01-24

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2n5Gi7MpWg