



National Day of Racial Healing

On January 16th the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognizes and celebrates the National Day of Racial Healing. The ELCA, in partnership with Augsburg Fortress, will observe the 2026 National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH) with a free evening program on Tuesday, January 20, from 6:00-8:00pm.

As a sacred practice, story sharing highlights history, preserves language, engages culture, offers wisdom, sustains survival and teaches lessons that foster connection. Join us for a night of intentional storytelling, deep listening and reflection, featuring diverse voices that will draw us closer together.

The NDORH follows Martin Luther King Jr. Day and is hosted by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as part of its Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation efforts to raise awareness of the need for racial healing and encourage actions that build a more just and inclusive church and society.

Bishop Felix Malpica of the La Crosse Area Synod (and a member of English) is the Conference of Bishops liaison to the Strategy for Authentic Diversity advisory committee which plans the event. For more information about this event and its purpose visit the Living Lutheran website at: [The ongoing work of racial healing | Living Lutheran](https://www.livinglutheran.org/ongoing-work-of-racial-healing/) or learn more at elca.org/NDORH.

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