



Northwest Washington Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Beloveds in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in Christ.

On this day that Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's recommendations concerning Bishop Meghan Rohrer and the Sierra Pacific Synod comes to you, I ask that you pray for all who are affected in the complex series of events surrounding this recommendation. (Find that report [HERE](#).) We especially pray for the beloved people of Iglesia Luterana Sta. María Peregrina (formerly Mision Latino Luterana), the people who came forward with allegations, Pastor Nelson Rabell-Gonzalez, Bishop Megan Rohrer and their synod staff, the Sierra Pacific Synod, the Latine' Lutheran communities, the Latine' Bishops, Bishop Eaton, the Listening Team, the families involved, and all who have been affected.

As I stated earlier in [a letter](#) dated February 18, 2022, here in the Northwest Washington Synod, we continue to learn and grow. Here are some learnings, guidelines and policies going forward:

1. Our synod will continue to expect Rostered Ministers to participate in boundaries training in order for our congregations to remain safe places for all people to gather and our leaders to serve with integrity.
2. Create a task force to review synod policies and procedures in order to ensure cultural competency, protection of victims, and good process is thoroughly considered and implemented.
3. Continue our anti-Racism work on the synod staff, synod council, the LiVE Project, Candidacy, and other places throughout the synod.
4. As part of the Conference of Bishops, I continue to engage in the required anti-racism classes together with the other bishops.
5. Additionally, we will hire a consultant to work with the synod staff regarding our growth in anti-racism measures.

May we trust that in this difficult process and time, God's Spirit is working and moving.

Your Sister in Christ,

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee