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Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations

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In this special edition, we are highlighting resources for ecumenical and inter-religious study and engagement in the lead-up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

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The ELCA has launched two digital channels to facilitate sharing of news, events, and resources related to the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. These channels are intended to inspire conversation and participation, and to support opportunities for ecumenical and inter-religious engagement.



The ELCA Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish Relations produced a resource entitled, [Why Follow Luther Past 2017? A Contemporary Lutheran Approach to Inter-Religious Relations](#), as a contribution toward the 500th observance of the Reformation. It acknowledges the challenges of Luther's anti-Judaic legacy and goes on to offer four of Luther's key theological principles that can support a more positive approach to inter-religious relations.

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The Lutheran World Federation

The [Lutheran World Federation](#) theme for the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation is, "Liberated by God's grace: Salvation -- Not for Sale, Creation -- Not for Sale & Human Beings -- Not for Sale". The federation is engaging women and youth through two unique Reformation 500 programs: Women on the Move and the Global Young Reformers Network.

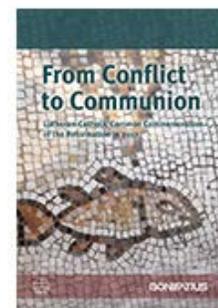


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'From Conflict to Communion'

In 2013 the international Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity produced a report titled, "[From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017](#)." This Lutheran World Federation and Vatican document continues to be an important resource for local ecumenical dialogue. An excellent [study guide](#) was jointly produced and published by the ELCA Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Pittsburgh Diocese.

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Augsburg Fortress

Augsburg Fortress has created a [special website](#) featuring resources for congregational study, reflection and dialogue around the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the future. Of note is the new publication, “[One Hope: Re-Membering the Body of Christ](#),” the product of an intense collaborative process by six gifted scholars and pastoral leaders, three Lutheran and three Catholic.



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