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On this day, we specifically remember our calling, as set forward in the ELCA Strategy on HIV and AIDS. We are called to a strong and faithful response, including through supporting access to HIV testing.

You can learn more about testing resources in your area by visiting gettested.cdc.gov.

In addition to participating in National Testing Day, you can participate throughout the year:

- **ADVOCATE:** Stay connected to ELCA Advocacy's updates and ask your elected officials to support policies that advance access to testing; promote effective prevention, treatment and care; eliminate stigma; and address systemic inequity.
- **LEARN:** Take time to learn more about HIV testing and invite your congregation to participate in educational activities.
- **SERVE:** Invite your congregation to partner with an agency that has testing events on this day or throughout the year.
- **PRAY:** Join in prayer, remembering National HIV Testing Day.
- **DONATE:** Give online at ELCA.org/HIV, by calling 800-638-3522 or by mailing your gift to ELCA World Hunger, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Please note "HIV and AIDS" on the memo line of your check.



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