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of the ELCA

"... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love ..."
Colossians 2:2

Our Mission: Supporting lifelong faith formation in the home and congregation

Prayer Pause



A prayer of Julian of Norwich

In You, Father Almighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.
In You, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior.
In You, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace.
You are our clothing; for love You wrap us and embrace us.
You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.
Teach us to believe that by Your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

A Message from Our President, Diane McGeoch

WELCOME, GATHER, SHARE, AND SEND

I want to thank Linda Staats for leading a workshop for the Northwest Intermountain Synod (Eastern Washington and Idaho) on May 14th in Burley, Idaho. This was one of three Regional Gatherings that Linda facilitated for our Synod. We meet at Synod Assembly every other year, and this was the year for Regional Gatherings. The invitation to these gatherings, based on Acts 16: 1-15, was this: Striving to listen to where the Holy Spirit might be leading, acting with courage to follow, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. WOW!

The four words above were the order for the day. They are very close to our actions in worship: Gather, The Word, The Meal, and Sending. If we reflect on these four movements, and the invitation which was used to prepare us for the Regional Gatherings, we have the essence of the many movements and invitations as part of our ministries as faith formation leaders. We listen, we act, we share, and we go where the Holy Spirit is leading. All of this takes courage, prayer, discernment, living out God's call, being in the Body of Christ, and many other qualities and movements.

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Featured Church

Check out this interview with Pastor Janine Shearer of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio by Pastor Juli Lejman-Guy, CENetwork of the ELCA.



Creating a Safety Plan for Your Church

In 2018, The Christian Education Network of the ELCA presented a series of workshops around the country called "How to Create a Safety Plan for Your Church."

We are pleased to offer this resource to our newsletter subscribers free of charge! Click [here](#) for a series of videos to walk you through creating your own safety plan for your church in your location.



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Book Review

Title: Necessary Risks: Challenges Privileged People Need to Face

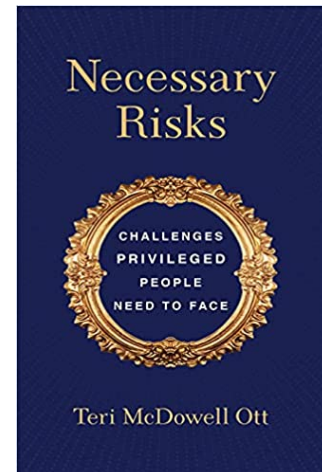
Author: Teri McDowell Ott

Reviewed by: Teresa Kaldor, CENetwork of the ELCA

How can we challenge ourselves to take steps in bringing about social justice in the face of our fears? How can we break down barriers and eliminate the boundaries that have been erected? In her new book, *Necessary Risks*, the Reverend Dr. Teri McDowell Ott provides personal insights into this struggle as she relates her own transformational journey as a Christian White privileged woman learning to take risks in uncomfortable settings.

Ott defines the issue of privilege early in the book. She is upfront about her concept of privilege; it is an "unearned advantage that might or might not include inherited wealth, networks, and connections." (p. 12) It does not mean that Whites don't have to struggle, but it does mean that there are certain factors like race with which they don't have to deal, and this changes the dynamics of the life they lead.

Continue reading the book review [here](#).



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Taking a break! I'm all caught up!

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Vision Statement

Building a community which equips, encourages and empowers those engaged in lifelong faith formation in a changing world, the CENetwork will:

- Identify and evaluate resources and educational opportunities
- Facilitate communication and conversations
- Offer guidance, networking and mutual support
- Nurture spiritual growth online and face-to-face

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