

NOW IS THE TIME:  
A STUDY OF THE ELCA'S  
***DECLARATION TO PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT***

Part of the Anti-Racism Conversation  
at  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Tigard, Oregon  
2022

**WEEK ONE**

May 5, 2022            An Introduction to the Declaration  
Reading:            “Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent”  
(page 2-3 especially)

**WEEK TWO**

May 12, 2022            Session 1 of Participant’s Guide  
“Now is the Time for Truth-Telling” (page 2-7)

**WEEK THREE**

May 19, 2022            Session 2 of Participant’s Guide  
“Now is the Time for Understanding the Meaning and Impact of Slavery”  
(page 8-13)

**WEEK FOUR**

May 26, 2022            Session 3 of Participant’s Guide  
“Now is the Time for Examining Systemic Racism” (page 14-18)

**WEEK FIVE**

June 2, 2022            Session 4 of Participant’s Guide  
“Now is the Time for Realizing and Owning White Supremacy  
Within the ELCA” (page 19-23)

**WEEK SIX**

June 23, 2022            Session 5 of Participant’s Guide  
“Now is the Time for Racial Justice, Reconciliation and Reparations”  
(page 24-27)

**ADDITIONAL HELPFUL READING**

Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Social Statements on Race, especially  
*Criminal Justice and Race, Ethnicity and Culture*

You will find links to these statements here: (from the ELCA website under “Faith”)

[Criminal Justice - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-in-action/criminal-justice-and-race-ethnicity-and-culture)

[Race, Ethnicity and Culture - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-in-action/race-ethnicity-and-culture)