



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Called to radically affirm and connect young adults while equipping all young voices for strategic disruption and Divine justice.



Digital Resources

[Abide \(Videos & Discussion\)](#)

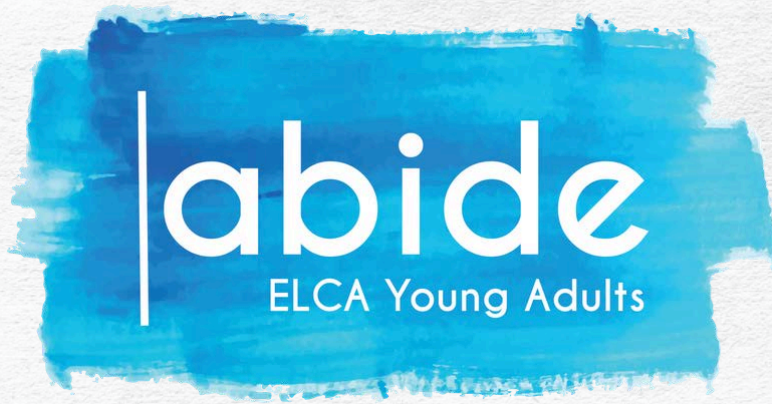
[No Plastics for Lent \(Videos, Blogs, & more\)](#)

[Advent Palestine Resources](#)

[Now is the Time \(Anti-racism\)](#)

[Passage \(Graduating Seniors\)](#)

[D365 \(Daily Devotions\)](#)



Abide is a small group ministry hosted by ELCA Young Adults. Content is published each week of the series, along with discussion questions and a resource packet. All current and past content can be found on the Abide website and ELCA Young Adults YouTube channel.

Season 1

Spring/Summer 2020

Discussion questions in the YouTube description.

Abide in...

Body

Joy

Grief

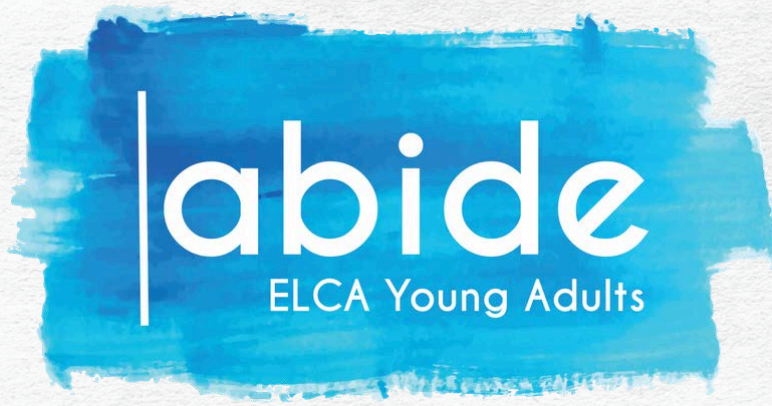
Doubt

Creation

Hope

Anger

Community



Season 2

Fall 2020

Discussion questions and further resources in the YouTube description.

Abide in...

Newness

Journey

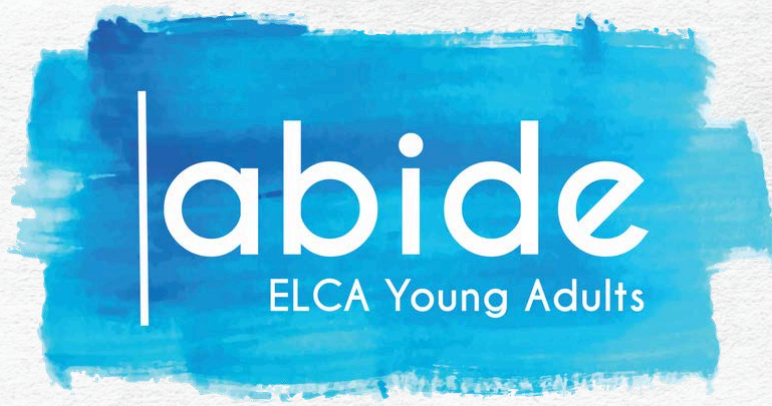
Self

Mercy

Failure

Generosity

Public



Season 3

Spring 2021

Discussion questions in the YouTube description.

Abide in...

Change

Passion

Fear

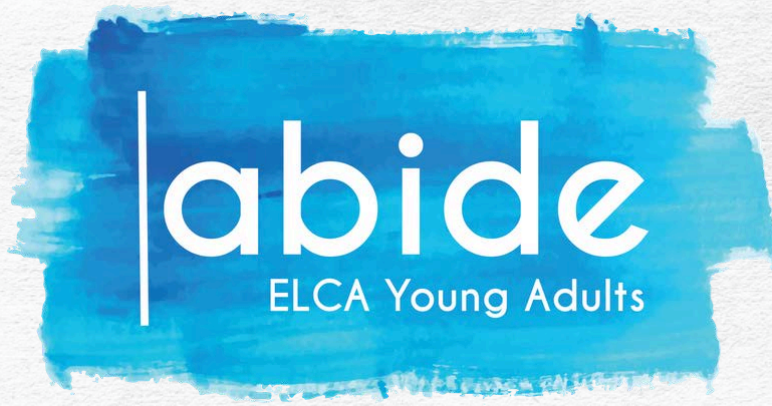
Rest

Home

Imagination



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Season 4 **Fall 2021**

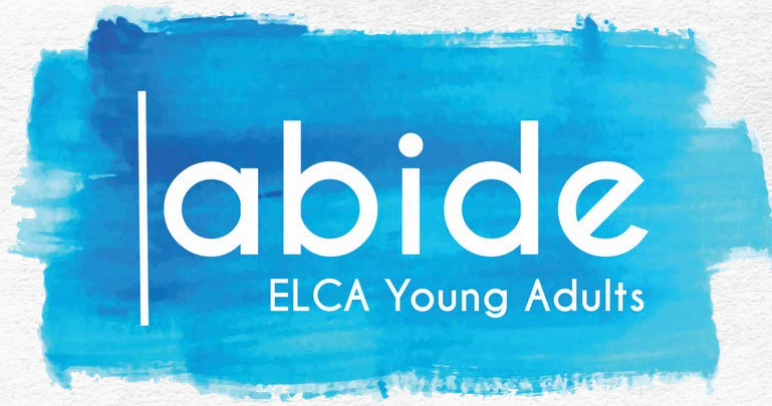
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Abide in...

Surrender
Opportunity
Steadfastness
Service
Reformation
Connection



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resources here!



Season 5

Spring 2022

Discussion questions in the YouTube description.

Abide in...

Death

Truth

Healing.

Music

Love

Transition



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resources here!

#NOPLASTICSFORLENT

The #NoPlasticsforLent initiative, led by young adults across the church, calls us to prayer for creation, to lament the ways we have been complicit in the degradation of the earth, and to action to care for our neighbor in fasting from the things that are hurting our planet.

Each Lent we publish a pledge where individuals, families, and communities can share their commitment to a sustainability practice.

Over the course of Lent, we publish live videos, devotionals, resources, and host weekly discussion groups led by young adults who are passionate about their spirituality and about care for creation.

2020

Blog Posts

Webinars:

Community Bathroom
Kitchen Cooking
Covid-19 Closet

2021

Blog Posts

Webinars:

Intro Ecotheology
Racial Equity Public Service
Action Disability Justice

2022

Webinars:

Worship
COP26
Migration
Hunger Advocacy Fellowship
Shishmaref, AK
Lutheran Church of Nicaragua

Reflections & Meditations:

Week 1 Week 4
Week 2 Week 5
Week 3 Week 6

2023: Coming Soon!

#NOPLASTICSFORLENT

2023

Wisdom from Global Partners

Videos

Week 1: Maro Maua, Kenya

Week 2: Harper Bolz-Weber, Jerusalem West Bank

Week 3: Raj Kiran, India

Week 4: Erick Kapira and Carina Henry

Malcellianusy, Tanzania

Week 5: Gabrielle Thum, Brazil

2024

Interviews with Ministry Leaders

Videos

Week 1: Civic Life & Faith

Week 2: Spiritual Practices

Week 3: Congregation Actions & Organizing

Week 4: Civic Engagement & Being a

Creation Care Voter

2025

Videos

Blog_1 Blog_5

Blog_2

Blog_3

Blog_4

2026

Devotions



ADVENT PILGRIMAGE IN **PALESTINE**

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2020

Webinars:

Intro
Hope
Love
Joy
Peace

2021

Webinars:

The Way to Bethlehem
Prepare
Journey
Arrive
Witness
Bible Study

Resources:

Opening Webinar
Leaders Webinar
Leaders Guide
General Resources
Peace not Walls

2022

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Practicing Joy in Holy Spaces
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NOW IS THE TIME

Now is the time for white members of the ELCA to face their own resistance and fear. Now is the time to acknowledge the depths of systemic racism and white supremacist culture and thinking. Now is the time for repentance, and the time to trust God's liberating grace, which gives us courage to face an uncomfortable past and walk boldly into a new future of racial justice and reconciliation, and of structural change.

"Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent" is an acknowledgment of the church's complicity in slavery and the perpetuation of systemic racism. The study guide focuses on deepening understanding of that history and engaging white people in conversation on the meaning and impact of slavery and systemic racism.

Videos

Session 1, Truth-telling

Session 2, Slavery

Session 3, Systematic Racism

Session 4, White Supremacy

Session 5, Reconciliation & Reparations

Resource Packets

Study Guide

Participant Materials

Explanation of Declaration

Webinar