

# Prayer, Just Love, and Craftivism

A Webinar for  
Women of the  
ELCA

# Agenda

**Land Acknowledgement  
Prayer**

**Introductions:**

**THE PRESENTATION:**

- **Some Heros**
- **The story of Leymah Gbowee**
- **The Women's Suffrage Movement.**
- **The story of Rosa Young.**
- **What is Prayer? How is it work?**
- **What is Peaceful Protest?**
- **What is craftivism?**
- **What can you do RIGHT NOW?**

**A TIME FOR QUESTIONS:**

**Final Prayer**



## Land Acknowledgement

The churchwide office of Women of the ELCA is located on the original and ancestral lands of the Kickapoo, Peoria, Potawatomi, Miami,

Ho-Chunk, and Sioux people.

We give thanks for these tribal nations. We also recognize and honor all Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call these lands their home.

**God, Sojourner Truth once prayed ‘Oh God, you know I have no money, but you can make people do for me. I will never give you peace till you do, God.’ Help us to be as strong in our prayers—to cry out and demand action, and to remain steadfast in our faith that you are acting in love, all the time. AMEN!**

# Introductions:

- What is Women of the ELCA?

We are the women in thousands of congregations across the U.S. and the Caribbean, who gather in community to grow in faith and live out that faith through ministry and action. Come join us!

As a congregation:

[Get Involved - Women of the ELCA](#)

As an individual:

[Belong - Women of the ELCA](#)

- **OUR MISSION**

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

- **NUESTRA MISSION**

Movilizar a mujeres a actuar con valentía en su fe en Jesucristo.



# Belong - Women of the ELCA



Our panelists:

Jennifer Hockenbery

Saint Browder

Lorie Garcia

# The Racial Justice Advocacy Network

- [What is racial justice, racial justice issues | Women of the ELCA](#)

# Heroes by Ann Reed

- <https://youtu.be/bSOT1IWOJz0>



Leymah  
Gbowee



# Rosa Young: The First Rosa - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:



# Sojourner Truth, Ida Wells, Alice Paul

<https://ok.ru/video/47515044418>



# What good is prayer?

## **Listening to God:**

Calming the amygdala.

Aligning with God's will.

Finding unity in  
community.

## **Talking to God:**

Lament: God hears our  
cries!

Sending your intention to  
the universe

# JUST LOVE in ACTION

## **Sending Valentines to churches in Minnesota**

- Sending food to foodbanks
- Volunteering in local schools
- Baking for a shelter
- Sending care packages to college students.

## **Volunteering with League of Women Voters**

- Working as a poll worker
- Sending postcards that say VOTE
- Giving rides to the polls in primaries and midterm elections.

# What is Peaceful Protest?

## **Agitation and action**

- Putting yourself in the way
- Making your voice heard
- Raising awareness
- Signs, banners!

## **Non-violence**

- Committing to not harming.
- Singing, humming, chanting,
- Resisting with out violence,
- Keeping your heart free of hate.

# Craftivism—Sarah Corbett

Crafting as prayer—cross stitching a prayer.

Crafting as calming—knitting to calm your anger.

Crafting as non-violence—quilting for peace.

Crafting as community building—do this with others.

Crafting as awareness raising—creating signs and banners.

Crafting as conversation starting—talking to others about your project.

Crafting as loving action—donating hats, blankets, and more.

# Some things we are told are needs:

3.5 % of the population in unity of resistance

NEW CHANTS

Funny, Lovely, Thoughtful Signs for protestors to hold

Beautiful Sheets with Bible verses

VOTE! Post Cards

GREAT YARD SIGNS

Emphasis on LOVE, INCLUSION, PEACE,  
and WELCOMING the STRANGER

# Links for THINGS TO DO



 **NO KINGS  
MASS CALL**

**EYES ON ICE:  
DOCUMENT AND RECORD**

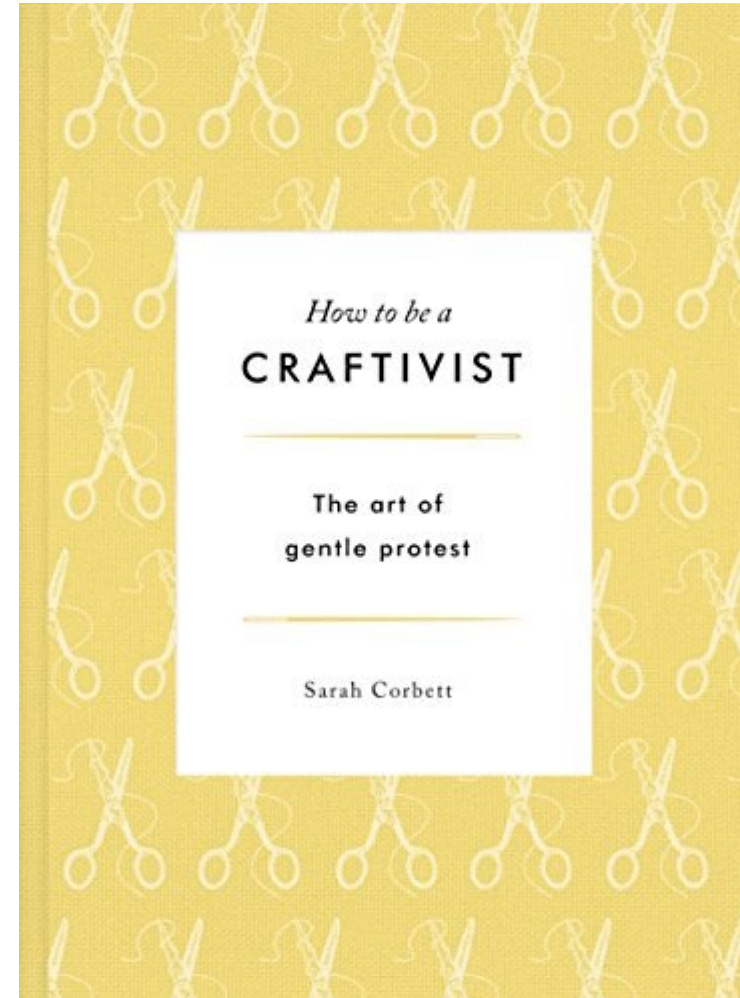
**GET THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO  
EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS AS FEDERAL  
AGENTS TERRORIZE OUR COMMUNITIES.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5  
8PM EST / 5PM PST**

[https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/892452/.](https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/892452/)

# Craftivism podcasts, books, and more!

- <https://youtu.be/jomiNltdjU8>
- [Our Story — Craftivist Collective](#)
- GOOGLE CRAFTIVISM FOR SO MUCH MORE





# Knitting projects!

- [A red hat becomes a quiet form of protest in Minnesota : NPR](#)

- Peace by Piece | Women Building Peace



# Take Action | League of Women Voters



**DEFENDING DEMOCRACY TAKES ALL OF US**  
— *act now to prepare voters for what's ahead.*

**DONATE NOW**

# Ring bells

- Bells will ring in unity across the Twin Cities on Saturday – Twin Cities <https://www.twincities.com/2026/01/29/bells-will-ring-in-unity-across-the-twin-cities-on-saturday/>

SINGING to ICE

[Minnesota Residents Sing Against ICE Presence | TikTok](#)

# Come March with us FEBRUARY 25, 2026

- [Faithful Resistance: A Public Witness for Immigrant Justice | ResourceUMC](#)

Q & A ? !

# Closing prayer

**Dear God, Ida B. Wells taught us that “The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them” and that “The most disreputable thing you can do is to stay silent.” Hear us when we ask for your help to speak out and to listen. In Jesus’ name we pray,**

**AMEN**