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Archbishop Elpidophoros chairs National Council of Churches board meeting



On Tuesday, May 12, 2026, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America chaired the spring meeting of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA Governing Board. The gathering is being held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) headquarters, in Chicago, Illinois, where the Archbishop also met with ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.



“Amid the trials facing our nation and our world, we are called to speak with a unified and prophetic voice against the injustices that arise from the brokenness of creation. Such a voice must emerge from genuine common discernment—one that honors the richness and diversity of our communion,” Archbishop Elpidophoros said in his opening remarks. “To be prophetic in times of challenge is indeed to ‘speak truth to power.’ Yet for that truth to be heard, we must remain close enough to those we seek to address; otherwise, we risk preaching only ‘to the choir.’”

He further emphasized the theme of the meeting, stating:

“This brings me to the theme of our gathering: ‘Peacemaking as Ecumenical Witness in a Divided Age,’ inspired by the Beatitude: ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God’ (Matthew 5:9). Reflecting on this passage from the Gospel of Matthew, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has stated: ‘In order to be peacemakers and children of God, we must move away from what serves our own interests to what embraces the rights of others. We must recognize that all human beings—not only a privileged few—deserve to share in the resources of this world.’”

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