

**NEW ENGLAND SYNOD, ELCA**  
**2009 Synod Assembly**  
*God's Work. Our Hands. Treasure in Clay Jars.*  
**Extraordinary Power in Clay Jars. 2 Cor. 4:5-7**  
**May 28-30, 2009**  
**Sturbridge Host, Sturbridge, MA**

**Thursday:** synod council meeting  
12:15-12:45 Orientation, plenary hall, for all voting members

Thursday afternoon

1:00 p.m. Opening worship  
Plenary including:  
Report of the Bishop  
Synod Council Report  
Reference and Counsel

4 p.m. Hearing from our Partners in Ministry  
ELCA representative  
LTSP  
LSS  
Calumet  
Announcements, closing of session

Thursday evening

6 p.m. Cookout  
7:45 p.m. Festive celebration of the graduation of the first class from the School of Lay Ministry, within the context of expanded Vespers

**Friday** morning

8:30 a.m. Morning prayer  
9 a.m. Keynote, Kelly Fryer  
10 a.m. Plenary including:  
Elections  
Reference and Counsel  
10:45 – 12:15: Workshops

12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own

Friday afternoon

2 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote  
3 p.m. Plenary including:  
Rostered Leaders Anniversaries  
Reference and Counsel

Friday evening

Dinner on your own (restaurant list in packet)  
7:30 p.m. Festive Eucharist, Trinity, Worcester  
(limited school bus transportation available)  
Reception, Trinity, Worcester

**Saturday** morning

9 a.m. Workshops

10:30 a.m. Plenary including  
Compensation Guidelines  
Budget vote

Reference and Counsel

12 noon Sending Worship

“Dwelling in the Word”, Biblical reflections on the assembly theme by four graduating members of the School for Lay Ministry will be interwoven throughout the agenda.