

# The ELCJHL: Working for Justice, Praying for Peace, Living in Hope

## Bishop Younan Challenges Leaders and People to Uphold Sanctity of Human Life

Fri. Mar 7 - Bishop Younan issued a statement today asking for people in the Holy Land to unite against extremism, work against violence and toward a just peace. Leaders and people in the Holy Land – Muslim, Christian and Jew – it is our duty to our children to show them that there are other ways to solve our problems. It is our duty to work for the sanctity of all human life and to raise the voices of the moderates who comprise a vast majority of the people on both sides. We cannot allow the extremists and the cycle of revenge and counter-revenge to hold the prospects of justice and peace hostage.

Visit <http://www.holyland-lutherans.org/> to learn more.

**Note: The ELCJHL (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land) is currently undergoing updates to their website. Please stop by.**



## New England Synod Calendar

### April 2008

1	10-2	*Mission Strategy team
2	10-3	Bishop's Teaching, Listening and Worship at Christ, Middletown, CT
4	10	*Property committee
4-5		Northeast Ecumenical Stewardship Conference at Crowne Plaza, Worcester, MA
4-6		School of Lay Ministry retreat at Calumet
8-10		Retirees Post-Easter retreat at Calumet
10	11-1	Trinitarian working group at Trinity, Worcester, MA
11-13		Welcome One Another retreat at Calumet Clergy Spouse retreat at Koinonia
12	10-3	<i>Mission Area Assembly</i> at Bethlehem, Sturbridge, MA
	10-2	*Hammonasset
16	10:30	*Drenched Team
	1-3	*Assembly Planners
19		Deadline date for Synod Assembly Resolutions
	9-12	*Stewardship Team
	9-1:30	World Hunger Event at Emanuel, Manchester, CT
	10-3	<i>Mission Area Assembly</i> at St. Paul, Torrington, CT
20	2-6:30	World Hunger Event at Trinity, Chelmsford, MA
21-22		Retreat for Leaders of Large Congregations at Immaculata, Willimantic, CT
24	5-8	*Stewardship of New Leaders
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26	10-3	<i>Mission Area Assembly</i> at Pilgrim, Warwick, RI
29	5:00	*Conflict Transformation

**Synod Assembly is June 5-7, 2008.**

**Registration forms, resolution info and nomination forms have been mailed to all congregations and posted on our website at [www.nesynod.org/Synod\\_Assembly.html](http://www.nesynod.org/Synod_Assembly.html)**

### Important Dates in 2008

NES Spring Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	April 29-May 13
Mission Area Assembly at St. Paul, Arlington, MA	May 3
Mission Area Assembly at Emanuel, Hartford, CT	May 10
Mission Area Assembly at Holy Trinity, Newington, NH	May 19
ELCA listening post for draft of social statement on human sexuality	June 5
Synod Council	June 5
Synod Assembly at the DCU, Worcester, MA	June 5-7
Healing the Wounds introductory retreat	June 20-22
Healing the Wounds stage 2 retreat	July 11-13
Hammonasset Youth Gathering	September 5-7
Leading Change	October 4
Biennial Convention of New England Women of ELCA	October 4-5
Bishop's Convocation	October 20-22
Christmas Pilgrimage with Thomas's & E. von Trapp	December 2008