

New England Synod Mission Areas

You are invited to the first assembly of the *NEW ENGLAND SYNOD MISSION AREAS*. At each assembly, Bishop Margaret Payne will be present to offer an opportunity for reflecting on the synod's five year guide, "Called to Listen, Called to Live". Other staff and resource people will be available as needed based on the requests of the lay planning teams of the *MISSION AREAS*.

What is a Mission Area? There is no "typical" congregation in the New England synod. The large geographical territory in New England offers a wide variety of ministry contexts and mission opportunities. The formation of *NEW ENGLAND SYNOD MISSION AREAS* is an endeavor to support our congregations through the gathering of conferences that share similar geography and mission opportunities.

Who is invited? Assemblies are planned by lay members of the New England Synod with the support of synod staff members. All members of the New England Synod are invited to attend.

Why attend an assembly gathering? Assembly gatherings are shaped by the needs, interests, and gifts of the laity in each particular *MISSION AREA*. Gathering together with members of each region, lay members will be given an opportunity for networking, developing leadership, and discovering opportunities and support for lay education and ministry. In addition, there will be an opportunity to learn more about the coming synod assembly and to consider the nomination of *MISSION AREA* members to synod leadership.

When and where are we gathering? Assembly gatherings will be held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch provided. Mark the date and watch for more information from your *MISSION AREA* planning team.

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***NORTH MISSION AREA – MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT AND NEW YORK
CONFERENCES***

Date: May 17, 2008

Place: [Holy Trinity, Newington NH](#)

***EAST CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND MISSION AREA – BOSTON METRO AND NORTHEAST
MASS CONFERENCES***

Date: May 3, 2008

Place: [St. Paul, Arlington MA](#)

***WEST CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND MISSION AREA – CENTRAL AND WESTERN MASS
CONFERENCES***

Date: April 12, 2008

Place: [Bethlehem, Sturbridge MA](#)

***SOUTH CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND – GREATER HARTFORD MISSION AREA, EAST CT
RIVERS AND CENTRAL CT CONFERENCES***

Date: May 10, 2008

Place: [Emanuel, Hartford CT](#)

***SOUTHEAST NEW ENGLAND MISSION AREA – SOUTHEAST MASS AND RHODE ISLAND
CONFERENCES***

Date: April 26, 2008

Place: [Pilgrim, Warwick RI](#)

***SOUTHWEST NEW ENGLAND MISSION AREA – SOUTHERN CT, NAUGATUCK VALLEY
AND GREATER NEW HAVEN CONFERENCES***

Date: April 19, 2008

Place: [St. Paul, Torrington CT](#)

NEED MORE INFORMATION? Contact Pastor Alice Kerr Laird, Associate to the Bishop at aklaird@nesynod.org.