

Working for Justice, Praying for Peace, Living in Hope

“Ahlan Wa-sahlan,” Welcome!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land (ELCJHL) is known for its friendliness as it welcomes visitors and pilgrims to the Holy Land from throughout the world. Though Palestinian Christians have been here since the first Pentecost, the roots of the ELCJHL began in the mid 19th century when German and English missionaries came to teach and minister to the local people. Five of our six congregations are in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and the Bethlehem area, and one is in Amman, Jordan. The churches in Amman and Ramallah are made up largely of families of refugees who fled their homes at the time of the tragic wars that followed the formation of Israel. We also operate four schools and four additional education programs.



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New England Synod Calendar



January 2008

1		<i>New Year's Day – office closed</i>
3	1	*Ecumenical working group
5	10-2	*Health and Wholeness
	9:30-3	Candidacy in Worcester, MA
7	10-2	*Northeast Ecumenical Stewardship Council
8	10:30-2	*School of Lay Ministry supervisory team
	11-2	*Transforming Ministry partners
10	11-2	*Mission Partners
	12-3	*Lutheran Roman Catholic dialog
12	10-2	*Hammonasset
15	11-1	*Continuing Theological Education for Rostered Leaders
16	10:30-1	*Drenched Team
16-17		Money Leadership Retreat in Andover, MA
21		<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – office closed</i>
22	10-3	Bishop's Teaching, Listening and Worship at St. John, New Britain, CT
24	10-3	Bishop's Teaching, Listening and Worship at Grace, Needham, MA
24	5	*Finance
26	10	*Synod Council
28		NES quarterly staff meeting at Calumet
29-31		Calumet Free Retreat for Rostered Leaders

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HONDURAS OR THE
HOLY LAND
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Important Dates in 2008

Synod Council meetings for 2008	Jan. 26, Mar. 28-29, Jun. 5
NES Pilgrimage to Honduras	Feb. 11-16
<i>Easter</i>	<i>March 23</i>
NE Ecumenical Stewardship Council Conference	April 4-5
NES Spring Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	April 29-May 13 (contact Pr. Tim Keyl ASAP)
Synod Assembly at the DCU, Worcester, MA	June 5-7
Hammonasset Youth Gathering	September 5-7
Biennial Convention of New England WELCA	October 4-5
Bishop's Convocation	October 20-22
Christmas Pilgrimage with Thomas's & E. von Trapp	December 2008