

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



February 2008 - The ELCJHL's Environmental Education Center in Beit Jala has an integrated program educating especially area youth about our responsibility to care for our environment. Teachers at the Center have been featured in local publications about the environment.

One of the main concerns about the Israeli occupation policies is the effect on the environment, especially of the construction of the separation barrier.

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

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

New England Synod Calendar

March 2008

3	10-2	*Northeast Ecumenical Stewardship Council
	2-4	*Discernment planners
	5-8	*Stewardship of New Leaders
	7-9	*Compensation Guidelines Team
4	10-3	Bishop's Teaching, Listening and Worship at Good Shepherd, Westborough, MA
6	12-3	*Lutheran Roman Catholic Dialog
8	10-2	*Hammonasset
10	2-4	*Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Understanding
12	10-12	*Continuing Theological Education for Rostered Leaders
	10:30-1	*Drenched Team
	1-3	*Assembly Planners
13	10-3	Bishop's Teaching, Listening and Worship at St. Paul, Greenfield, MA
	11-1	Trinitarian working group at Trinity, Worcester, MA
18	noon	Blessing of Oil at Trinity, Worcester, MA
21		<i>Good Friday – office closed</i>
23		<i>Easter – Christ is Risen!</i>
26	10	*monthly staff
27	5:00	*Finance Team
28-9		*Synod Council
29	9-4	Candidacy at Zion, Worcester, MA

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

Important Dates in 2008

Synod Council meetings for 2008	Mar. 28-29, Jun. 5
NE Ecumenical Stewardship Council Conference	April 4-5
NES Spring Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	April 29-May 13
ELCA listening post for draft of social statement on human sexuality	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 (contact Pr. Michael Thomas now)