

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

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

In March of 2008, Bishop Younan issued this statement 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 about our companion synod.

Visit <http://blogs.elca.org/09cobacademy/> to read reflections and actions by our ELCA bishops while in the Holy Land in January 2009.

New England Synod Calendar

February 2009

(*indicates at Synod House, 20 Upland St., Worcester, MA)

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| 1-7 | | Synod Mission Trip to Honduras |
| 7 | | Holy Eucharist with Ordinations , Concordia Lutheran Church,
40 Pitkin St., Manchester, CT, 3 pm |
| 10 | 10 | *Staff |
| | 11-1 | *Public Policy team |
| 11 | 6:30 | *School of Lay Ministry board |
| 13 | 10-2 | *Mission Planning Follow Through |
| 14 | | Executive Ctte. |
| 15 | | <i>Presidents' Day Holiday – synod office closed</i> |
| 15-22 | | Synod Mission Trip to Honduras |
| 18 | 11-1 | *Mission Partners team |
| 23 | 1-3 | *Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Understanding |
| | 3-5 | *Assembly Planners |
| 24 | 10 | *Staff |
| 25 | | Bishop Payne's Sabbatical ends |
| 27 | 8:30-3 | *New England WELCA board |
| | 8:30-4 | South Central New England Mission Area Assembly at St. Andrew, Bristol, CT |
| | 9:30-3 | Southeast New England Mission Area Assembly at Zion, Plymouth, MA |

Mark your 2010 calendar:

- ✠ **Mission Starts Workshop** -
March 13 at Synod House
- ✠ **Calumet Sunday** - March 14
- ✠ **Synod Assembly** - June 3-5
at Sturbridge Host

March 2010

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| 2 | 9-4 | Intern Cluster at St. Paul, East Longmeadow, MA |
| 4 | 12-3 | *Lutheran Roman Catholic dialog |
| 6 | 8:30-3 | *snow date for NE WELCA board |
| 10 | 3 | *Assembly Planning |
| 11 | 6 | *Executive Ctte. |
| 9 | 10-2 | *Hammonasset Planners |
| 13 | 10-2 | *Mission Development Workshop |
| 19-20 | | *Synod Council at Synod House |
| 19-21 | | School of Lay Ministry – spring retreat |
| 24 | | *Volunteer luncheon |
| 27 | 9-4 | Candidacy at Trinity, Worcester, MA |

Celebrate common mission between the ELCA and the United Methodist Church Sunday, April 11, 4:00 pm, at Trinity, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester, MA.