

EVANGELICAL CHURCHES IN THE MIDDLE EAST REACH HISTORIC ACCORD
Amman Declaration: Mutual Recognition of Evangelical Middle East Churches



Seven mainline Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed churches in the Middle East have signed an historic Mutual Recognition Agreement in which they have officially recognized one another's ministries and agreed on statements of faith. This will allow the churches to mutually participate in one another's services, share pastors and work together in common mission.

O God, grant these churches the strength and wisdom they seek as they unite in service to you, one another and their world in Jesus' name. Encourage other churches in the Middle East to seek together similar ways to strengthen one another in the one witness in Christ. Amen.

- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
- The National Evangelical Union of Lebanon
- Synod of the Nile, Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt
- The National Evangelical Church in Kuwait
- Synod of the Evangelical Church in Iran
- Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East
- The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon

New England Synod Calendar

- / **March 2006** (*event at Synod House, Worcester, MA)
- 2 2 – 4 pm *task force for Gay and Lesbian Understanding
 - 3 10 am-2 pm *Northeast Ecumenical Stewardship Council
 - 4 10 am-3 pm Outreach/Evangelism at St. Clare House, Holden, MA
 - 9 3 pm *Finance
 - 10 12 – 3 pm *Lutheran Roman Catholic dialog
 - 10 -11 *Synod Council (Friday, 6 pm, Saturday, 9 am)
 - 11 9 am-3 pm Youth training event at Trinity, Worcester, MA
 - 14-15 *Calumet Interviews
 - 18 *Women of the ELCA
 - 19 *Calumet Sunday*
 - 22 10 am *monthly staff meeting
 - 23 11 am *Leadership Support
 - 25 9:30 – 4:30 *Candidacy Meeting
 - 29 NCD review
 - 30 noon *Worship
 - 2:30 pm *Assembly Planning

NOTE: March 31 is deadline day for most April Events

**Note: Clergy Spouse
Retreat for 2006
has been canceled**

- / **April 2006**
- 1 *Women of the ELCA
 - 4 9 am Renewal of Vows for Rostered Leaders at Trinity, Worcester, MA
 - 5 noon Ribbon cutting at Antrim Girls Shelter (LSS) at Antrim, NH
 - 8 *Consecration Training
 - 14 *Good Friday – office closed*
 - 16 *EASTER – Christ is Risen Indeed!*
 - 18-20 Retired Post-Easter Retreat – Calumet
 - 20 9 am-3 pm Spring Theological Convocation at Concordia, Manchester, CT
 - 21-23 Learning Ministry Retreat – Calumet
 - 25 9 am-3 pm Deans at Emanuel, Worcester, MA
 - 3 pm *Mutual Ministry
 - 26 noon *nominating committee
 - 27 7 pm *Calumet Children's Program Planners
 - 29 9:30 am-4 pm Healing the Wounds Community at Good Shepherd, Westboro, MA