



January

*African Methodist Episcopal Church,
New England Conference
The Rt. Rev. Richard F. Norris,
Presiding Prelate (Pennsylvania)
Presiding Elder Rev. Herbert L. Eddy*

*The Evangelical Covenant Church,
East Coast Conference
The Rev. Howard Burgoyne, Superintendent*

*The American Diocese of the Indian Orthodox Church
His Grace Metropolitan Mathews Mar Barnabas*



February

*African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Boston
District
The Rt. Rev. George Battle (North Carolina)
Presiding Elder Rev. Margaret Lawson*

*The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal
Minister & President
United Church of Christ, Massachusetts Conference*



March

*American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts
The Rev. Anthony Pappas
Executive Minister*

*Unitarian Universalist Association
Council of Christian Churches
within the UUA
The Rev. Terry Burke, Ecumenical Officer*



April

*Archdiocese of Boston
His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM
Cap,*

*The Salvation Army,
Massachusetts Divisional Headquarters
Major William Bode,
Divisional Commander*



May

*Armenian Apostolic Church of America,
Prelacy of Eastern United States
and Canada
Archbishop Oshagan, Prelate*

*Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester
The Most Rev. Robert J. McManus, Bishop*



June

*Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
Northeast Region
The Rev. Lonnie Oates,
Regional Co-minister*

*Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield
The Most Rev. Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop*



July

*Christian Methodist Episcopal Church,
Seventh Episcopal District
Bishop Charles L. Helton*

*Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River
The Most Rev. George W. Coleman, Bishop*



August

*The Church of the New Jerusalem
(Swedenborgian),
Massachusetts Association
Rev. Robert Tafel,
General Pastor for the Boston Area*

*The Religious Society of Friends,
the New England Yearly Meeting
Christopher McCandless, Presiding Clerk*



September

*Diocese of the Armenian Church
of America
Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate*

*The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
Synod of the Northeast
Elder Mary Lynne Flowers and
Rev. Clinton McCoy
Co Synod Executives*

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October

*The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
The Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, S.S.J.E.
Bishop*

*Melkite Diocese of Newton
Archbishop Cryil Salim Bustros, Eparch*

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November

*Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts
The Rt. Rev. Gordon P. Scruton, Bishop*

*Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston
His Eminence Metropolitan
Methodios of Boston, Presiding Hierarch*

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December

*United Methodist Church,
New England Area
Bishop Peter D. Weaver*

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America, New England Synod
Bishop Margaret Payne*

This **Prayer for Unity** and monthly prayer calendar include by name churches that are members of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, churches that have an established relationship with others through the Council, and when available, the names of current religious leaders. Your prayers for reconciliation are invited for all Christian congregations in and beyond the Commonwealth. For further information about these churches, and for an online copy of the 2006 prayer calendar, visit the council's website at www.masscouncilofchurches.org.

A Prayer for Unity

Holy One, whose reconciling love has been poured into our hearts through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, infuse us with a longing for reconciliation. Help us maintain the unity of Your Spirit in the bond of peace.

Teach us to transform barriers into bridges. In these days when people are severed by strife, make us light to the world. When we get tired and confused, take us by the hand and show us the way toward peace with justice.

We remember especially this day

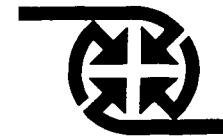
*---- NAME OF CHURCH &
LEADER-----*

Bless them and their congregations. We give thanks for the spiritual gifts that these sisters and brothers in Christ share with all Your people. Remind us that these ministries are for your whole church in your whole world.

May the God of peace give us peace at all times in all ways. This we pray in the name of the One who calls us to be one, Your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Massachusetts Council of Churches

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar 2008



*Christian individuals and
congregations
within and beyond the Commonwealth
are invited to pray regularly
for each other,
for Christian unity,
and for human community.*