



## January

For the ministries and leadership  
of the Massachusetts Council of Churches  
The Reverend Jack Johnson, Director  
Ms. Laura E. Everett, Associate Director  
Mrs. Louise Frehill, Executive Assistant



## 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*

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



## 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*

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



## April

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

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



## 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*

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



## 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,*

*The Religious Society of Friends,  
the New England Yearly Meeting  
Linda Jenkins, 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. 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 2009 prayer calendar, visit the council's website at [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org).

## **A Prayer for Unity**

**O God, may we become one in your hand, As your daughters and sons we are joined to you by our common baptism. Make us one in faith and keep us one in the fellowship of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.**

**We remember especially this day**

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

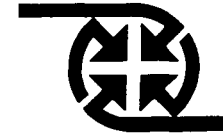
**Bless them and their congregations. We give thanks for the spiritual gifts that these sisters and brothers in Christ share with all Your people. Remind us that these ministries are for your whole church in your whole world.**

**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 2009**



***“That They May Become  
One in Your Hand”  
Ezekiel 37:15-19***

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