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## **Welcome to the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly!**

On behalf of the ELCA News Service, I welcome you to the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. We are pleased you'll be working with us, and we will be happy to assist you.

The staff of the ELCA News Service will be housed in Room 103E of the Minneapolis Convention Center; visiting news media personnel will be housed on Room 103D; and news conferences will be held in Room 103F.

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Newsrooms will be open by noon on Monday, Aug. 17. Most other days, newsrooms will be open by 8 a.m. Wired Internet connections are provided for your use. Each newsroom is equipped with a TV monitor with live audio and video from the plenary sessions in Exhibit Hall E. We are also planning to provide live audio and video of assembly news conferences on the Web.

Thank you for joining us at the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Please let us know how we may be of service to you.

Sincerely,

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