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## Assembly 2021

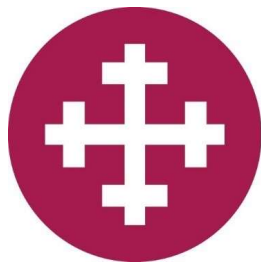
### Conference 8

#### Pr. Greer Cherney – Hope/Farmington Hills

Antioch, Farmington Hills Pr. Sean Myers  
Celebration, Livonia Pr. Jim Fogle  
Emmanuel, Livonia Pr. Scott Sessler - done 6/2020  
Pr. Jackie Rau - Interim  
Pastor Sara Freudenburg - starts 1/2021  
Holy Cross, Livonia Pr. Scott Seeke  
Holy Spirit, West Bloomfield Pr. William Matlack  
Holy Trinity, Livonia Pr. Bill Kirsh-Carr  
Hope, Farmington Hills Pr. Rob Zahn  
Pr. Greer Cherney  
Shepherd of the Lakes, Walled Lake Pr. Judd Delancey  
Shepherd's Way, South Lyon Pr. Tom Scherger  
St. John, Farmington Hills Pr. Mark Fisher  
Timothy, Livonia Eric Stenson (Supply)  
Samaritas Pr. Beth Birkholz

#### Highlights/Changes from June 2019-February 2020

- Pastor Beth Birkholz transitioned from call at Holy Cross, Livonia into a Synod Council Call at Samaritas as Director of Congregational Engagement. She remains active in Conference 8.
- Pastor Greer Cherney began as Dean of Conference 8 in February 2020.
- Pastor Scott Sessler left Emmanuel, Livonia- July 2020 for a new call in Georgia.
- Pastor Jackie Rau serving as stated supply at Emmanuel, Livonia.
- Pastor Judd Delancey was ordained on June 14, 2020 to serve as full-time pastor at Shepherd of the Lakes, Walled Lake. After completing his internship there as well.
- Pastor Dave Hendricks completed an Interim call at St. John, Farmington.
- Pastor Mark Fisher began his full-time call at St. John, Farmington in August 2020 and was installed via Zoom on October 18, 2020.
- Pastor Sara Freudenburg accepted a call at Emmanuel, Livonia in November and will begin call and be installed in January 2021.



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- Our Conference met in-person prior to pandemic lock-down and now meets exclusively on Zoom. We continue to offer one another support, laughs, ideas and solidarity. This conference has stepped up to help one another whenever needed, which is a beautiful example of being church in 2020!
- Most of congregations have continued worship in some creative way to continue to offer good news and hope in the midst of a pandemic. Majority offered worship in these ways: outside and virtually. There are with a few congregations offering in-person limited attendance/masked worship services.
- Conference 8 congregations have all reported financial security considering the global pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by, Rev. Greer Cherney, Conference 8 Dean and Pastor of Congregational Life - Hope Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills