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Conference 6

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As many did throughout the pandemic, the congregations in Conference 6 leaned on partnerships and cooperation as we faced the ongoing challenges of ministry in the age of pandemic.

Congregations cooperated within the conference and with other congregations from around SEMI Synod for Bible study, virtual worship and outreach opportunities. Our congregations worked to develop options for in-person and virtual worship, as it became safer to do so, to make sure that our community members of every health status and risk level were able to access worship. We were grateful that congregations who could not meet in their sanctuaries safely, were able to worship virtually or join in with other congregations for a time, who had the capacity for online ministry.

Conference 6 churches continued through the last year to find ways to safely provide outreach and continue to help to our neighbors through feeding ministries, flood recovery assistance, partnerships with local schools and emergency bill pay funds, participating in the Equitable Internet Initiative, among other ministries.

We are very excited about the development of a new Lutheran/Episcopal campus ministry at Wayne State University, in our conference, and we look forward to supporting Rev. Ben Adams and the students in their life and faith together.

In the coming year, we look to build more partnerships to continue to sustain our ministry and witness in the City of Detroit. We continue to hear the Spirit's call to innovation and growth in the midst of the dramatic social changes we are all navigating. We are paying close attention to the policies and politics that will affect the lives our community greatly, including forthcoming voter suppression attempts in the Michigan state legislature. We prepare ourselves to advocate for justice in this moment and together to honor the call of God's word to love justice.

Praying for our siblings in every conference,

Grace and Peace,

Asst. Robin McCants and Rev. Lindsey Anderson, Co-Deans