

Acts In Common
2023 Synod Assembly Report

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” Acts 2:44

Acts In Common (AIC) is a ministry under the umbrella of the Southeast MI Synod that resources and supports the Detroit and urban congregations. The board of directors include Rev. Lindsey Anderson - President, Jeanine Hatcher - Treasurer, Doreen Henry - Member and Shavonne Joyce - Secretary. Robin McCants serves as Director and is appointed by the Bishop of the Southeast MI Synod.

The Board slowly came back together after COVID, and then paused to celebrate the life of our loyal president, Rev. Darrel Dennis, who passed away after a lengthy illness in September 2022.

As the Detroit congregations acknowledged that they have continued to provide food and outreach support to the community, the Board voted to provide grants of up to \$500 to assist them in purchasing meat and necessities to increase the contents of their holiday food baskets.

In January, we hosted a two-part virtual Martin Luther King, Jr. event. Part 1 featured readings of Dr. King by members from around the synod, with music provided by the Detroit Lutheran Gospel Choir, Sarah Altenburg and Ashley Cowans. Part 2 was a entitled “Week of Action” and featured video provided by our community partners whose work centers around justice.

MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength), The Disability Network of Detroit Wayne County, Dr. John Hartig on Environmental Justice and the Great Lakes, and Salem Lutheran Church, Flint provided videos that highlighted their particular areas of focus. Those videos can be viewed on the SEMI Synod You Tube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SEMichiganSynod>.

We continue to lift up the Nelson W. Trout Lectures at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, OH continues as we collect funds in support of the Trout Endowment Fund and encourage participation at the lectures (virtually & in person when appropriate).

We continue to support and engage the African Descent Ministries desk of the ELCA and the African Descent Lutheran Association and have begun the process to organize a Southeast Michigan Synod ADLA (African Descent Lutheran Association – ELCA) Chapter in 2023.

We look forward to renewed and re-energized engagement with Genesis, Gracious Saviour, Iroquois Avenue Christ, Love Rising, Revelation and our community partners going forward.

Blessings to you!

Robin McCants
Director, Acts In Common