



**Acts In Common &
African Descent Lutheran Association/SE Michigan
Chapter
2025 Synod Assembly Report**



Acts In Common (AIC) is a ministry of the Southeast MI Synod. The work of Acts In Common includes engagement of the congregations of Detroit as well as the support of the African Descent Lutheran Association.

ADLA-SEMI Chapter continues to recruit people of African Descent throughout the Synod who would be interested in knowing and collaborating with those of shared interest throughout the ELCA.

Both AIC & ADLA-SEMI have efforts that cross pollinate throughout the Synod. In the past year we planned and/or coordinated:

- MLK Worship at Genesis in January. The guest preacher was Judge Shannon Holmes of Detroit's 36th District Court.
- Blood Drive at Hope Lutheran Church in February.
- Volunteer Food Packing at Focus HOPE in Detroit, in February.
- Presence at the April Nelson W. Trout Lectures, hosted by Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH.

Throughout this year, we will:

- Plan and participate in the Nelson W. Trout Lectures at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, OH, and support the Trout Endowment,
- Have a display table at the 2025 Synod Assembly,
- Plan a Juneteenth commemorative event,
- Attend the ADLA Biennial Conference in Phoenix, AZ in July, and
- Extend our recruitment efforts to bring continued awareness of this work to our synod.

We look forward to supporting and engaging the African Descent Ministries desk of the ELCA, as well as a renewed and re-energized engagement with Genesis, Gracious Saviour, Iroquois Avenue Christ, Love Rising, Revelation churches and our community partners going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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