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## Conference 6 Report to the 2025 Synod Assembly

The leaders and Congregations of Conference 6 include:

All Together Campus Ministries @ Wayne State University, Rev. Ben Adams  
Genesis Lutheran Church, Rev. Ken Grant  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Min. Blanton Banks, stated supply  
Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church, LLM Doshia Strong  
Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. Vicky Lovell, stated supply  
Love Rising Lutheran Church, Rev. Michael Johnson  
Revelation Lutheran Church, supply pastors  
LLM Joyce Brooks  
Deacon Judy Schlueter

The congregations of Detroit – Conference 6 find themselves responding to community and neighborhood needs and celebrations as they arise. We are thankful for God's presence with us and in our city!

Our Conference meetings include clergy, LLMs, lay leaders and members of Synod Council that share information and is representative of who we are as a conference. to ensure each congregation is represented at the table, as several churches do not have called clergy in the pulpit. This has become an important way to stay connected as congregations and ensure a robust presence of diverse voices in our sharing and planning.

As a conference we continue to wrestle with the changing realities of urban ministry and the particular ministry realities of SE Michigan. We celebrate, with great pride, the faithful discernment practiced by our sisters and brothers in the city, and their great courage in putting that discernment into action. A mixed-income development project at the Genesis property and Love Rising's Freedom Project to re-develop its retreat center are two impactful missions happening in our conference.

May we all continue to look for God doing a new thing in our midst and boldly follow where the Spirit leads.

With Gratitude,

Robin McCants, Dean of Conference 6 & Assistant to the Bishop