



**Acts In Common &
African Descent Lutheran Association
/SE Michigan Chapter
2026 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 engages all people of African Descent throughout the Synod who would be interested in knowing and collaborating with those of shared interest throughout the ELCA.

We also welcome to each organization anyone who subscribes to the goals and objectives of our missions. This includes identifying individuals with interest in serving on national committees of the ELCA, Synod Council and various Synodical committees and task forces; networking and relationship building; strategizing on issues of concern for the community at large.

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

- MLK Worship at Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church/Detroit. This year's preacher was Rev. Dr. Kevin Dudley, Director of African American Relations and Affiliated Professor of African American Studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.
- Highlighted significant individuals during Black History Month
- 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 2026 Synod Assembly,
- Plan a Juneteenth commemorative event,
- 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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