



Conference 10 Report for 2026 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

Conference 10 is comprised of several vibrant, outward-focused congregations and ministries serving in Washtenaw County. In addition to 7 congregations, Conference 10 is also home to three “fourth expression” ministries: FedUp Ministries, Living RED, and the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan. All of these ministries rely on the spiritual and material partnership of the synod and area congregations. Highlighting the sense of partnership in this conference, the Be3 group is a lay-led, inter-congregational group that is focused on recycling hard-to-recycle plastics and encourage composting by facilitating recycling and composting stations in our congregations.

Conference 10 ministries are also benefited by the gifts and skills of Licensed Lay Minister Dale Eckhart, as well as multiple retired clergy, who aid in pastoral care, supply preaching, and other support as needed.

Rostered leaders currently serving in active calls:

- [Zion Lutheran Church](#), Ann Arbor
 - o Rev. Jim Debner, pastor
 - o Rev. Greer Cherney, pastor
- [Trinity Lutheran Church](#), Ann Arbor
 - o In transition
- [King of Kings Lutheran Church](#), Ann Arbor
 - o Rev. Beth Birkholz, pastor
- [Lord of Light Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan](#), Ann Arbor
 - o Rev. Elizabeth Friedman, pastor
- [Zion Lutheran Church](#), Chelsea
 - o Rev. Kurt Hutchens, pastor
- [Holy Faith Church](#), Saline
 - o Rev. Andrea Martin, pastor
 - o Deacon Don Dersnah
- [Emmanuel Lutheran Church](#), Ypsilanti
 - o Rev. Joshua Rinas, interim pastor
- [FedUp Ministries](#)
 - o Rev. Anna Taylor-McCants, director
 - o Rev. David Hendricks, street chaplain
- [Living RED, Dexter](#)
 - o Rev. Vicky Lovell, pastor

Congregations in the call process:

- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti

Rev. Elizabeth Friedman
Conference Dean