



## Conference 6 Report for 2026 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

Our conference includes the following congregations:

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, former stated supply, Rev. Vicky Lovell

Love Rising Lutheran Church, Rev. Michael Johnson

Revelation Lutheran Church, supply pastors

LLM Joyce Brooks and Deacon Judy Schlueter

Our conference leaders (clergy and lay) meet monthly to provide updates, hear news of the synod and sometimes plan joint events. Our meetings will often include Synod Council representatives, Licensed Lay Ministers and council leaders of our congregations to compensate for the unique design of our conference. Though small in numbers, the congregations continue to offer outreach ministries such as hunger programs and addressing the communities where they are located.

We celebrate the impact All.together Campus Ministry has had in Detroit and the presence of Pastor Davis in our congregations on Sunday mornings when his schedule allows.

After years-long delays, Genesis HOPE and Cinnaire Solutions have broken ground and begun to develop the 31-unit, low to moderate housing on the Genesis property (Mack & E. Grand Blvd.)

Gracious Saviour has received a grant from Spirit Collective to build out a partnership that involves local organizations, Schaefer Lodge 7/8, Association, Kiwanis Detroit, and Eastern Market Partnership's Food Access Program, in addition to their annual Jazz on the Lawn in the summer.

Iroquois Ave. Christ - Pr. Vicky Lovell completed a 2+ year stated supply at Iroquois in September 2025. They continue to provide food and opens its clothes closet weekly with partnership with several ELCA churches as well as regular participation with Indian Village initiatives.

Love Rising has begun managing a Forgotten Harvest program following the departure of its community partner and is receiving groups in the Retreat Center.

Revelation continues to gather faithfully in worship and in support of community programs that benefit school-age youth.

We do not have called pastors in all our congregations, however there have been no major transitions in leadership or in worship spaces – and for that we are grateful.

May we all continue to look to 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