



Conference 11 Report for 2026 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

Southeast Michigan Synod Conference 11 Report the Year that was: 2025.

Cana, Berkley (Final service August 2025)

Emmanuel, Southfield

Lutheran Church of the Master, Troy

Peace, Southfield

Spirit of Christ, Clawson

Zion, Ferndale

Micah 6 Church, Pontiac, SAWC

As always, it is an honor to serve as the Dean of Southeast Michigan Synod Conference 11. Throughout the year the conference pastors gather regularly to connect, seek out ways to be in ministry together and to support one another.

Each congregation continues to manage the difficulties and changes in this world and respond faithfully to the call of the Gospel.

During this year Cana Lutheran Church, Berkeley held its final public worship service in August 2025. Lutheran Church of the Master continues to serve as the anchor church for the Micah 6 Church. This is a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC) in Pontiac. Served by Pr. Dylan Pyeatt, Micah 6 Church regularly fills to overflowing the Sprout Vegetable Store where they gather for worship. They eagerly anticipate the completion of the Webster Community Center where they will have space to grow.

Each congregation in the conference has found a way to work cooperatively with other congregations, in the conference and the community. From weekly online Bible Studies to worship opportunities the conference is stronger together.

Through the transitions and changes each congregation continues striving to proclaim the good news of Jesus in their particular context.

It has been an abiding and singular privilege to have borne the mantle of Conference Dean across these many passing years, during which I have endeavored, however imperfectly, to discharge the solemn obligations entrusted to my care. With a heart suffused by both gratitude and a sober awareness of the weight such stewardship entails, I now, with due deliberation, relinquish the considerable responsibilities heretofore laid upon me. In so doing, I commend with confidence and hopeful expectation the faithful and diligent service of the yet-to-be-named successor, who shall, in due course, assume this office and its attendant charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Sir Paul Walters, KoS, Dean of Conference 11, Senior Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Master, and Knight of Sufferlandria In Christ