

South Conference Report

The South Conference stretches from Seneca in the east, Streator in the south, Mendota and Ohio in the north, and Princeton in the west. The rostered ministers meet monthly during the school year for education, fellowship and support. There are also two text studies that meet in our area. Several of our congregations participated in a Lenten Round Robin. After the Stay at Home order took effect, rostered ministers met online for a check in and support. Our annual conference gathering was cancelled for this year because of the cancellation of Synod Assembly. We look forward to being able to be together again in person.

We had a number of transitions this year in our conference. We bid farewell to Pr. William Weidenbach (Interim at St. John's, Peru), called to serve Zion Lutheran, North Canton, OH; Pr. Tammy Anderson (Immanuel, Earlville) called to serve at Bethesda, Morrison and Pr. Zachary Baer (Bethany, Leland) called to serve Living Waters, Crystal Lake.

We welcomed Tom Redig, a new seminary graduate to our synod in the fall of 2019. He has been called to serve St. John's in Peru. We look forward to celebrating with him when his Ordination and Installation dates get rescheduled as the original dates for these events had to be postponed due to Covid-19. We also welcomed Pr. Christine Schoon, called to serve St. John's, Somonauk; Pr. Steve Mindrup as the interim at St. John's, Mendota; Pr. Trudy Foote as the interim at Bethany, Leland; and Dr. Denise Rode as the interim at Immanuel, Earlville. In addition, I had the joy of embarking on a new shared ministry endeavor when Immanuel, Marseilles and Our Savior's, Seneca formed the Illinois River Valley parish.

Respectfully Submitted,
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South Conference Dean