



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Report of the East Conference

The East Conference met 8 times from August 2023 – May 2024, beginning and ending with our biannual breakfast at the Crispy Waffle in Shorewood. In between we met at congregations throughout the conference, enjoying refreshments, conversation, worship, and special presentations, while sharing updates and information across the conference. Highlights for the year include having the synod staff join us for our December conference meeting, increased engagement with LSSI in our conference, and the chance to connect as colleagues and friends on a regular basis throughout the year.

This season has marked a number of transitions for the East Conference, with interims completing terms, and new rostered leaders joining our conference. We particularly want to thank Pr. Lu Cantrell, who completed her time as Dean of the East Conference this August, and our synod relator, Pr. Jen Beamsley, who has done such an excellent job keeping us connected with the goings-on in the Synod.

We look forward to the coming year to see what the Spirit will be up to in our midst!

Respectfully submitted,
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