

# Southwestern Washington Synod Conferences 2026

## Coastal Conference

Dean: Rev. Louise Buckles

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| Aberdeen     | Amazing Grace – Rev. Doug Knutson-Keller   |
| Chinook      | Chinook – Rev. Anna Haugen                 |
| Grayland     | Twin Harbors – Rev. Amanda Sullivan Kersey |
| Hoquiam      | Saron – in transition                      |
| Naselle      | Naselle – Rev. Anna Haugen                 |
| Ocean Park   | Ocean Park – Rev. Louise Buckles           |
| Ocean Shores | Galilean Chapel – Rev. Angela Renecker     |
| South Bend   | First – Rev. Duane Anderson                |

## Evergreen Conference

Dean: Rev. Mark Johnson

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| Auburn      | All Saints – in transition<br>Family of Grace – Rev. Mark Johnson<br>Messiah – Revs. Bridget Jones & Susan Kirlin-Hackett                                  |
| Enumclaw    | Hope – in transition<br>Trinity – Rev. Eric Wooldridge, Deacon Tammy Rismiller   |
| Federal Way | Calvary – in transition<br>Christ – Rev. Callie Moothart<br>Federal Way Chinese Fellowship – Rev. Rowena Wang<br>Light of Grace Korean – Rev. Sang Soo Kim |
| Tacoma      | Resurrection – Rev. Karen Bates-Olson  |

## Ft. Vancouver Conference

Dean: Rev. Adrienne Strehlow

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| Brush Prairie | Bethel – Rev. Lynne Ogren  |
| Camas         | Zion – in transition   |
| LaCenter      | Highland – Rev. Erik Niemi   |
| Stevenson     | Shepherd of the Hills – Vicar Leslee Froehlich   |
| Vancouver     | Beautiful Savior – in transition<br>Family of Christ – in transition<br>Immanuel – Rev. Adrienne Strehlow<br>Messiah – Revs. David Hively & Robyn Kistemaker<br>St. Andrew – Rev. Cindy Bauldree<br>St. Paul – Rev. Linda Marousek<br>Trinity – Revs. Gary & Ruth Larson |

## Lower Columbia Conference

Dean: Rev. Susan Dollinger

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| Castle Rock | St. Paul – in transition, Rev. Matt March (interim)  |
| Kelso       | Gloria Dei – Rev. Denise Arnold  |
| Longview    | Bethany – Rev. Susan Dollinger<br>Stella Chapel – Rev. Lydia Brannon<br>Trinity – Rev. Craig Hafterson |
| Winlock     | St. Paul – Rev. Paul Hermansen, Vicar Rachel March   |

## Mt. Rainier Conference

Dean: Rev. Eric Bostrom & Rev. Nate Sutton

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| Bonney Lake | Creator – Revs. Amanda Olson de Castillo & Horacio Castillo   |
| Edgewood    | Mountain View – Rev. Eric Bostrom, Rev. Andrew Conley-Holcom  |
| Puyallup    | Celebration – in transition<br>Peace – Rev. Nate Sutton<br>Pilgrim – in transition, Rev. Chris Ode (bridge)                   |
| Spanaway    | Bethany – in transition, Rev. Jeff Gaustad (Interim)<br>Spanaway – Rev. Lydia Ziauddin  |
| Tacoma      | LC of Christ the King – Rev. Jessie McKenzie<br>Trinity – Rev. Jonette Blakney<br>University Congregation/PLU – Rev. Jen Rude |

## Olympic Conference

Dean: Rev. Sean Janssen

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| Forks         | Prince of Peace – Deacon Don Corson                                |
| Port Angeles  | Holy Trinity – Rev. Ben Nickodemus                                 |
| Port Ludlow   | Peace Lutheran Fellowship – Rev. Brad Hayward                      |
| Port Townsend | Grace – Rev. Sean Janssen  |
| Poulsbo       | First – Revs. Alison & Kent Shane<br>Vinland – Rev. Paula Burchill |
| Sequim        | Dungeness Valley – Rev. Ken Colman (UCC)                           |

## Peninsula Conference

Dean: Rev. Marietta Nelson-Bittle

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| Belfair      | Christ – Rev. Anna Czarnik-Neimeyer  |
| Bremerton    | Our Savior's – Rev. Paul Meeker  |
| Port Orchard | Elim – Rev. Michael Hanson<br>First – Rev. Adrian Bonaro<br>Spirit of Life – in transition<br>Silverdale – Revs. William Crabtree & Jonathan Sanggaard |

## South Sound Conference

Dean: Rev. Beth Utto-Galarneau

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| Centralia | Immanuel – in transition, Rev. Norm Arnold (interim)  |
| Chehalis  | St. John's – in transition  |
| Elbe      | Historic Elbe   |
| Elma      | Faith – Rev. Duane Anderson, Deacon Bonnie Sanchez  |
| Lacey     | St. Mark – Revs. Eric & Beth Utto-Galarneau   |
| Olympia   | Gloria Dei – Rev. Julie Hutson, Rev. Zachary Herzog, Deacon Beth Tobin<br>Good Shepherd – Rev. Carol Tomer, Rev. Brenda Satrum<br>Gull Harbor – Rev. Melissa Johnson<br>St. Christopher's – Rev. James Thibodeaux |
| Shelton   | Faith – Rev. Doug Peterson  |
| Yelm      | Emanuel – in transition   |

## Tacoma Narrows Conference

Dean: Rev. Seth Novak

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| Gig Harbor | Agnus Dei – Rev. JT Burk<br>Peninsula – Rev. Chuck Slocum   |
| Lakebay    | Key Peninsula – in transition   |
| Tacoma     | First – Rev. Steve Ray<br>Gloria Dei – Rev. John Schier-Hanson (bridge)<br>Peace – Rev. John Stroeh<br>St. Mark's by the Narrows – Revs. Bri Merkle, Deacon Ingelaurie Lisher |

## Tacoma Southwest Conference

Dean: Rev. Seth Novak

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| Fircrest         | Redeemer – Rev. Greg Kaurin   |
| Lakewood         | Christ – in transition<br>St. John's – Rev. Greg Kaurin   |
| Tacoma           | Bethlehem – Rev. John Schier-Hanson (contracted)<br>United – in transition, Rev. Rebecca Shjerven (interim) |
| University Place | Mount Cross – Rev. Chavaleh Forgey  |

## Ministers in Specialized Settings

Dean: Rev. Molly Knutson-Keller

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| Olympia       | Providence St. Peter – Deacon Carla Spaccarotelli, Staff Chaplain<br>Walk Talk Coach – Rev. Molly Knutson-Keller, Director  |
| Poulsbo       | Mary & Martha – Rev. Laurie Stumme-Diers  |
| Shelton       | Living Stones Prison Congregation – Rev. Chris Smith  |
| Tacoma        | Community Care Connection – Sister Ann Shultz, Director<br>eliseo – Rev. Anna Bonaro, Chaplain<br>Kaiser – Rev. Dianna Cox, Hospice Chaplain<br>Mason United Methodist – Rev. Chuck Harris, Pastor<br>Multi Care – Deacon Megan Phillips, Chaplain<br>PLU – Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor<br>Rock City – Rev. Annie Jones-Barnes, Pastor/Mission Developer<br>Soul Care – Rev. Joanna Robinson, Pastoral Counselor<br>SWWA Synod – Rev. Melissa Anderson Trust, DEM<br>SWWA Synod – Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp, Bishop's Associate<br>SWWA Synod – Rev. Peter Mohr, Supply Pastor<br>SWWA Synod – Rev. Chris Ode, Supply Pastor<br>Wesley Homes – Rev. Rebecca Parkins, Chaplain |
| Vancouver     | Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center – Sister Karen Norton, Associate Chaplain<br>VA – Rev. Connie Bonner, Chaplain/CPE Educator  |
| Miscellaneous | Chene-Bougeries, Switzerland – Rev. Andrew Willis, Pastor<br>Copenhagen – Rev. Timothy Stewart, Pastor<br>ELCA – Deacon Andrew Larsen, Program Manager<br>US Navy – Rev. Daniel Sorensen, Chaplain<br>YAGM – Rev. Rachel Eskesen, Area Desk Director  |