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28th ANNUAL  
RURAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Finding Renewable Energy  
*through* Shared Ministries

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## Keynote Speakers:



**The Reverend Dr. Stephen Bouman**  
*Executive Director for Evangelical Outreach and  
Congregational Mission, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America*

Rev. Bouman's previous service in ministry included nearly twelve years as the bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA. He is a published author, whose most recent book is *Grace All Around Us: Embracing God's Promise in Tragedy and Loss* (2007).



**The Right Reverend Claude Payne**  
*Retired; previously 7th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese  
of Texas*

Under Bishop Payne's leadership, the Diocese of Texas experienced growth in congregational membership, worship attendance, confirmations and other aspects of ministry and mission. Bishop Payne is the co-author of the book *Reclaiming the Great Commission: A Practical Model for Transforming Denominations and Congregations* (2000).



**Diana Stephen**  
*Elder, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and former General  
Assembly's Associate for Network Support of Rural and Small  
Church Ministries*

Diana Stephen is the author of several publications in rural ministry, including most recently *Spiritual Vitality through Cooperative Ministry* (2008). She was a keynote speaker at the Rural Ministry Conference in 2003 and a recipient that year of the RMC Friend of Rural Ministry Award.

## Bible Study Leader:



**James L. Bailey**  
*Professor Emeritus of New Testament, Wartburg Theological  
Seminary*

Dr. Bailey retired from full-time teaching in 2003 and is currently the Director of the Center for Congregational Leadership and Lay School of Ministry, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA. Before coming to Wartburg Seminary in 1985, Dr. Bailey served as a parish pastor in Cincinnati, Ohio and taught at Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Columbus, Ohio) and Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota).

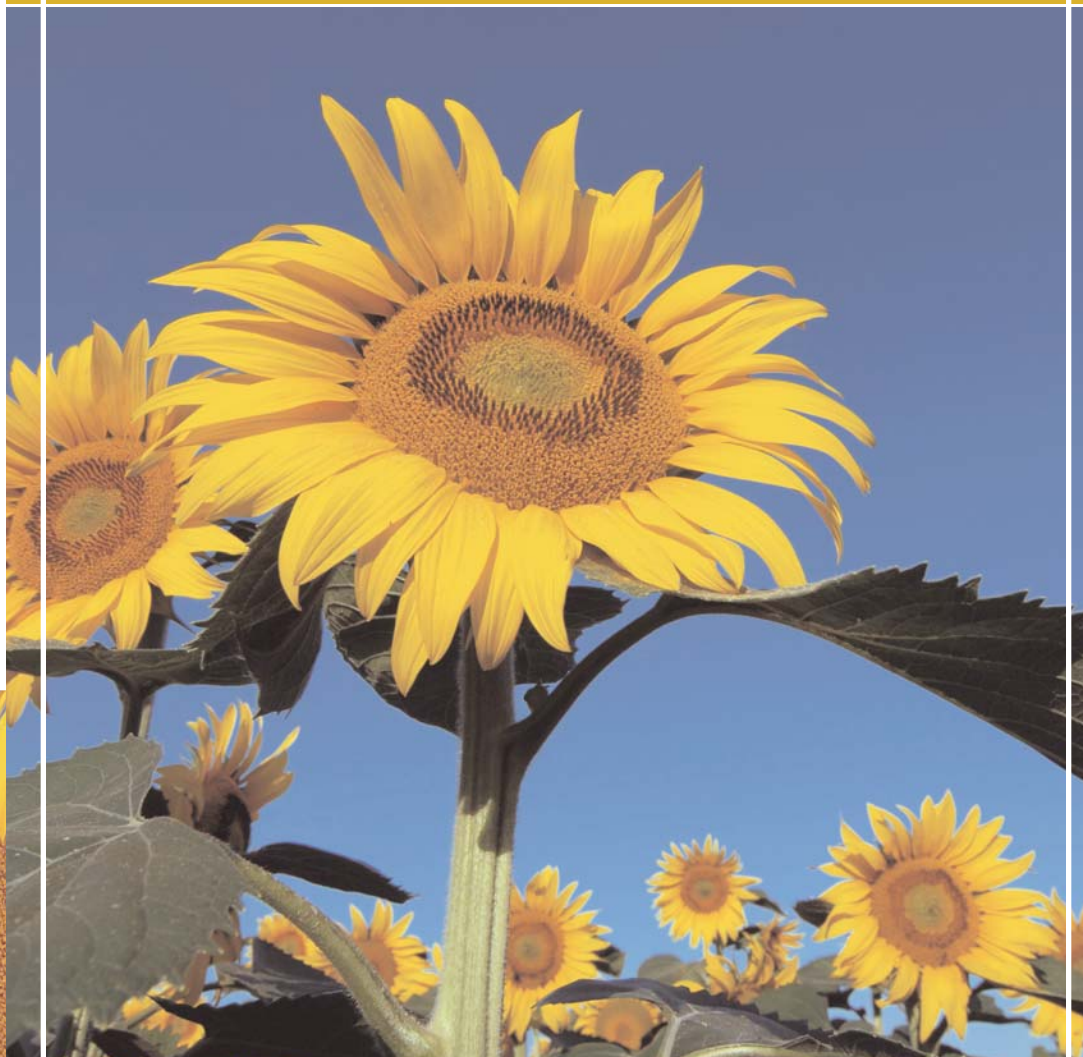
"By shared ministries I mean any and all of the possible ways that congregations and ministry leaders can better serve the mission of the gospel by **doing together** what cannot be done alone." DR. REV. PAUL BAGLYOS

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MARCH 1-3, 2009  
WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, March 1 *(Dubuque Holiday Inn)*

- 3:00pm Registration  
Refreshments/Resource Tables
- 4:45pm Opening Worship - Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos  
*Director for Theology & Land*
- 5:45pm Dinner and Greetings
- 7:00pm Keynote Address I- Diana Stephen  
"Spiritual Vitality through Cooperative Ministry"

## Monday, March 2 *(Dubuque Holiday Inn & WTS)*

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am Bible Study - Jim Bailey
- 10:00am Break
- 10:30am Keynote Address II - Claude Payne  
"The Crucial Role of Leadership"
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Workshops I
- 2:00pm Break with refreshments
- 2:30pm Workshops II
- 3:30pm Personal Time  
*(Move to WTS for evening activities)*
- 5:30pm Dinner at WTS
- 6:30pm Friend of Rural Ministry Award Presentation  
Plenary Q & A and Discussion with Shared Ministries Panelists  
*Panelists: Ministry Leaders from Countryside Ministry & Southwest Iowans in Ministry*

## Tuesday, March 3 *(Dubuque Holiday Inn & WTS)*

- 7:00 am Breakfast (Holiday Inn)  
*(Move to WTS for morning activities)*
- 8:30am Bible Study - Jim Bailey
- 9:30am Chapel, followed by coffee time
- 10:30am Keynote Address III - Stephen Bouman  
"Your First Love: Recovering the Spiritual Energy and Partnerships which Birthed Your Church"
- 12:00pm Boxed Lunch

### Sponsors of the Rural Ministry Conference are:

Wartburg Theological Seminary  
Center for Theology & Land  
Presbyterian Church (USA) - Small Church & Community Ministry Office  
Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA  
Wisconsin Council of Churches

# Conference Workshops & Leaders:



Rev. Stephen Bouman

### "Top 10 Things You Can Do in Evangelism without Buying a Program"

We will think together about ways in which we can be thinking about evangelism through every aspect of current parish life and ministry. What would it look like to attach a door and window to everything we do?



Rev. Cathi Braasch

Rev. Braasch serves as pastor of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, an open-country congregation east of Smithfield, Nebraska and was the former Director for Rural Ministry, ELCA Division for Outreach.

### "Sustainable Ministry and the Three-Legged Stool"

Year in, year out, generation to generation, sustainable rural congregations seem to have several characteristics and practices in common. Explore three of those practices—spiritual formation and direction, leadership development, and outreach—that, when approached in contextually fitting ways, become like a three-legged stool on which sustainable rural ministries and leaders are balanced.



Rev. Brian "Pete" Hagglund

Rev. Hagglund currently serves "live-in" interim pastorates in small-town and rural churches, both with the ELCA and the United Church of Christ. He has also been the chairman of the ELCA's Southeastern Iowa Synod's Rural Ministry Team for the past five years.

### "Dealing with the Dreaded Survivor Mentality"

This workshop is designed to help church members recognize how much or how little the mentality of "We've got to keep this congregation going somehow no matter what" is driving their congregational life, how to fight it, and why it should be fought. The workshop relies heavily on taking seriously Jesus' "prime directive": "Before you can really live, you must first be willing to really die." Congregations that get rid of their fear of death can focus instead on what God wants them to do— LIVE!

### For more information:

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(563) 589-0273

### For Hotel Reservations:

Holiday Inn Dubuque  
1-800-HOLIDAY or (563-556-2000)  
For a special rate of \$65, use group name RMC-Rural Ministry

# REGISTRATION

For group rates copy form, complete and mail together. Return forms for early bird registration by February 3, 2009. Standard registration is due by February 23, 2009. Cancellations made after February 23 may receive only partial refunds.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmations will be sent electronically, if email is provided.*

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like Continuing Education Credits  YES  NO

If you are traveling to Dubuque by plane and need transportation between your accommodations and the conference events please check here.

### WORKSHOPS

All three workshops will be offered in both workshop time slots on Monday afternoon (1:00 & 2:30), so that conference registrants may attend two of the three options. Please indicate your workshop choice in each of the time slots:

Monday at 1:00pm

- Stephen Bouman "Top 10 Things You Can Do in Evangelism without Buying a Program"
- Cathi Braasch "Sustainable Ministry and the Three-Legged Stool"
- Pete Hagglund "Dealing with the Dreaded Survivor Mentality"

Monday at 2:30pm

- Stephen Bouman "Top 10 Things You Can Do in Evangelism without Buying a Program"
- Cathi Braasch "Sustainable Ministry and the Three-Legged Stool"
- Pete Hagglund "Dealing with the Dreaded Survivor Mentality"

### REGISTRATION FEES (Conference fees include Sunday dinner)

**Early Bird fees:** (by February 3, 2009):

1st person - \$135, 2 people or more - \$115/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Standard fees:** (after February 3, 2009):

1st person - \$145, 2 people or more - \$125/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Meal package:

(All meals Monday & Tuesday breakfast/lunch) - \$40/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special meal needs? \_\_\_\_\_

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