

## Presenters

### Benjamin M. Stewart

is the Gordon A. Braatz Associate Professor of Worship and Director of Advanced Studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where he has taught since 2009. He is especially interested in how the embodied act of worship shapes theology and the Christian life. His dissertation examined baptismal practices at the Easter Vigil for their potential contribution to eco-theology.



Stewart has published articles in Worship, Liturgy, and Liturgical Ministry. He is a co-author of Worship Guidebook for Lent and The Three Days. Stewart is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy and contributes to its Liturgy and Ecology Seminar.

Stewart has served as pastor to a small, Appalachian community in Ohio, and as village pastor to Holden Village, a retreat center in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of Washington. He is part of Living Liturgy, a team of five worship leaders who lead events across the country on revitalizing congregational worship.

### Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

is a psalmist making adventurous music for the ever-evolving church. A composer and musician, he serves across denominations singing songs, teaching the psalms and telling dumb jokes. He publishes music continually, two songs per month to his patrons, and tours nationwide. In worship, expect a contemplative but energetic vibe. In concert, it's a relaxed evening of music, stories and reflection with Richard's acoustic guitar and lyric voice. Oh, and the bad jokes. He lives with his wife and teenage son in Strawberry Point, Iowa. Free listening at PsalmImmersion.com.



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# Renewing the Wisdom Tradition in a 'Post-Truth' Era

**September 10-12, 2018**

**Sinsinawa Mound Center**  
585 County Road Z • Sinsinawa, WI 53824-9701  
608-748-4411 • [sinsinawa.org](http://sinsinawa.org)



## Theme

With the recent prominence of fake news, alternative facts, and a variety of fundamentalisms, many people are asking Pilate's question, "what is truth?" The scriptural wisdom tradition portrays truth-seeking as a sacred and beautiful spiritual practice. We will explore how this ancient biblical tradition offers a spirituality for today: deepening our appreciation for the wonders of the created world, contesting rigid ideologies, and wrestling with what it means to be mortal on a living earth.

## Housing Information

On-site housing is very limited and reserved for those with restricted mobility or responsibilities with the PLC that require them to be on-site early and stay late. To inquire about a room, please contact Nancy Corey at 309-794-4004.

Please reserve your own hotel room. The hotels below have specially-priced room blocks (until August 8).

Indicate that you are with the *Northern Illinois Synod Professional Leaders Conference*.

**Stoney Creek Inn** - 940 Galena Square Dr, Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-2223 - Special rate \$65 per night

**Galena Ramada** - 11383 Rt 20 W, Galena, IL 61036  
815-777-2043 - Special rate \$69 per night

Financial assistance is available through the Rostered Ministers Continuing Education/ Sabbatical Fund. Visit [nisynod.org/resources/cont-ed-sabbatical](http://nisynod.org/resources/cont-ed-sabbatical).

## Free time

Free time activities will include a Galena trolley tour, golfing, biking, hiking the trails, walking the labyrinth at Sinsinawa, and visiting sites in Galena or Dubuque. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration. Please bring your own sporting equipment and favorite games to share. The Ministry Support Committee will sponsor free chair massages during free-time on Tuesday afternoon.



## Registration

Fill out this form and mail with payment to the Rock Island Synod office or register online at [nisynod.org/plc](http://nisynod.org/plc).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am a first-time attendee

I am interested in a free chair massage at PLC

**Full event and meals** (Mon: L D, Tue: B L D, Wed: B L)  
\$140 per person (add \$20 after 8/25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Single-Day Registration** (program and meals)  
\$100 per person (add \$20 after 8/25) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

½ price for retired leaders & seminarians

**Total enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

**Refunds are not available after 8/25**

All meals are included, but, as good stewards, please note any meals that you plan to miss:

Sorry, no provision can be made for special dietary needs.

Send registration with payment and direct questions to:  
*checks payable to Northern Illinois Synod*

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## Schedule

### Monday, September 10

10:45 am Holy Communion Worship  
12:00 pm Noon Meal  
1:00-2:30 pm Presentation by Ben Stewart: *Deepening our appreciation for the wonders of the created world*  
2:30-5:45 pm Free Time  
2:45 – 3:45 pm Conversation with Ben Stewart: *the life of the Synod. What's birthing, thriving, dying, rising, hurting, healing, etc.?*  
5:45 pm Supper  
7:00-8:30 pm Affinity Group Time: *Getting to Know YOU!*  
Vespers following presentation

### Tuesday, September 11

8:10 am Breakfast  
9:00-10:45 am Presentation by Ben Stewart: *Contesting rigid ideologies*  
10:45 am Worship  
12:00 pm Noon Meal  
1:00-2:30 pm Time with the Bishop  
2:30-5:45 pm Free Time  
2:45 – 3:45 pm Conversation with Richard Bruxvoort Colligan  
5:45 pm Supper  
7:00-8:30 pm Presentation by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan  
Vespers following presentation

### Wednesday, September 12

8:10 am Breakfast  
9:00-10:15 am Presentation by Ben Stewart: *Wrestling with what it means to be mortal on a living earth*  
10:30 am Worship  
12:00 pm Noon Meal and Depart