

"The Pastor in a Secular Age"

AIM Conference • Starved Rock Conference Center • October 4-5, 2023

Being a pastor is no easy task in our time. Institutions are weaker, budgets are in decline, people are uninterested, and commitment is wavering.

But these are only symptoms of a bigger issue.

This presentation will seek to peer beneath the symptoms and explore why many pastors find them-selves in an identity crisis. The presentation examines what living in a secular age does to pastoral identity and how pastors can find new footing within it.

*This event is intended to enrich the lives of all clergy,
as well as lay leaders and anyone involved with church planning.*

[Click here](#) for Conference details and registration information.

Featuring Andrew Root

Andrew Root (Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary) is the Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

He writes and researches in areas of theology, ministry, culture and younger generations. His most recent books are : *Churches and the Crisis of Decline* (Baker, 2022), *The Congregation in a Secular Age* (Baker, 2021), *The End of Youth Ministry?* (Baker, 2020), *The Pastor in a Secular Age: Ministry to People Who No Longer Need God* (Baker, 2019), *Faith Formation in a Secular Age* (Baker, 2017), and *Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs, and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science* (Fortress Press, 2018).

Some of his newer releases: *When Church Stops Working* and *The Church After Innovation*



Presented by the Association of Interim Ministers (AIM)

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Registration Fee: \$150 (hotel reservations *not* included)

Register Online thru Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin www.cciwdisciples.org

Confirmation will provide details for online payment with credit/debit card.

Register by Mail:

[Click here](#) for the registration form which you can mail, along with a check, to:

AIM c/o CCIW, 401 W. Jefferson Street, Bloomington IL 61701

Hotel Reservations are not included in Registration Fees and must be made directly with Starved Rock Lodge (800-868-7625) or hotel of choice.

Room Rate: \$160 plus tax for single or double occupancy (Rooms available until September 3rd)

Additional lodging is available in Oglesby, about 15 minutes from Starved Rock Lodge:

Days Inn — 815/681-7739 — approximate cost is \$99-109 per room — free breakfast and WiFi

Best Western — 800/780-7232 — approximate cost is \$101-109 per room — free breakfast and WiFi

All room reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Wednesday, October 4th

11:00 AM Registration opens (meal on your own)
1:00 PM Welcome and Devotions
1:15 Session 1
2:30 Break
3:00 Session 2
4:30 Annual AIM Meeting
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Session
9:00 Free time & refreshments

Thursday, October 5th

8:00 AM Dining Room opens (meal on your own)
9:00 Devotions
9:15 Session 3
10:30 Break
10:45 Session 4
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 Depart or stay to enjoy Starved Rock State Park: starvedrocklodge.com

You are invited to bring snacks to share during the Conference and on Wednesday evening.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Illinois-Wisconsin Region & United Church of Christ Illinois Conference

Registration Form

Registration Form and Fees due by September 25, 2023

Name _____ Name for Badge _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code _____

Church _____

Email _____ Preferred Phone _____

Clergy Registration Fee \$150 _____

Non-Clergy Registration Fee \$ 95 _____

Registration includes Wednesday dinner & Thursday lunch*. Thursday breakfast is not included.*

Meals for Guest/Partner*

Wednesday dinner* \$ 36.95 _____

Thursday lunch* \$ 17.95 _____

AIM Membership Dues for 2024 \$ 25 _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

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***Please note dietary restrictions** _____