

THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERIM MINISTERS (AIM) OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN AND  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ILLINOIS CONFERENCE  
PRESENT

# PASTORING IN AN ERA OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Guest speaker  
**BEAU  
UNDERWOOD**



Pilgrim Park Camp and Conference Center Princeton, IL

**OCT**

**14-15**

**2025**

Christian Nationalism is an ideology that threatens both church and state. This retreat will explore this dangerous doctrine and how pastors might navigate, confront, and refocus its presence in their congregations and broader society. Attendees will leave with an in-depth understanding of what Christian Nationalism is, the problems it poses, and practical pastoral responses to it.



## Tues, Oct. 14

- 11:00 a.m.** Registration opens (Lunch at noon)
- 1:00 p.m.** Welcome and devotions
- 1:15 p.m.** **Session 1: What Exactly is Christian Nationalism?**  
How does it operate in our society to advantage some voices?
- 4:30 p.m.** Annual AIM Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.** Dinner
- 7:00 p.m.** **Session 2: The Heresy of Christian Nationalism**  
How does it contradict some basic Christian concepts?
- 9:00 p.m.** Free time, refreshments, movie, etc.

## Wed, Oct. 15

- 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.** Devotions
- 9:15 a.m.** **Session 3: Christian Nationalism, Past, Present, and Future**  
How can pastors respond, practically, to Christian Nationalism
- noon** Lunch
- 3:00 p.m.** Depart

### About Our Speaker **BEAU UNDERWOOD**

Beau Underwood is the co-author of *Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism* (Chalice Press, 2024). The book has received several notable awards, including the 2024 top award for non-fiction from both the Religion Communicators Council and the Associated Church Press.



He serves as the senior minister of Allisonville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is also a contributing editor to *Word&Way*. He completed his undergraduate studies at Eureka College, earned graduate degrees in both religion and public policy at the University of Chicago, and is currently a doctoral candidate in public affairs at the University of Missouri. Underwood is also the co-author of a book on Christian fatherhood called, *Dear Son: Raising Faithful, Just, and Compassionate Men* that is also published by Chalice Press. His writing has appeared in *Religion News Service*, *Sojourners*, *The Christian Century*, *Religion & Politics* (now *ARC*), *Sightings*, *Religion Unplugged*, and other places. In addition to pastoring and writing, Underwood has past ministry experience in faith-based advocacy and hospital chaplaincy. He has also held a variety of leadership roles within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION INFO

Pilgrim Park Camp and Conference Center, 26449 1340 N Ave, Princeton, IL 61356

**Cost for registration, one night lodging and four meals:**  
**\$200/person double occupancy    \$250/person single occupancy**  
**\$150/person commuter**

Register online at <http://cciwdisciples.org/events> or through attached form.



# PASTORING IN AN ERA OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

## REGISTRATION

Name

Name for Badge

Address, City, State, Zip

Church

Email

Preferred Phone

☐ Double Occupancy \$200

☐ Single Occupancy \$250

☐ Commuter \$150

Fees include registration and four meals

☐ AIM Membership Dues for 2026 \$25

Total Due

**Pay Online** – Complete form and payment at: [www.cciwdisciples.org/events/](http://www.cciwdisciples.org/events/)

**Pay by Check** – Complete form and mail with check to:

AIM c/o CCIW, 401 West Jefferson Street, Bloomington, IL 61701-3826

\*Please note dietary restrictions:

**REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES DUE BY SEPT. 23**