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**Thursday - Saturday, November 20-22, 2008**

At Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort, Rockford, IL, with on-site visits to:

- Rockford's MidTown Parish
- ZION Development properties: Katie's Cup coffee bar, Longwood Gardens and Grand Apartments
- Patriots' Gateway Center

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**for Small and Mid-Size  
Communities**

*Sponsored by NIS Social Ministry Committee  
for pastors, outreach leaders and others  
from small and mid-size cities of 20,000 or more*



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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Steve Bouman**  
Executive Director of ELCA Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EOCM)

Rev. Dr. Bouman previously served as bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod for almost twelve years, during the time when the attacks of 9/11 took place. He is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary/Seminex, and holds the Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary.

Since 1973, Pastor Bouman has served parishes in Queens, Jackson Heights, and Bogota, New Jersey. He founded the *Diakonia* program, which trains lay people for ministry in local congregations. His parish ministry has included multicultural

outreach, parochial school establishment, and ministries of assistance and advocacy among the poor. He also served as Chair of the ELCA Board of The Division for Higher Education and Schools.

Pastor Bouman is a published author whose most recent book is *Grace All Around Us: Embracing God's Promise in Tragedy and Loss*. He and his wife Janet have three grown children.

*The Northern Illinois Synod (NIS) Social Ministry Committee invites pastors, outreach leaders and others from communities of 20,000 or more to attend the **Urban Ministry for Small and Midsize Communities** Conference, Thursday evening, Nov. 20 through Saturday morning, Nov. 22 at Cliffbreakers Resort in Rockford, IL, also featuring on-site visits.*

**■ Participants will learn:**

- Asset-based community development
- Multicultural outreach
- Faith-based initiatives
- Youth development
- The greening of the city
- Theology, development and evangelism
- ...and more

Workshops will lead participants in engaging the city in the 21st century.

**■ Costs**

- Program . . . . . \$ 49 (students \$29)
- Friday evening banquet with Steve Bouman only . . . . . \$ 35
- Meals (Thursday dinner; Friday breakfast, lunch and banquet; Saturday breakfast) . . . . . \$ 86
- Hotel housing\* . . . . . \$ 89/night
- Retreat housing . . . . . \$ 10/night)
- In-home housing . . . . . No charge

**■ Schedule**

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Conference ends Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

**■ Reserve your place by November 14!**

**Conference and meal reservations** must be received by November 14. E-mail Judi Fields at the Northern Illinois Synod office: [jfields@nisynod.org](mailto:jfields@nisynod.org) (if you do not have computer access, please call 815-964-9934). Be sure to include:

- Your name
- Contact information
- Congregation name
- Which portion(s) of the conference you will attend
- Number of people attending and names
- Retreat or home accommodation requests (see below for hotel reservations)

Please make checks payable and mail to ELCA Northern Illinois Synod, Attn: Judi Fields, 103 West State Street, Rockford, IL 61101.

\* **Hotel reservations** should be made by calling Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort directly at 815-282-3033. Mention the Urban Ministry Conference to receive the special \$89/night rate.

**■ Questions?**

Call Pr. Denver Bitner at 815-964-4609.