

Featured Speaker

## Pastor Robert E. Biekman

Robert E. Biekman ("Pastor B.") is a Chicago native. Pastor B. is an Elder in the United Methodist Church and serves as Senior Pastor of Southlawn United Methodist Church. Prior to his appointment to the Southlawn community of faith, he served seven years as Senior Pastor of Dixon United Methodist Church.

Pastor B. acknowledged "the call" to full-time ministry in 1996 and is a "second career" clergy person. Prior to responding to the call to ministry, Pastor B. spent 16 years as a successful corporate executive and consultant.

His groundbreaking and consistent work has garnered him many awards including two US Senate Productivity Awards and the American Bible Society's National Scholarly Achievement Award.

He has combined business acumen with a passion for serving God as a "public theologian", empowering people and developing faith and community-based agencies by founding and strengthening several not-for profit corporations.

Pastor B. has gained a reputation as an innovative thinker and community builder through enterprising projects such as producing the *No Shame, No Blame Stop the Violence* television program and the *Jireh Wellness and Worship Center*, a \$3.8 million former YMCA facility transformed to serve the physical, spiritual and social needs of families.

Pastor B. has served on the board of several state and local agencies, is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and received the Mu Chi Chapter's, Outstanding Speaker Award.



Pastor Biekman holds a BS in Aeronautics from St. Louis University, an MBA from the University of Bridgeport and an M. Div. from The Payne Theological Seminary.



Northern Illinois Conference

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164 Ashlawn Avenue  
Oswego, Illinois 60543



# Walking into the Light

Are You Following Your Spiritual Light?

2009 Spiritual Congress

Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men

September 18-20 • 2009

300 Conference Point Road | Williams Bay | Wisconsin

# Preliminary Agenda

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## Friday, September 18

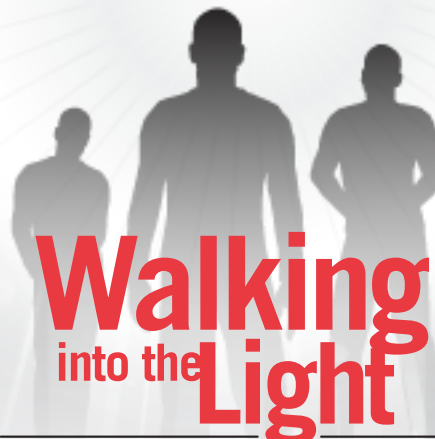
- 4:00 - 7:00 pm Registration in Administration Building
- 6:30 - 7:45 pm Dinner
- 8:00 - 9:30 pm Music and Worship in the Chapel with Pastor B.
- 9:30 pm Refreshments and Fellowship in the Dugout

## Saturday, September 19

- 7:00 - 8:15 am Breakfast  
Registration in Administration Building
- 8:30 am Music and Worship in the Chapel with Pastor B.
- 10:00 am Conference Programs in the Chapel
- 10:45 am Northern Illinois Conference Vision Presentation Update
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm Music and Worship in the Chapel with Pastor B.
- 2:00 pm Leisure Activities  
Study of John Wesley by Ken Timmons
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Dinner
- 6:30 pm Music and Worship Concluding with Communion and Campfire
- 9:00 pm Dugout

## Sunday, September 20

- 6:00 - 7:00 am Sunrise on the Point
- 7:00 - 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am Wrap-Up and Closing Worship



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## Fellowship, Scripture & Prayer

All men of Christ's church are welcome to join this spiritually rewarding, enriching weekend with our brothers in Christ.

## Special Note About Groups

Groups that wish to lodge in the same building must include full payment for each group member with conference registration.

## Conference Registration

To register to attend the Northern Illinois Conference 2009 Spiritual Congress, please complete the official registration form in this brochure and mail it, with your check payable to "United Methodist Men", to Jeff Miller. Additional information and registration confirmation will be mailed back to you. **Registrations will be accepted until September 8, 2009.**

Conference Registration  
c/o Jeff Miller  
164 Ashlawn Avenue (630)554-9708  
Oswego, Illinois 60543 jmillier35@sbcglobal.net

## Conference Location

The Northern Illinois Conference 2009 Spiritual Congress will be held at 300 Conference Point Road, Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

For driving directions, visit [www.umcnic.org](http://www.umcnic.org) or contact Jeff Miller at (630) 554-9708 or [jmillier35@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmillier35@sbcglobal.net).

## 2009 Conference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

- I require handicap acceptable lodging.       I have special dietary requirements.

Attendance	Youth	Adult
Friday <i>thru</i> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$115	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140
Friday <i>and</i> Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110
Saturday and Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110
Saturday Only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65
Sunday Only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65

## Saturday Activities

Please indicate if you wish to make reservations for these special Saturday afternoon activities and include the event fee with your registration payment.

- Boat Ride (\$21)       Miniature Golf (\$7)  
 Golf (\$35\*)       Study of J. Wesley

\*Payable at the course. Do not included this fee with your registration payment.

## Amount Due

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration      Saturday Activities      Total Amount

Please make check payable to "United Methodist Men"      \_\_\_\_\_ Date      \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number