

TO: Iowa District West Pastors and Professional Church Workers
FROM: Pastors Conference Committee – Zachary Staehr, Secretary/Treasurer
RE: Iowa District West Pastors Conference, September 21-22, 2026

The next Iowa District West Pastors Conference will be held in **Urbandale, IA** on **September 21–22, 2026**. We will have the conference and worship service at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** (8301 NW Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322). Our conference presenter is the **Rev. Dr. Bruss, president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN** on the topic of Worship and the New Testament with one special session dedicated to **routes to ministry** (see schedule and biography). Register by clicking the link: <https://forms.gle/eohthU5xc41GXo718>

This Fall Conference will include a **congregational fee** of **\$75**. Each parish will pay **\$75** for this Conference. There is also **no additional fee for spouses of workers** to attend the sessions, or for **retired pastors**. Congregations are requested to provide for the expenses (housing arrangements, mileage, etc.) of the pastor and wife, as well as the emeriti pastor under contract and wife.

Housing arrangements are to be made directly with the hotel by each participant. Participants will need to make those arrangements **as soon as possible** to ensure that a room is reserved for them. We have reserved rooms at **The Drury Inn & Suites West Des Moines** (5505 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266). Call **+1(515) 457-9500** to make a reservation and be sure to mention the group number (10182379) and name **“Iowa Lutheran Church Pastors”**. The cost for the room will be a reduced rate for the conference, and the price will vary based on room preferences. **Room booking closes August 6th, 2026**. Please do not delay in booking.

One meal will be provided—**Monday lunch**, provided by Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Accommodations at the Drury Inn include an evening meal and hospitality. This will be the praesidium reception. Please indicate on the registration page whether you plan to attend the lunch.

Please speak with your elders or leaders about attending this required IDW conference. The registration form should answer most questions regarding registration matters. If you have any additional questions, feel free to email me at rev.staehr@gmail.com or call **308-218-9705**.

Please make checks payable to:
Iowa District West (IDW) Pastoral Conference

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We thank our congregations for their support and encouragement of the continued growth of our pastors and professional church workers.

Pastor Zachary Staehr,
Secretary/Treasurer