

South Regional Pastoral Conference

Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center, Utica, Illinois

27-29 September 2021 featuring:

Dr. J.A. Pagán

Founder and Chief Instructor of The Institute for Intellectual Formation & Skeptical Inquiry, and

Rev. Paul W. Dare

Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School, Alexandria, MN

presenting

CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD: A CALL TO COURAGE, CONFESSION AND LOVE

Systemic racism, privilege, political correctness, woke, anti-racist, social justice are common words in the world today. What comes to mind when you hear them? Are you able to accurately define them? Does the world feel divided along the lines of race, gender, religion, and income? Does it seem to you that young people are often losing their Christian faith while attending college and coming out as political activists? Do you think people desire to be considered a victim or part of a victim group?

To understand our world and answer these questions, a Christian in today's America must understand Neo Marxism, which is often called Cultural Marxism. This conference will seek to enhance the pastoral understanding of this, the predominant ideology of our day, while equipping pastors with a Bible Study for their people.

Dr. J.A. Pagán will lead us in a study of the historical and philosophical underpinnings of Cultural Marxism. Following him, Pastor Paul Dare, of Zion Lutheran Church and School, Alexandria, MN, will be leading us in a Bible Study he created for laity on Cultural Marxism

Lodging Accommodations

Please make your lodging reservation by **Thursday, August 26th**.
After this date our block of rooms will be released to the general public.

Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center

www.starvedrocklodge.com

800-868-7625

As in past years, *all attendees are responsible for making their own room reservations*. Make your reservation with a major credit card by calling Starved Rock Lodge at the toll-free number listed above. Feel free to bring your wife or to room with another pastor. The room rates below do not include applicable taxes of about 11%.

Room Rates: \$110/night West Wing 1 king -or- 2 queen beds single or double occupancy
 \$110/night East Wing 1 king -or- 2 double beds single or double occupancy

Availability: Monday and/or Tuesday nights: Reserve only the nights you need.
(A limited amount of rooms are available Sunday night at these same rates.)

Block of Rooms: South Regional Pastoral Conference

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Registration Form

Complete the Registration Form and return it to Rev. James Barbey, SRPC Registrar, with a check payable to South Regional Pastoral Conference by August 31st. Please follow the instructions on the Registration Form. Any registration questions should be addressed to the Conference Registrar Rev. James Barbey at LHLCPlano@hotmail.com or (630-552-3926).

Presenter: **Rev. Dr. J.A. Pagán**



Dr. J.A. Pagán is the founding instructor of The Institute for Intellectual Formation & Skeptical Inquiry (Ft. Wayne, IN). Prior to his current profession, he served our nation as a member of the U.S. Army Special Operations Forces (1995-2000). His M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees were completed at Concordia Theological Seminary (2008; 2011). During his dissertation research, he also explored questions on the intersection of science and religion at Princeton Theological Seminary (2009-11). In addition to his work at the Institute, Pagán is also a graduate school professor, business consultant, and author. His most recent publication, *Paul and the Resurrection: Testing the Apostolic Testimony* (2020), combines the analytic tools of history and philosophy to evaluate competing explanations of Paul’s belief in the risen Jesus.

Presenter: **Rev. Paul Dare**

Rev. Paul Dare has served as a parish pastor for more than 20 years. With a love of Christian education for all ages and an engaging style of teaching, leading Bible studies are the highlight of his work week. He has been published in *Doxology Magazine*, “Escaping Satan’s Funhouse: Believing the Truth in the Care of Disordered Souls” and is currently writing a book on Church Discipline as part of the *Lexham Ministry Guides* series. Rev. Dare has been featured in a series of interviews on the national podcast “Issues, Etc.” regarding Christians living in a woke world and has been invited to speak at multiple conferences. He currently serves as Sr. Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Alexandria, MN. Rev. Dare is happily married with three children.



Conference Chaplain: **Rev. Michael Meyer**



The Rev. Michael Meyer serves as the Director of Disaster Training for the Office of National Mission where he has served since 2013. In this role, Meyer directs the training programs related to preparedness for, and response to, natural and man-made disasters occurring domestically and internationally. He works with LCMS districts, congregations, Recognized Service Organizations and external relief organizations to implement the church’s immediate and long-term volunteer response in the aftermath of disastrous events. Meyer also oversees the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) program and the LCMS District Disaster Response Training Program, in which he works with volunteer district disaster-response coordinators (DDRCs) to ensure ongoing disaster-readiness training and preparation among the Synod’s districts, congregations, international staff/missionaries and partner churches. Previously, Meyer served

as pastor of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Denver. A 2008 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Meyer also holds a bachelor’s degree in music from Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Meyer and his wife, Heather, have three children: Nathan, Kaitlyn and Emily.

Schedule

MONDAY, September 27:

Afternoon Free Time (golfing, hiking trails, relaxing at lodge, etc.)

✓ **GOLF:** Go golfing at a local course. Tee times will be scheduled for early afternoon. If interested, please contact Rev. Craig Meissner at ilcsteger.pastor@gmail.com

✓ **STATE PARK:** Enjoy Starved Rock State Park with its hiking trails, visitor center, and more. Visit www.starvedrockstatepark.org for more information. (Free)

✓ Dinner on your own

7:00 – 10 p.m. Mingle & Chat w/ Evening Registration and refreshments LaSalle Room

TUESDAY, September 28:

7:30 a.m. Morning Registration Great Hall

7:30 a.m. Coffee, Fruit and Danish available Great Hall

8:15 a.m. Matins (w/preaching) — Rev. Meyer Starved Rock Room

8:45 a.m. Conference Welcome

9:00 a.m. **Session 1 — Dr. Pagán** Starved Rock Room

10:00 a.m. Conference Business, Officer Nominations, Vendor Introductions

10:30 a.m. Break Time

11:00 a.m. **Session 2 — Dr. Pagán** Starved Rock Room

Noon Lunch Great Hall

1:00 p.m. District President Report (including CUC) Starved Rock Room

1:45 p.m. **Session 3 — Dr. Pagán**

2:45 p.m. Conference Business, Officer Elections

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Service of Prayer and Preaching — Rev. Meyer

4:00 p.m. **Session 4 — Rev. Dare**

5:00 p.m. Break, Free Time, Vendor Exploration

6:15 p.m. Dinner Great Hall

7:15 p.m. Evening Prayer w/ Litany — Rev. Meyer

8:00 p.m. Fellowship with Refreshments (Indoor Mingle and Outdoor Campfire)

WEDNESDAY: September 29:

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Great Hall

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (w/ preaching) — Rev. Meyer Starved Rock Room

9:00 a.m. **Session 5 — Rev. Dare** Starved Rock Room

10:00 a.m. Break (room check-out)

10:15 a.m. **Session 6 — Rev. Dare** Starved Rock Room

11:15 a.m. Conference Business, Concluding Remarks, and Responsive Prayer 2 — Rev. Meyer

11:45 a.m. Box Lunch (eat at tables or “on the go”) Great Hall

Display Tables

A limited number of tables will be set up in the Great Hall of the lodge for organizational displays. To reserve a display table, please contact Rev. James Barbey, SRPC Registrar, at LHLCPlano@hotmail.com or 630-552-3926.

Contact Information

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Directions

GPS Address: 2688 E 875th Rd, Oglesby, IL 61348

OR the traditional directions:

- ✓ Based on your starting point, route yourself to Interstate 80
- ✓ Take I-80 west from the Chicagoland area OR take I-80 east from I-39 or the western part of the state
- ✓ Take Exit 81 (the Utica exit)
- ✓ Turn South onto Route 178
- ✓ Go approximately 4 miles on Route 178 (thru Utica and across the river)
- ✓ Follow signs to Starved Rock Lodge, located inside the State Park

