

Presenters of Papers

Awakening in History

Rev. Norm Erlendson, Senior Minister
Third Congregational Church
Middletown, Connecticut

Rev. Emily Miller-Todd, Associate Minister
First Congregational Church
Anaheim, California

Mr. Gwilym Tudur, Ministerial Student
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Awakening in Spirit

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bacon Hammer, Senior Minister
Heritage Congregational Church
Madison, Wisconsin

Dr. Eric Elnes, Senior Minister
Countryside Community Church (UCC)
Omaha, Nebraska

Rev. Wendy Van Tassell, Co-Pastor
First Congregational Church
Spencer, Iowa

Awakening to New Dreams

Rev. Dr. Mary Biedron, Senior Minister
North Congregational Church
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Rev. Dr. Charles Packer, Dean
Congregational Foundation for Theological
Studies, National Association of
Congregational Christian Churches,
and Senior Minister, Pine Hill Congregational
Church, West Bloomfield, Michigan

Rev. Jacob Poindexter, Senior Minister
First Congregational Church
Anchorage, Alaska

Registration Cost:

\$130 Early Registration
(Through September 10, 2018)

\$150 Regular Registration
(After September 10, 2018)

*This includes all meals served at the church,
the reception at the Mowry House, and
participation in all symposium events.*

**\$20 Dr. Elnes' keynote address and
musical program only**



Mowry House

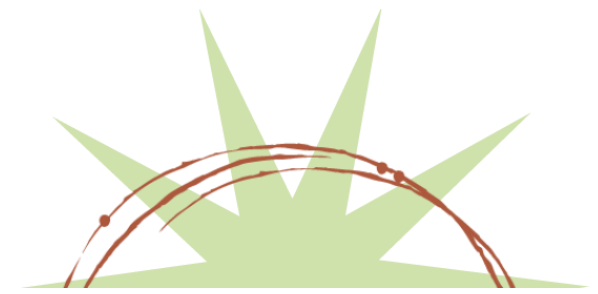
Transportation: For those flying from out of state, the Des Moines International Airport (DSM) is recommended. With advance notice, shuttle service will be provided on Thursday and Saturday to and from the Des Moines airport. Rides to and from the First Congregational Church and symposium events will be available.

Lodging: Blocks of rooms at reduced rates have been held at the following hotels:

Baymont Inn and Suites
115 Iowa Ave West
Marshalltown, IA 50158 (641) 752-4844
\$56.99 + tax/single; \$58.99/double

Best Western Regency Inn
3303 South Center St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158 (641) 752-6321
\$74.00 + tax/single;
\$5.00 each additional person

Room availability and rates are not
guaranteed after September 15, 2018.



AWAKENINGS

a congregational symposium

October 11-13, 2018



First Congregational Church
312 West Main Street
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Awakenings

From the mid-18th through the early 20th centuries, Canada, England, the United States, and Wales were settings of intense religious movements that have come to be known as being part of “Great Awakenings.” These periods of awakening are marked by changes in society, culture, and church life, including preaching style and methods of evangelism, often facilitated by emotional appeal and revivalism.

Diana Butler Bass, Phyllis Tickle, and others have raised questions about the possibility that a new religious awakening is currently taking place in the 21st century church. In every iteration of these awakenings, Congregationalists have been engaged, whether as supporters or opponents, and have, in turn, been influenced by them in many theological and practical ways.

The **Awakenings Congregational Symposium** will bring together a number of ministers, scholars, and students who will consider the implications of Congregationalism’s interaction with the ideas of these awakenings, as well as make inquiry into the ways in which Congregationalism might be a part of a new “Awakening” experience.

Schedule

Thursday, October 10, 2018

3:30-5:00 pm	Registration
5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00-7:00 pm	Opening Worship
7:30-9:30 pm	Reception at Mowry House

Friday, October 11, 2018

8:30-9:00 am	Gather at First Congregational Church
9:00-10:30 am	Session One Papers: Awakening in History
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45-11:45 am	Discussion
11:45 am-1 pm	Lunch
1:00-2:30 pm	Session Two Papers: Awakening of Spirit
2:30-2:45 pm	Break
2:45-3:45 pm	Discussion
3:45-4:45 pm	First Congregational Church History Presentation
4:45-5:00 pm	Break
5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner
6:00-7:00 pm	Keynote Presentation
7:00-8:00 pm	Musical Performance
8:00-9:00 pm	Fellowship or Break for Evening

Saturday, October 12, 2018

8:30-9:00 am	Gather at First Congregational Church
9:00-10:30 am	Session Three Papers: Awakening to New Dreams
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45-11:45 am	Discussion
11:45 am-12pm	Closing Remarks
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Departure

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Eric Elnes currently serves as Senior Pastor of the Countryside Community Church (United Church of Christ) in Omaha, Nebraska. He earned his Ph. D. in Biblical Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary and previously was Senior Pastor of the Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Widely known internationally for his writing and speaking, Elnes has given presentations on a range of topics, including worship renewal, “Convergence Christianity,” Christian pluralism, spiritual practices in a post-modern world, and faith and creation care. Among the books he has authored are *Igniting Worship: The Seven Deadly Sins* (Abingdon, 2004), *Asphalt Jesus: Finding a New Christian Faith Along the Highways of America* (Jossey-Bass, 2007), and *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Spiritual Skeptics and Other Wanderers* (Abingdon, 2015). Elnes was also the primary author and editor of the ecumenical *Phoenix Affirmations*, which set forth twelve principles for contemporary and progressive Christian faith in the 21st century.

