

# we are NC Synod Fall Convo 2016



## Tentative Schedule

### Monday | September 26

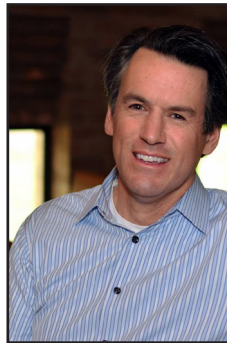
- 10:30a Registration Opens
- 12:00p Lunch
- 1:00p Welcome & Opening Worship
- 1:45p Break
- 2:00p Keynote 1
- 3:15p Break & Snacks
- 3:45p Workshop 1
- 5:30p Dinner
- 7:00p Worship with Communion
- 8:30p Fellowship

### Tuesday | September 27

- 8:00a Breakfast
- 8:45a Morning Song
- 9:00a Keynote 2
- 10:15a Break & Snacks
- 10:45a Workshop 2
- 12:00p Time with Bishop Smith
- 1:00p Lunch
- Sabbath
- Dinner on your own
- 8:00p Fellowship

### Wednesday | September 28

- 8:00a Breakfast
- 8:45a Morning Song
- 9:00a Keynote 3
- 10:00a Break
- 10:15a Time with Bishop Smith
- Prayer & Sending



**Matthew Skinner** joined Luther Seminary's faculty in 2002, having earned his Ph.D. in biblical studies from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he had previously completed his M.Div. and served as a teaching fellow and visiting lecturer. In 1990 he received his A.B. degree magna cum laude, with a concentration in philosophy, from Brown University. In more recent years he has conducted advanced research at the Center of Theological Inquiry as a member-in-residence and a writing fellow.

Skinner's teaching experience covers the full range of the New Testament canon. His courses focus on the original, ancient settings and circumstances surrounding the creation and preservation biblical texts as well as how these writings continue to be experienced and interpreted in congregations and other public venues.

Much of Skinner's published work focuses on the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the cultural realities displayed in these writings, and their ongoing theological relevance. His most recent book, *Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel: Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts*, explores how we best read the Acts of the Apostles so it informs our understanding of the character of God, the challenges of faith, and the purpose of the church.

He also wrote *The Trial Narratives: Conflict, Power, and Identity in the New Testament* and has co-edited two books: *The Unrelenting God: God's Action in Scripture* and *Shaping the Scriptural Imagination: Truth, Meaning, and the Theological Interpretation of the Bible*. He is currently working on a textbook that will introduce students to the entire New Testament.

He writes about the Bible for websites including Huffington Post, Working Preacher, and ON Scripture—The Bible. He co-hosts Sermon Brainwave, a popular weekly podcast that helps preachers interpret biblical texts as part of their sermon preparations.

Ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Skinner frequently teaches at conferences, on college and seminary campuses, and in congregations.

## Tentative Workshops and Interest Topics

Two workshop sessions will be offered this year.

### WORKSHOP 1: Monday

- Keynote Workshop
- Luther 500
- Navigating Call Transitions
- Souls to the Polls

### WORKSHOP 2: Tuesday

- Keynote Workshop
- Music Rehearsals as Faith Formation
- Creating a Strategic Vision
- Race and the Church
- Charity to Advocacy

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**Personal Information**

Name | First & Last (as you would like it on your nametag): \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. \_\_\_ AIM \_\_\_ Diaconal Minister \_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City | State | ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation | Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing**

Many rooms are double-occupancy. Some cabins house larger groups. Roommate requests will be granted as often as possible. Spaces for un-registered roommates will only be held until three weeks prior to the event.

- \_\_\_ Sunday, September 25 (reduced price \$35)
- \_\_\_ Monday, September 26 (included in registration fee)
- \_\_\_ Tuesday, September 27 (included in registration fee)

Roommate Request(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Housing Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee**

- \$170 | Early Registration (includes meals, housing, program fee - postmarked before 8.27.16) \_\_\_\_\_
  - \$195 | Registration Fee (includes meals, housing, program fee - postmarked 8.27.16) \_\_\_\_\_
  - \$110 | Early Commuter (includes meals, program fee, no housing - postmarked before 8.27.16) \_\_\_\_\_
  - \$135 | Commuter Fee (includes meals, program fee, no housing - postmarked 8.27.16) \_\_\_\_\_
  - \$35 | Sunday night additional housing (8.27.16) \_\_\_\_\_
- Display Space Requested (official NC Synod agencies, institutions, and synod staff only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Instructions**

**By Mail:** Copy this completed form for yourself, then mail - along with check made out to NovusWay to:  
NovusWay Registration, NC Synod Leadership Convocation, 28 Spruce Drive, Arden, NC 28704

**Online:** Go to [novusway.com](http://novusway.com). Click the yellow registration button (top right). Enter your username and password or create a new account. (If you've forgotten your password, please do not create a new account; click forgot username or password.) After login, choose **2016 Synod Convocations**. Scroll down to find the NC Synod On-Site or NC Synod Commuter options and choose the one based on your registration date. Finish by providing payment information.