# **UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS**

AUG. 28 6:00 PM Northminster's Response to Christian Nationalism (Part 1) with Pastor Brian and Pastor Karen

SEP. 4 6:00 PM Northminster's Response to Christian Nationalism (Part 2) with Pastor Karen

**SEP. 11** 6:00 PM

My Country 'Tis of Who?: Defining Christian Nationalism with Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm

SEP. 18 6:00 PM My Country 'Tis of Who?: The Religions of Our Founders with Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm

SEP. 25 6:00 PM My Country 'Tis of Who?: The Threat to Our Democracy with Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm

OCT. 2 6:00 PM Confronting Christian Nationalism with Rev. Beau Underwood

OCT. 6 11:15 AM Christian Nationalism: Un-American and Un-Christian with Don Knebel, J.D.

OCT. 9 6:00 PM **Video: Religious Nationalism** (Part 1) *featuring Andrew Whitehead and Rob Saler* 

OCT. 16 6:00 PM **Video: Religious Nationalism** (Part 2) *featuring Andrew Whitehead and Rob Saler* 

OCT. 30 6:00 PM **Northminster Presents: Andrew Whitehead** 



## **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

#### Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm

Born in Indiana and raised in Florida, Dick Hamm attended Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary (CTS). As a Disciples of Christ minister, he has served various congregations and regions, as well as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada. He served as a member of the World Council of Churches Central Committee and as a V.P. of the National Council of Churches. Dick has written three books and holds eight honorary doctorates in addition to the one he earned in Christian Ethics and Personality. He is currently an adjunct faculty member and trustee of CTS, chair of the Board of the Center For Congregations, a member of the Indiana Bread For The World Leadership Team, and active at Central Christian Church.

#### Rev. Beau Underwood

Beau Underwood is the senior minister of Allisonville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) here in Indianapolis. He completed his undergraduate studies at Eureka College and earned graduate degrees in both religion and public policy at the University of Chicago. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in public affairs and is a contributing editor to Word & Way. Underwood is the co-author of *Dear Son: Raising Faithful, Just, and Compassionate Men* and his writing has appeared in *Sojourners, The Christian Century*, and *Religion & Politics*. In addition to pastoring and writing, Underwood has worked on political campaigns, progressive faith-based advocacy, and as a hospital chaplain. He has also held a variety of denominational leadership roles, including serving as the first vice-moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 2017-2019.

### Don Knebel, J.D.

Donald E. (Don) Knebel earned an electrical engineering degree from Purdue and a law degree from Harvard. After 39 years as an intellectual property litigator, he retired from Barnes & Thornburg, LLP in 2013. Since 2011, he has been an Adjunct Professor and Senior Advisor at Indiana University's Maurer School of Law where he teaches antitrust law and patent litigation and was named 2024 Adjunct Professor of the Year. Don is active in numerous civic and charitable organizations including the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre since 1986, and currently serving as Chair Emeritus, and in leadership roles with the United Way of Central Indiana, the American Pianist Association, and the Triangle Education Foundation. He serves on several boards, including Christel House International and helped found the Center for Interfaith Cooperation in 2012.

#### Andrew Whitehead, Ph.D.

Andrew L. Whitehead is an associate professor of sociology and co-director of the Association of Religion Data Archives at IU Indianapolis. His research focuses on the interaction between religion and American culture and has been featured in major outlets like The New York Times, NPR, and The Washington Post. He is the author of "American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church" and "Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States" and over three dozen peer-reviewed articles. His work includes studies on Christian nationalism and the impact of religion on politics, as well as research on childhood disability and religion.