

Schedule for 2026 ACP Membership Meeting



Thursday, May 28

- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM RegistrationSuperior Foyer
- 9:30 AM-10:30 AM ACP Board/Heads of Houses' Breakfast (Sponsor: knk Software).... Erie
- 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Meeting with Fr. Dought/USCCB Michigan
- 12:00 PM-12:25 PM **Lunch** (Sponsor: NordCompo) Superior
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- 12:00 PM-6:30 PM Exhibit HoursSuperior Foyer
- 12:15 PM-12:30 PM **Opening Session** Superior
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- 12:30 PM-12:45 PM Prayer..... Superior
- 12:45 PM-1:30 PM **Keynote Session: *Why Religion Went Obsolete: The Demise of Traditional Faith in America*** (Bridget Ritz) Superior
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- 1:30 PM-1:45 PM Networking Break
- 1:45 PM-2:45 PM **Workshops—Round A**
- A1: *Build Your Book's Audience and Message: What happens when one title goes through BookLab* (Grant Overstake, Grain Valley Press) Erie
- A2: *You're Not Standing Out and It's Costing You* (Dominick Albano, 5 Stones).... Huron
- A3: *Empower Creativity with Automations: Designing Better Books Faster* (Emma Elzinga) Ontario
- A4: *Executive Session on Religious Obsolescence* (Bridget Ritz)..... Michigan
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- 2:45 PM-3:00 PM Networking Break (Sponsor: Color House Graphics) Superior
- 3:00 PM-4:00 PM **Keynote Session: *Immigration, Culture Wars, a Religious Revival and More: The Top Issues in the U.S. Church Today*** (Zac Davis, Ashley McKinless)..... Superior
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- 4:00 PM-4:15 PM Networking Break

4:15 PM-5:15 PM **Workshops—Round B**

- B1: *Rerum Novarum 1981 and 2026: The More Things Changes, the More They Remain the Same. Implications for Catholics and Catholic Publishers* (Greg Pierce, ACTA Publications) Erie
- B2: *AI for Publishers: Build Your Own Custom AI Assistant in Editorial* (Jannis Baltuttis, knk Software)..... Huron
- B3: *The One-Person Publishing Studio* (Grant Overstake, Grain Valley Press) Ontario
- B4: *The Power of Storytelling to Your Organizations Culture, Growth and Innovation* (Jennifer Fortney) Michigan
- B5: *Find Possibility in Process* (Kilian Schalk)..... Board Room

- 5:15 PM-6:45 PM **Beer/Wine Social** (*Sponsor: 5 Stones*)..... Superior
- 5:30 PM-6:30 PM **Reverse Exhibit**..... Superior
- 6:45 PM-7:15 PM **ACP Dinner** Superior
- 7:15 PM-8:30 PM **ACP Awards, Excellence in Publishing Awards**..... Superior

Friday, May 29

- 7:30 AM-9:00 AM ACP Registration..... Superior Foyer
- 8:00 AM-8:20 AM Morning Prayer Superior
- 8:20 AM-8:30 AM Continental Breakfast..... Superior
- 8:30 AM-9:45 AM **Panel Discussion on Practical Implementation of AI for Publishers** (*Marketing, Design, Editorial, Finance, Executive*) .. Superior

9:45 AM-11:00 AM **Peer Group Meetings**

- Editorial Huron
- Marketing Michigan
- Finance Erie
- Heads of House Superior
- Design/Production..... Ontario

- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM **Final large discussion on AI--Wrap-Up**..... Superior