Reverend Stephen P. Bouman: globalist, illegal immigration supporter

From this:

Several synod bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) urged their members of Congress and key congressional staff March 22 to enact comprehensive immigration reform in 2007 that is "humane and for the common good."

...Key components that the bishops believe help to fulfill these principles include: elimination of the family visa backlogs; fair and humane enforcement provisions and the elimination of the unnecessary detention of families and children; earned legalization of the nation's 10 million undocumented people; a future worker visa program to meet the economy's employment needs; and a path to permanent residence and eventual citizenship for those who earn legalization or receive temporary work visas and who choose to be permanent members of communities...

Now, let's all join hands and forget why we have laws as we listen to this quote from Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod:

"The Lutheran bishops are united in their resolve not only to 'welcome the stranger' but to embrace the worlds, cultures, issues and gifts they bring with them... What kind of community will emerge in this changed, global world? This spiritual conversation was at the heart of our conversations with our leaders in Congress, and undergirds a vision for comprehensive reform of immigration policy which takes seriously both our need for security and the well-being of families who are our new neighbors."

To some people, "globalist" isn't a dirty word, but hopefully many of his parishioners will decide they don't want to be part of his globalist vision. And, those "new neighbors" he refers to probably are the ones who came here illegally; surely, he can't be saying that we have an obligation to accept any immigrant who can make it over our border, yet he is.

As for security, preventing the Mexican government from gaining any more political power in the U.S. is a large part of protecting the U.S., as is avoiding any form of separatism. Yet, what he supports will give both Mexico and racial demagogues even more power, perhaps even leading to some form of co-dominion several years from now.

Also quoted (all descriptions in following from the link):

- * Ralston H. Deffenbaugh, Jr., Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service president
- * Rev. Edward R. Benoway, bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod, Tampa.

They met with:

* Rep. Zoe Lofgren

The heard presentations from:

- * Matt Wilch, senior counsel for policy and advocacy, (LIRS);
- * Christina DeConcini, director of policy, National Immigration Forum;
- * Ur Mendoza Jaddou, chief counsel, House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law;
- * Flavia Jimenez, National Council of La Raza.

Others present:

- * The Rev. Paul J. Blom, bishop of the ELCA Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Houston
- * The Rev. Gerald L. Mansholt, bishop of the ELCA Central States Synod, Kansas City, Mo.
- * The Rev. Theodore F. Schneider, bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod

* The Rev. Paul W. Stumme-Diers, bishop of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod If you get a chance to speak to them publicly, please do your best to discredit them in front of as many people as possible