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Bill is a retired United Methodist Minister from Ohio. He spent much of his ministry teaching at MTSO (Methodist Theological School in Ohio). He is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.S. in Educ. and Ph. D.) and of MTSO (M. Div.).

He has long been a visible advocate for people living on the edges of the church and society—at MTSO, Kent State, OSU, and in the homeless community in Columbus.

While his wife (Rev. Jennifer Kimball Casto) was Pastor of New Life United Methodist Church in Columbus, Bill was active in the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless, the Ohio Taskforce Against the Death Penalty and several other Central Ohio advocacy groups.

His involvement with the Climate Justice Movement began in 2014. During that time he has been active on the Creation Care Taskforce of The West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and in Fossil Free UMC.

Bill's understanding of the Christian Story is that Jesus calls his disciples to stand with those who are 'left out' because of the color of their skin, lack of financial resources, education, their sexual preference or their stance against some unpopular injustice.

Bill says that "Global Warming has threatened the lives and welfare of many of the most vulnerable people on Earth. Human impacted Climate Change is the most important issue facing humanity today and very far into the future. The Gospel calls loudly for us to be with those people by doing all we can to curb the threat to their future and to the future of our children.