

A few things about me...

Assembled in Flint, ridden hard in Detroit, I was restored by faithfulness after a long period of substance dependency, homelessness, and deep depression. Having grown up in a Lutheran context but turning to atheism at an early age; God came to re-establish relationship. I began experiencing the divine once again and believed these events were authentic. My passion for justice, revolution, and community suddenly made sense as I began to read and interpret the way God worked in my life in a manner that made sense of my actions and behaviors of the past. I found new hope for the future. A relationship developed, not only between myself and the creator God, but between me and the Bible.

I began to understand a little bit about the way that social justice was, in fact, God's justice. Soon after my conversion experiences and Baptism of the Spirit, I decided that God had invited me to respond to grace. I felt called to the ministry and felt that all ministers could benefit from a social work degree, so I entered the social work program at Kuyper college, graduating at age 35 with a BSW in 2005. My wife Jenn and I and our three children then moved to West Alexandria, Ohio while I attended seminary in Richmond, Indiana at the Earlham School of Religion. We also began our exploration of farming. I graduated from ESR with a Master of Divinity and Master of the Arts in Religion. I also have a graduate degree in social work from Grand Valley State University.

Through the years, I have worked with addicts diverted from prison, children in residential foster care, with the homeless at gospel missions and with at-risk families in a shelter community. I served as Director of Adult Ministries at a Methodist Church, I have enjoyed working at dairy farms. Most of all, I enjoy my family's farming ministry. We now live on a farm in Hastings, Michigan. Jenn Seif is my beloved and a midwife. I have two sons in Detroit, Kellen (29) and Dylan (27). Our daughter Emma (as in Goldman) is 21, Daughter Rosa (as in Parks) is 16, and our son Micah (Hebrew prophet) is 13.

I was a member the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) for 15 years, and now serve as Pastor of Education and Outreach for Common Spirit Church of the Brethren in Grand Rapids; and as a clinician for a substance abuse facility in Battle Creek. I spent most of 2016 ministering in Flint, Michigan as a responder to the water crisis there. I have served under the auspices of Common Spirit at First Church of the Brethren in Flint in the neighborhood I was born in.

I have also served as an adjunct professor of social work at Kuyper College for four years, and as an adjunct professor at the Earlham School of Religion in 2017. I am particularly drawn to Anabaptist theology as well as apocalyptic expressions of early Quakerism. I am particularly drawn to witnessing to Christendom and its congregations about white supremacy and racism in the church; the unfortunate reality of the American church's enmeshment with Empire, economic stability, and electoral power and control. The Constantinian error and Laodicean spiritual muck of American Christian whiteness has brought need of judgment.

Hermeneutical need-to-know issues when discussing ethics, theology, and the text are Detroit; Flint; union Democrat family roots; racist family roots; poverty; addiction; privilege and rejection of privilege; anarchy; Macintyre; punk; radical democracy; radical rebellion; direct action; writing; preaching without notes; academics; family, micro, and community farming; feminist theory and bell hooks, Quakerism; Anabaptist; non-violence and Christian pacifism; John Brown as righteousness, communitarian and heterotopian voluntary association, and baseball. I will also be happy to take you to a Michigan football or hockey game.

Key words for scot miller: eschaplalyptic, gospel of the absurd, liberate us from their truth...

