

# Dr. Bill Ury - Biography

**Spouse:** Diane Nelson Ury of Lapeer, MI

## **Family:**

JoAnna Elizabeth: (17)

Maighdlin Grace (15)

Meredith Diane (11)

Seth Nelson (9)

## Biographical Sketch

Bill Ury was raised in Taiwan as the son of United Methodist missionaries, Bill and Beth Ury. His B.A. degree from Asbury College in History was completed in 1978. Beginning his M. Div. degree in Israel, he studied for a year at the Institute of Holy Land Studies on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. He received his doctorate in 1991 from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. While there, he and his wife, Diane, served as associate pastors in a Chinese-American United Methodist Church in Chinatown, New York City. After graduate work, he began to teach Systematic and Historical theology at Wesley Biblical Seminary where he has had the privilege of serving for fifteen years.

Bill married the former Diane Nelson of Lapeer, Michigan and a graduate of Asbury College, in 1984. They have three daughters and a son, JoAnna (17) Maighdlin (15) Meredith (11) and Seth (9). The Urys are members of Christ United Methodist Church, Jackson, MS, where Bill has taught Sunday School weekly, preached and led seminars for over fourteen

years. The Ury family resides in Madison, Mississippi. Beyond writing various articles, he has published two books, Trinitarian Personhood and In His Image with co-author, Dr. Allan Coppedge.

At present Dr. Ury finds another complementary ministry to teaching in leading several accountability groups. Both Bill and Diane are fully committed to any and every ministry within Methodism which clearly aligns itself to the historic bases and contemporary expressions of consensual Christianity and the Wesleyan tradition. Bill's calling and personal desire is to incorporate sound, rigorous Christian theological thinking with pastoral care and personal compassion.

Mr. Ury's interests were expanded by his missionary background. He delights in learning the intricacies of the concepts which form culture. His training lends itself to a desire to critique the theological bases for various societies, both past and present. He loves history and Biblical languages. His hobbies include: conversing, jogging and soccer. Mr. Ury has preached in many states for various occasions. He is a member of several scholarly organizations. At present Dr. Ury finds a complementary ministry to teaching in leading several accountability groups. Other ministries in the community are enabled by the privilege of serving as the host of a nation-wide program entitled "The Hour of Holiness" on American Family Radio. His calling and personal desire is to incorporate sound, rigorous Christian theological thinking with pastoral care and personal compassion.