

J. Brent Bill



Brent is a writer, retreat leader, and Quaker minister. He's the author and co author of many books including

- *Holy Silence: The Gift of Quaker Spirituality*
- *Mind the Light: Learning to See with Spiritual Eyes*
- *Holy Places: Matching Sacred Space with Mission and Message*
- *Imagination and Spirit: A Contemporary Quaker Reader*

... in addition to more than 100 short stories and non-fiction articles. He also is the author of the popular blog **HolyOrdinary** (holyordinary.blogspot.com)

Brent's newest book, *Sacred Compass: The Way of Spiritual Discernment*, will be released by Paraclete Press in April 2008. He is available to speak or lead workshops on the Sacred Compass or other topics, such as writing from the heart, using our five senses to experience God, and silence as a spiritual discipline.

In addition to his writing and retreat leading, Brent serves as the executive vice president of the Indianapolis Center for Congregations (affiliated with the Alban Institute and funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc). The Center is a one of a kind institution dedicated to helping match congregations with the resources they need to address their most pressing practical problems. He is a graduate of Wilmington College and the Earlham School of Religion. He has been a local church pastor, denominational executive, seminary faculty member, and go-cart track operator.

Brent and his wife Nancy live on Ploughshares Farm. Ploughshares is fifty acres of Indiana farmland that Nancy and Brent are reclaiming for native hardwood forests and warm season prairie grasses.

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