



Dr. Tim Van Meter

In the early 1990's, I worked as an environmental planner for an engineering firm writing environmental impact statements for road projects in Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois. It was in the midst of this work that I first read *The Sand County Almanac*. Aldo Leopold – along with Wendell Berry, Wes Jackson, Thomas Merton, Rachel Carson, Mary Oliver, Thomas Berry, and others – raised crucial questions about the interrelationship of community, place, health, and land. These questions drove me to graduate studies in theology and religious practices at Emory University. I continue to work in the areas of ecology, community formation, and sustainable justice in my current position as Associate Professor in practical theology at the Methodist Theological School (MTSO) in Delaware, Ohio. I teach courses on food security, climate change, ecological theology, science and faith, social justice, spirituality, and cultivating hope through the arts. He is the author of *Created in Delight: Youth, Church and the Mending of the World*, which explores how churches can engage young people in responding to climate change.