

## **Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger, Hope College, MI.**

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Having lived in Toronto, Los Angeles, and Chicago, I now live in Holland, Michigan (in southwestern Michigan) in a 120 year old house with my wife Celaine and numerous animals with Spanish names (Rosita, Lokita). I have three daughters: Anna graduated from Hope College three years ago and is studying in France; Chara graduated in May of 2014 from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin and is serving with the Peace Corps in Paraguay; and Sophia is a second-year student at Hope majoring in Spanish. My wife is a marriage and family therapist, a spiritual director, and an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. I teach in the Religion Dept. and am Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning at Hope, where I have been for the past 20 years. I also direct the Environmental Studies program and spend as much time as possible outside, including taking students whitewater rafting, flatwater canoeing and kayaking, and backpacking in the Adirondacks of upstate New York every May as part of a three-week long Hope religion course.

I am a graduate (in mathematics and computer science) of Hope College, have Masters degrees from the Institute for Christian Studies (in philosophy) and Fuller Theological Seminary (in theology) as well as a Ph.D. in religious studies from The University of Chicago. I have written five books, including *For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care* (revised second edition) and *Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in an Age of Displacement*, co-authored with Brian Walsh. I have taught with CCSP for over twenty years, in both Belize and New Zealand, and am delighted to be a part of this program.