



Rev. William "Bill" Moldwin is a retired ELCA pastor. After serving as the organizing pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia (1960-69), he was invited to help organize another congregation – including an economic development corporation – in southwest Detroit in response to the civil unrest of the late 1960's. St. Phillip Workers Lutheran and Pelham Community Services was formed at that time and received multi-million-dollar grants to support the community in a variety of ways.

Bill became a bi-vocational pastor and was elected CEO (and was founder) of Southwest Solutions, one of the few organizations that really meets the ideal of what a Community Mental Health Center was supposed to be.

Bill has initiated, facilitated, and supported numerous actions while serving several different Church Parishes in Michigan and Connecticut, and many other organizations as well. Faith and Social Justice have always been joined together in his heart, soul, and life. Moldwin's life as a pastor was influenced by experiences he had during his college summers, driving a moving line in Alaska, picking apples in Washington and canning peas in a Minnesota factory.

"Working as a migrant opened my eyes to not only racism but to my identity as a white young man, and inevitably to asking the question 'what do I do with that?'," Moldwin said.

In September 2022, Southwest Solutions honored Bill, alongside businessman Dan Gilbert and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, received the Honoree of Impact award. He also received the Spirit of Detroit Award from Detroit's City Council for his work to secure health and mental health services for the underserved.

He also released a book, "One Hundred Species and One Family Tree: My Love Song" and is currently working on a second book to remember the women who has shaped his life.

He received degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and has been married to Sally, who is originally from the Philippines, for 62 years. They are described by family members as civil rights veterans who marched alongside Martin Luther King Jr. in Detroit and in Washington D.C.