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Marsha Coyner is a special education teacher by training, and she also loves music and gardening. She has often played and directed handbell choirs at various churches where Mike has served, and she also has volunteered many hours of her time with UMCOR and related activities.

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More about Bishop Mike ... he received his B.A. degree from Purdue, his M. Div. Degree from Duke Divinity School, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological School. Bishop Mike also has received honorary doctorates from Dakota Wesleyan University and from the University of Evansville. He is the author of several articles and four books: *Making a Good Move* (Abingdon Press, 1999), *Prairie Wisdom* (Abingdon Press, 2000), *The Race to Reach Out* (Abingdon Press, 2004) and *A Year With John Wesley and Our Methodist Values* (Discipleship Resources, 2008). In addition to serving as a Trustee or Board member of various United Methodist agencies and institutions here in Indiana, Bishop Coyner also serves on the General Council on Finance and Administration for the denomination.

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