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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 mission activities.

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More about Bishop Mike ... he received his B.A. degree from Purdue University, 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, the University of Evansville and the University of Indianapolis. He is the author of several articles and five 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, Our Methodist Values* (Discipleship Resources, 2008) and *The Andrew Paradigm: How to Be a Lead Follower of Jesus* (2012 Abington Press).

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