

Mike Cloy



“Disaster Response for the Local Church”

Mike Cloy is a Ruling Elder at Large in the Presbytery of the Southeast. He is a member of Landis, OPC in Marion, NC, where he serves on the provisional session of this mission work. He also serves on the provisional session of the mission work at Covenant OPC of the Low Country in Bluffton, SC. He serves on the OPC Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, the OPC Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel, the Presbytery of the Southeast Committee on Home Missions, and the Presbytery Committee on Diaconal Ministries. Mike served our nation for 27 years as a Regular Army Commissioned Infantry Officer. He led and commanded soldiers at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels in peace, combat, and disaster response operations. He is a graduate of the U.S Army Ranger and Special Forces schools and understands the complexities of leading in chaotic and ambiguous environments. With his military experience, Mike helped to start up the Presbytery of the Southeast Disaster Advanced Response Team (DART). Mike continues to serve those who served in the military as the chief of training for Veterans Services of the Carolinas (VSC). VSC assists homeless veterans and their families in becoming housed and employed. He also serves on the Catawba County Veterans Treatment Court, where he assigns Veteran Mentors to the veterans enrolled in the court to help them overcome their substance abuse and mental health challenges.

Mike is a lifelong learner and has earned four master's degrees in areas of counseling, education, strategic planning, and human services and is currently working on a master's in Bible and theology. Mike has been happily married for 41 years to Debbie, his high school sweetheart as they reside in Morganton, NC. They have two children, Melanie and Mason, both members of OP churches, and they are blessed with ten grandchildren.

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1. How Does the Office of Deacon Fit into Disaster Response?

2. How Does God Use Deacons to Bring and Sustain Peace in Worship?

3. Why Does God Need Peacemakers to Be a Spiritual Healthy Church?

4. What Can I do to Sustain Peace in Worship at My Church?

5. Where do I Start with Developing a Peacemaking Plan for My Church?

6. Where Can I Find Disaster Response Resources?
