

*About The Right Reverend Mark Van Koevering*

A Michigan native, he studied agronomy, genetics and plant breeding at Michigan State University. His academic background took him to do work in the Peace Corps in Thailand as well as time teaching in China. His first experience in Mozambique was in the midst of war, where he promoted peace and reconciliation in conjunction with the Mennonite Central Committee.

He was ordained deacon and priest in the Church in Wales (Anglican), where he served a curacy and later priest-in-charge of a parish. He was called from Wales when elected Bishop of the Diocese of Niassa, northern Mozambique, in 2003, and served as the diocesan bishop until 2015. During this time, he saw the diocese grow significantly, with 200 new church plants. He empowered and helped to form local leadership in parishes and initiated comprehensive, holistic social development. Late in 2015, he was called as the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of West Virginia and has been leading a vision for mission called Sharing Hope and Grace.

Mark is a passionate follower of Jesus and believes that in being the church we bring hope to the world.

He is married to The Reverend Helen Van Koevering, and they have three grown children, Jake, Matt, and Kylie.