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Richard Bray serves as the Community Partnerships Manager for IUPUI Office of Community Engagement. He develops and strengthens strategic partnerships with community organizations to equip, empower, and engage persons to transform communities where people live, learn, work, worship and play. With over twenty years of combined community engagement and higher education experiences, he works to deepen IUPUI's involvement with underrepresented groups through economic development activities, community relations and alumni programs. Richard mentors college students, serves on various committees on the IUPUI campus and in the Central Indiana community.

He earned Bachelor of Science and a Master of Education from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. As well as a Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. Richard is a member of the inaugural cohort of women and men pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary. This PhD program's aim is to create a cadre of scholars to study, write, and teach of the distinctiveness, genius, models, modes of excellence, and future trends of black preaching for the 21st century and beyond.

Rev. Richard Bray is a member of Eastern Star Church (ESC) under the pastorate of Senior Pastor, Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr. After completing ESC's Ministers in Training (MIT) class and from Seminary, he was ordained by Johnson. Rev. Bray serves as Sunday school instructor, speaker, and guest preacher.

Richard has been married for 25 years to his wife, Cheryl. He has three children