
Biography

Rev. Tom Tyson received his bachelors of divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary, and was subsequently ordained on December 23, 1960 by the Presbytery of Ohio and installed as pastor of the Wayside OPC in Grove City, Pennsylvania, a position he held for four years. From 1964 to 1971, Rev. Tyson was pastor of two Reformed Church of New Zealand congregations. He returned to the OPC in 1971, first serving for nine years at Trinity OPC in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, then nine years at Knox OPC in Silver Spring, Maryland. In 1989 Rev. Tyson was called to become the general secretary of the Committee on Christian Education, a position he held until 2000.

As general secretary, Rev. Tyson discovered that he had many opportunities to preach and teach in churches throughout the OPC. He passionately spoke to congregations about what the OPC was, how to sing in worship, and the importance of catechism training. His zeal for teaching the catechism developed into a Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC class that he continues to teach to seminarians and pastors. As editor of *New Horizons* in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rev. Tyson oversaw substantial upgrades in the magazine. At times the magazine featured opposing sides of an issue debated in the OPC.

After eleven years at the helm of the Committee on Christian Education, Rev. Tyson stepped down August 31, 2000 to take up his new calling as Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He retired in 2005 to Shermans Dale, Pennsylvania.

Active in retirement, Rev. Tyson and his wife Jean returned once again to New Zealand in 2015 to serve the Hastings Reformed Church of New Zealand. They returned from New Zealand in December 2015 and have settled in Southern Maryland, attending worship at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church.

Married in 1957, the Tysons have six children, twenty-two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.