

Biography of Dr. Tim Harper

Dr. Tim Harper is currently the Regional Bishop for the Church of God of Prophecy in the Great Lakes Region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin). Dr. Harper has been a college professor since 2003.

Family Life

Tim is a dedicated husband and father. He and his wife Karen were married October 18, 1985. They have three children, Brittany, Chandler, and Stetson. Tim and Karen home-schooled all three of their children.

- Brittany is a mental health professional in Florida. She is married to Steven Salisbury.
- Chandler is a truck driver delivering essential services in the Mid-West.
- Stetson is an elementary education teacher and the Great Lakes' Regional Youth Director. His is married to Miranda.
- The Harper family were avid campers during the developmental years of the children. They enjoy sharing their various versions of their camping experiences. As well, they enjoy celebrating the holidays. Tim and Chandler enjoy their deer and turkey hunting trips.

Education

- **Bachelor of Arts** with a double major in Bible and Psychology, and a minor in Languages. He graduated *magna cum laude*, and with Departmental Honors in Psychology. (Kentucky Christian University)
- **Master of Arts** in Biblical Studies (Cincinnati Christian University)
- **Masters of Divinity** with emphasis in Pastoral Counseling, graduating with high honors (Ashland Theological Seminary)
- **Doctor of Ministry** in Transformational Leadership (Ashland Theological Seminary).

As a life-long learner, Dr. Harper engaged in post-doctoral studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Islamic Studies and Arabic. His post-doctoral studies have now developed into a formal educational pursuit where Dr. Harper was invited to PhD studies. He is currently working on three additional degrees. The degrees include

- **Master of Arts** in Islamic Studies
- **Master of Theology (ThM)** in Systematic Theology
- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** in World Religions

Ministry and Professional Career

Dr. Harper began his ministry in 1981. He has served as Kentucky State Youth Director and has served congregations in Kentucky and Michigan as Lead Pastor. Since 2004, Dr. Harper has served as the Regional Bishop of the Great Lakes Ministries of the Church of God of Prophecy (Indiana and Michigan, 2004-2008; Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, 2008 to present).

Dr. Harper has served the Church of God of Prophecy internationally as:

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tomlinson Center, 2004-2012
- Chairman of the North American Restoration Task Force, 2006-2010
- Member of the Bible Doctrine and Polity Committee, 2016-present (secretary 2018-present)
- Chairman of the International Presbytery Review Board, 2018-present

- Member of the Board of Directors for the North American General Presbyter (2014-present).
- Member of the International Leadership Development Team revising the Overseer's Manual.

As a mental health professional, Dr. Harper was in private practice as a licensed psychotherapist for five (5) years at a counseling agency in Dearborn, Michigan. He is also a nationally certified Healthy Congregations facilitator. He has been a guest speaker in conferences in North America and internationally.

Dr. Harper is an adjunct professor at Lee University having taught courses in both the Old and New Testaments, and in Pastoral Studies including Counseling, Christian Family, Preaching, and Pastoral Ministry. He is adjunct professor at the COGOP Spirit and Life Seminary. He has also served as an adjunct professor at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary. He is the author of several published articles on Counseling, Family, Leadership dynamics, and Islamic studies.