

Don Dennison

Name	Consulting Specialties
Don Dennison	TIP Pastor

Don and his wife, Phyllis, grew up in the Church of God (Anderson) and met while students at Anderson University. They were married in 1969 and have been blessed with two married sons and four grandchildren.

After completing his B.A. in Christian Ministries at Lincoln Christian University (1970), Don continued his ministry training with a Master of Arts at Olivet Nazarene University (1982); a Master of Divinity from Winebrenner Theological Seminary (2007); and a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia International University (2012). In addition, Don studied at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (1983-84) and the U.S. Center for World Mission (2000). He is committed to being a lifelong learner.

From 1967-85, Don pastored three Church of God (Anderson) congregations in Illinois in a variety of settings from a small rural community to suburban Chicago. During that time, he was ordained in the Church of God (Anderson) and served in numerous leadership roles in Illinois Ministries. In 1985, he accepted the pastorate of a church in Auburn, IN which had been a merger of two local congregations identifying with the Church of God (Anderson) and the Churches of God, General Conference (Findlay, OH).

In 1995, Don became Director of Cross-Cultural Ministries for the Churches of God, General Conference (CGGC) in Findlay and served for the next 20 years. In that role, he oversaw the mission department of the denomination which included mission education, fund development, donor relations, and missionary recruitment and supervision. Later he was a CGGC Church & Mission Consultant helping local churches evaluate and strengthen their outreach ministries. Since 2017, he has served as interim pastor in five churches, including one TIPS assignment.

Through the years, Don has ministered in fifteen countries. He enjoys taking first-timers—especially pastors and seminary students—on short-term mission trips to teach them more about God, His work in the world, and themselves! He has served as an adjunct professor at Winebrenner Theological Seminary (Findlay, OH), Tabor College-Wichita (KS), and Columbia International University (Columbia, SC).

Don has authored three books: *Stimulating a Passion for Lost People* (2005), *His People on Mission: Mobilizing Churches for Cross-Cultural Outreach* (2013); and *The World Was Not Worthy: Portraits of Five Women Missionaries* (2020); all published by CGGC Publications.

Don enjoys long walks, basketball, pickleball, reading, travel, and good coffee. He and Phyllis have provided volunteer leadership in numerous community organizations through the years, including Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry most recently.