

Biography Reverend LOYD CASSON

Reach Academy for Girls
School Board President

Retired, but still a very active Episcopal priest. Grew up in Wilmington, DE; attended public schools. Served in the US Army; graduated from the University of Delaware (B.A); Virginia Theological Seminary (M.Div., D.D.).

Father Casson began his ministry in Wilmington, serving as Curate and Associate Rector of St. Andrew's Church, and Rector of St. Matthew's Church, as congregational and worship leader, preacher, spiritual guide and teacher.

His public ministry and community leadership in Wilmington took place during a time of intense turbulence and violence, in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fr. Casson led efforts to restore order, end the 9 month National Guard occupation of the City, and with Municipal, County and State public officials, religious and community leaders, worked to create action plans for ending discrimination and gaining equal access to employment, housing, healthcare, and other spheres. Served as President, Wilmington Board of Education, initiated the founding and became first President of Delaware OIC, (Job training programs in Wilmington and Dover).

Canon Casson's wider ministry included assignments as Deputy to the Rector of Trinity Parish, NYC, Canon Missioner of Washington National Cathedral, Deputy for Community and Ecumenical Affairs, Episcopal Diocese of Washington (DC)., Sub Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC, Vicar, Trinity Church, Wall Street, NYC, Social Justice Officer, Episcopal Church Center, NYC., Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, NYC. Served as President of The Standing Committee in Delaware and New York, Deputy to General Conventions of the Episcopal Church, and represented the Church on numerous occasions in missionary, teaching, and other activities and events in countries in Europe, Canada, the Caribbean, South America and Africa, including a Peace mission to Russia, Armenia and Georgia in the former Soviet Union. Canon Casson returned to Wilmington in 1997 as the first Rector of the newly formed Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, where is is now Rector Emeritus.

Throughout his ministry Canon Casson has served as priest, pastor, worship leader, spiritual guide, as well as activist for transformation in church and society.

In retirement, and in addition to his involvement with Reach Academy, Canon Casson has continues to serve with parishes and within the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware for mission as worship leader, preacher, pastoral counselor, spiritual guide and teacher of meditation, as well as helping develop strategies for the renewal of the Church's mission.

