

# My Personal Testimony

By Andy Lee, Minister of Community Engagement



Andy Lee is a sinner saved by grace and Christ alone. He grew up in a loving Christian home and attended several churches in Houston, including Chinese Lutheran Church and Chinese Christian Church, and was baptized on April 16, 1995. Although he was blessed with a strong Christian network in high school, he ultimately strayed away from the faith while attending The University of Texas Business School in Austin. He would not experience a born-again life until he was in his mid-20s, as he attended several churches, including Capitol Hill Baptist Church, McLean Bible Church, and Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, and New York, respectively. Prior to attending law school in Washington, DC, he began serving the local church at Houston Chinese Church as a high school discipleship group leader, which ignited his desire to serve and mentor younger brothers in the faith. After graduating from and receiving his J.D. at George Washington University Law School in 2008, he and his wife Christine both decided at the same time that the Lord was calling them overseas to a life that would stretch their faith. He moved overseas to work for his wonderful in-laws in a local factory, while Christine began her business in women's fashion. It was there that God miraculously led them both to a C&MA ministry in East Asia, where he experienced the joy of speaking, teaching, and leading local discussion groups and Alpha groups for seekers in an overseas missions context. He was also extremely blessed to have met and served with many faithful brothers and sisters from WHCC who came on short-term trips to serve the children in the area for several years from 2010-2014. After a couple years of living overseas, he began responding to his calling to vocational ministry by starting classes (online) at Gordon-Conwell in Massachusetts, ultimately graduating with his M.Div. in 2019.

Andy joined W on Easter Day 2018 as a pastoral resident and was immediately drawn to the incredibly warm and close-knit staff team. He enjoyed learning and growing in a wide range of pastoral ministry duties, including preaching, teaching and discipleship. He was also blessed to be able to join the HCPN church-planting cohort and has been constantly amazed by God's surprising grace.

Upon the recommendation by our Senior Pastor and ordination council, the church council joyfully recommends Minister Andy to our membership to be ordained as pastor. He is very blessed to have Christine as a life partner and best friend, and they have two very rambunctious but wonderful children, Evan & Ari.