



Introducing Rev. Angela Ryo

Assistant Pastor for Christian Formation

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many levels, successful developer of small groups, and rich experience with children—is the right person to lead us there! She will be joining us right away as her contract will begin on July 31, 2017. Angela and her family will be moving to Bloomfield Hills, from Ann Arbor, in the next week. Angela and her husband, David, have two children, Luke Lee (high school sophomore) and Love Lee (high school freshman).

Education:

- Masters in Divinity (2013), McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
- Masters in Teaching (2006), National Louis University, Wheeling, IL
- Bachelors in English Literature (1997), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Certifications:

- IL State Secondary Education Teaching Certification (2005)
- CA State Secondary Education Teaching Certification (2009)
- Endorsement in ESL and Bilingual Education (Korean) (2006)

Experience:

- First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, Michigan – Lilly Resident Minister (August 2015–Present)
- Adjunct Faculty, McCormick Theological Seminary, Hyde Park, IL (2013)
- Niles North High School District 219, Skokie, IL – English/ELL Teacher (2008–2015)
 - Taught regular and honors Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior English
 - Taught ELL classes

- Taught summer school ELL Public Speaking
- Co-sponsored Student Association (Student Government)

- Korean United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Chicago, IL
 - High School Ministry Director (2005–2007)
- Trueway Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Deerfield, IL
 - Youth Ministry Director (November 1999–May 2000)
 - Children’s Ministry Director (June 2000–June 2001)

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Quote:

The ministry setting God is calling me to is one that strives to be centered in the redemptive and freeing power of the love of God in Christ. It is a community that sees abundance where the rest of the world sees scarcity. It is a community that identifies, invests in and celebrates the gifts and talents given by God to God’s children. It acknowledges that God is already in the world and wants us to join God in God’s work there. This community will do the hard work of loving its neighbor. It believes that



the mission field is not only in a foreign country, but is also down the street. It is one that is willing to truly build community with all of God’s creation. The ministry setting God is calling me to is one that believes growing as disciples of Jesus Christ involves spiritual and intellectual growth through prayer, study, breaking bread together and putting lessons into practice in and through our lives.

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