

Wonjae Kang

Wonjae and Hyunhee(Karen) have been married 34 years and have 2 children and one grandchild.

Occupation: Currently working for non-profit organizations since 2019, after working at a technology company for 30+ years.

Interests/Hobbies: Outdoor activities, Technology for Good, Home remodel, Photography.

How and when did you become a Christian?

I became a born-again Christian in my Junior-Senior years in college. Even though I grew up in a Christian family attending church on Sundays, it took a leap-forward in my faith to begin studying the Bible to accept Jesus Christ as the savior and the Lord on my own. This experience was gradual and since then, I have been serving churches in immigrant and multi-cultural setting as well as participating in global mission.

When did you start coming to Village and why?

I have relocated to Portland about 5 years ago for the job transfer from San Jose(CA) and found Village Church to call a home church. Seeing a church active in global mission/community outreach and having the multi-cultural vision drew me to Village at first. Biblical-foundational teaching and active programs in Christian education with various age groups further led me to get more involved at Village.

How do you believe God wants to use you as an Elder at Village?

I am not sure how God will use me as an Elder, as my past experience and skills were not necessary how God used me in the past. I am thankful to God to be part of Village faith community. I do trust that God has amazing plans for the Village Church and am thankful for this possible opportunity to serve in the Elder Board. Since immigrating to US, attending high school in Phoenix Arizona, I have been engaged with multicultural faith communities

and served in various roles. Also I bring organizational knowledge and experiences in corporations and non-profits. I have passions for community outreach and heart for bridging for future generations of Christian leaders.

What ministries are you currently involved with here at Village?

Karen(Hyunhee) and I have been involved with Korean Fellowship actively and are primarily serving as one of the lifegroup leaders currently. When opportunities rise in community outreach and global mission in Village, we have been serving.

How can we as a church pray for you and your family?

We are certainly not an exception in this prayer topic in the current pandemic situation, but our on-going prayer has been for our parents' health, since we have not been able to visit them.