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BAPTISM

Growing up in a Christian household and school with both parents actively involved in ministries, it was expected of me to go to Church with them on the weekend. I had blindly memorized all my AWANA verses, gave the model student Sunday School answers, and put on a “good Christian daughter” persona because I had no passion or urge to actively seek God.

In the summer of 2018, I went to AWANA BC Camp. That whole experience was a turning point in my Christian walk because it was there that I truly felt God’s presence for the first time. I was surrounded by youth, similar ages as me, and counselors who were so passionate and outwardly expressive of their love for God. It was inspiring, touching, and encouraged me to pursue God not for my parents or anyone else, but for myself.

I am now on my last year of Journey and finishing the AWANA program, as well as serving as a Sparks leader and in youth ministries, and a part of a discipleship group with amazing, Christ-devoted friends who keep me accountable in my faith.



KRISTEN LAW

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

My story with God isn't marked with a singular moment that completely transformed my life, but rather many seasons of weathering and growth. God's presence has been a part of my journey for as long as I can remember. I grew up in a home that built a foundation to my understanding of God's love and grace as well as in a church community that nurtured my growth and gave me a place to plant roots. At a very young age, I accepted Christ into my life. The details are no longer clear, but I distinctly remember praying with my Mom. This set me on a course to building a deeper relationship with God and learning how to practically apply it with all the ups and downs of life. In 2003, I made a public commitment to a life-long journey with God and was baptized.

My later impressionable years were filled with moments that demonstrated God's unconditional love and providence. One of my greatest challenges is learning to appreciate the long journey. My present focus is to persevere, and pursue a God-centered life, deliberately attending to how He is working regardless of my life circumstance. In this current season of change, I am embracing His calling to join my husband, to make Fraser Lands my new home church.



GARY LI

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I grew up as an atheist yet the more I achieved in life, the emptier it seemed to me. After I graduated from college in 2000, I decided that if I was going to be an atheist, then I should at least become informed about religion. So at a small church in Chinatown, New York, I went to a worship service for the first time. Against all expectations, it felt like home. As I learned about the God of Christianity and saw the people who met this God called Jesus, mere religion changed and grew into life for me.

I was baptized in Christmas of 2001 and have been active in service and ministry ever since including Sunday services, small groups, outreach programs such as Alpha course, organizing retreats, and teaching. As a certified lay speaker, I have also preached and represented my previous church in district meetings. My particular areas of interest include apologetics and urban ministry.



ANNA SO

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

My spiritual journey started when I was six. With simple faith, I converted to Christianity in a Bible class.

Through many challenges and incidents in my life, God brought me closer and closer to Him.

I used to have very little faith. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I took courses about personal growth, holistic healing, spiritual meditation and prayer exercises, I started to know myself better and realized how the traumas and distortions in my life hindered my relationship with God.

After some major breakthroughs in my spiritual life, I don't feel "heavy" towards my burdens anymore, and I sensed His calling.

God led me to study Spiritual Formation in 2017 and then enter the M. Div program in 2021. Between 2021 and 2022 when I prayed and sought for direction more specifically, God pointed me to Fraser Lands, and my husband had the same urge. Then we spent a year to resign and finish what we'd committed to in VCAC.

Now we are looking forward to further experience God here, in this new page of our journey!



CHIU CHAN

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

God converted me through a situation in which I felt totally out of control; He stepped in, allowed me to feel peace in Him and His acceptance, and helped me to see I'm a sinner. That was "part-one" of my spiritual journey, a couple years after I graduated from college in Hong Kong.

When I immigrated to Canada in 1991, God brought me closer to Him: He led me to consent to Him to do whatever to me and take me to wherever He wanted me to go... and I settled in VCAC, the sister church of Fraser Lands.

Soon something happened and triggered my appetite to His Word - I finished reading the Bible in a few months and began to transform into a committed Christian.

I used to be self-centred, insensitive, believe-in-myself with pride... gradually I'm becoming more humble, more sensitive to my sins, submitting to Him, trying my best to find out what He wants me to learn and to become, and willing to put time and effort to support church ministries.

Last year, my wife and I both felt the urge to come to Fraser Lands, and here we are, starting a new page to further experience God!

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

Christians believe that there is good news for all people. About 2,000 years ago God sent Jesus Christ into the world to save us from our sins. Whoever believes in him with repentance and faith will be saved.

Baptism is a Christian ceremony where we, as the church, celebrate the salvation through faith of new believers. When someone professes faith in Christ, then the church baptizes them in water.

The ceremony of baptism is a complex of various meanings, but the most straightforward meaning is washing. We don't wash ourselves; God washes us. When we call on the name of Christ, we are cleansed from all our sins (Acts 22:16).

At Fraser Lands, our practice is to baptize people during Sunday morning worship, full immersion. We typically do this twice a year, once at Easter and once during Christmas Advent. If you are interested in baptism, please contact Pastor Ben at ben@fraserlands.ca.



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