



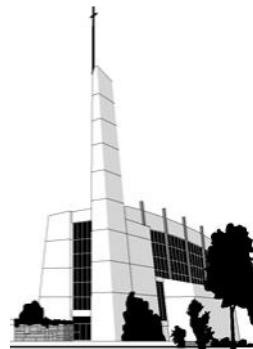
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News from the United Methodist Church of Garden Grove
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Bio of Rev. Luan-Vu "Lui" Tran, Ph.D.

The Rev. Dr. Lui Tran was born in Vietnam and raised in the German-speaking part of Switzerland. Before entering the ministry, he worked as a lawyer for the Swiss Federal Justice Department during the 1990s. In the early 2000s, Lui joined Wycliffe Bible Translators, serving as missionary in Africa where he received the call into pastoral ministry. An ordained elder in full connection in the California-Pacific Annual Conference, Lui has been serving over the past twenty years in five local churches of various sizes and demographics and in different leadership roles at the district and annual conference levels. In 2016, Lui

was elected to the Judicial Council, the supreme court of The United Methodist Church. Effective July 1, 2022, he has been appointed as senior pastor of Garden Grove UMC. His passions are preaching and teaching the Bible and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Lui graduated from the University of Bern, Harvard Law School, Claremont School of Theology, and McGill University, where he received his doctorate in constitutional law. In his spare time, he plays rock guitar (Queen, AC/DC, Led Zeppelin), reads non-fiction books, and cooks Swiss and Italian food for his family. Lui is married to Traci. They have two teenage sons, Benjamin and Timothy, a cat ("Kitty") and a border collie ("Oreo") who participates in most Zoom meetings that Lui is involved in.

Getting to know our Pastor!



Worship Schedule

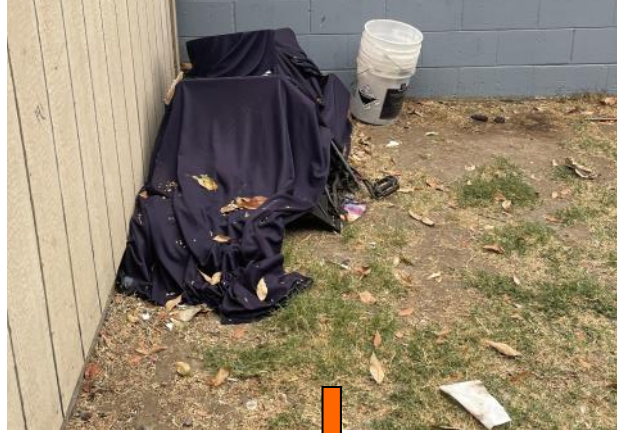
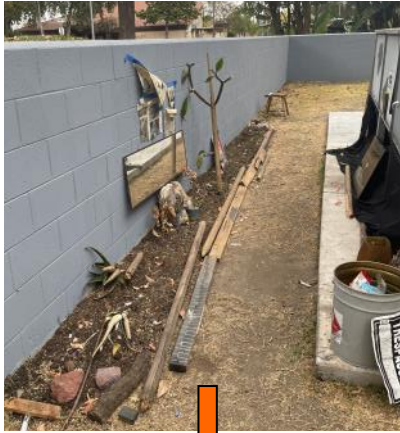
Due to Pastor Bau's last day of worship on Sunday, Pastor Tone will be preaching this Sunday, July 3rd.

Pastor Lui will preach for his first Sunday here at GGUMC on Sunday, July 10th. We will also do communion this day (*No Vietnamese Worship after*). Welcoming party at the Pringle's home to follow. Any questions, please contact the Church Office.

GGUMC has been battling a homeless issue here on the Church campus. Unfortunately, they leave their personal belongings here and abuse the property of the church. The Church had a meeting with the GGPD and they have suggested the Church discontinue blessings bags, as they feel this reinforces the return of these people who are abusing our church. So, we'd like church members to take blessings bags to keep in their cars to give to those in need while on the road. We also are taking steps to clean up the church, and teardown areas of hiding these people use on our campus. There are a few pictures of the small clean-ups we've made and will continue to make on the next page.



BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES OF CHURCH CLEAN UP



First, the Church removed the picnic tables that were in the back. This was made possible by a generous donation by a fellow neighbor of the church. Then, we hired a junk removal team to clean up the back area of the sanctuary that was flooded with personal belongings. Now, we hope to raise funds to continue to protect our church and move forward to making it more safe for us and our neighbors. More suggestions made by the GGPD include tearing down the back wall, installing a camera, and/or putting a fence around the A/C vent. We will start small and work to keep our church safe.



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church. It assists United Methodists and their

churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR has an Advance Number to help those suffering because of the war in Ukraine, #982450. If you would like to contribute to the UMCOR relief effort you can put a check in the offering plate on Sunday or mail a check to the church with Ukraine or the Advance number on the memo line and we'll send the money to UMCOR. If you would like to donate online, you can go to the UMCOR website:

<https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450> and donate.

“Called to Serve”



Please join us to welcome

Rev. Dr. Lui Tran, wife Tracy, & sons Timothy & Benjamin

Hosted by Larry & Jackie Pringle

Sunday, July 10th 2022, 2PM-5PM
714-501-7191

Pringle Home
8871 Tracy Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92841

Light refreshments will be served



July 1st
 Patricia Graham 🎂
July 6th
 Joy Dudley
 Jack Mee 🎂
July 7th
 Crystal Nguyen
July 9th
 Beverly Shewman

July 11th
 Doris Hamby
July 12th
 Amanda Kusinsky
July 14th
 Richard Brown
 Linda Colgin
 Margaret Doane
 Debra McCart
July 16th
 Ann Powell Cordon
 Daniel Granados
 Lanu Iosua
July 18th
 T. J. Sherlin

July 22nd
 Brandon Wislocki
July 24th
 Linda Wislocki
July 26th
 Mary Brock
July 29th
 Bill Shelly
July 30th
 Vickie Barber
 Jake Bearden 🎂
July 31st
 Zachary Seto



🎂 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Patricia Graham, Jack Mee, and Jake Bearden!* *Patricia* will be **95** on the *1st*, *Jack* will be **92** on the *6th*, and *Jake* will be **92** on the *30th*! If you would like to send them a special greeting, *Patricia’s* address is 24903 Moulton Pkwy. Apt. 465, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, *Jack’s* address is 1525 E. Taft Ave. Orange, CA 92865, and, *Jake’s* address is 1946 W. Willow Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804-2558.



August 2nd
 Cynthia Sheriff
August 5th
 Pepe Fomai
August 6th
 Jennifer Shipp

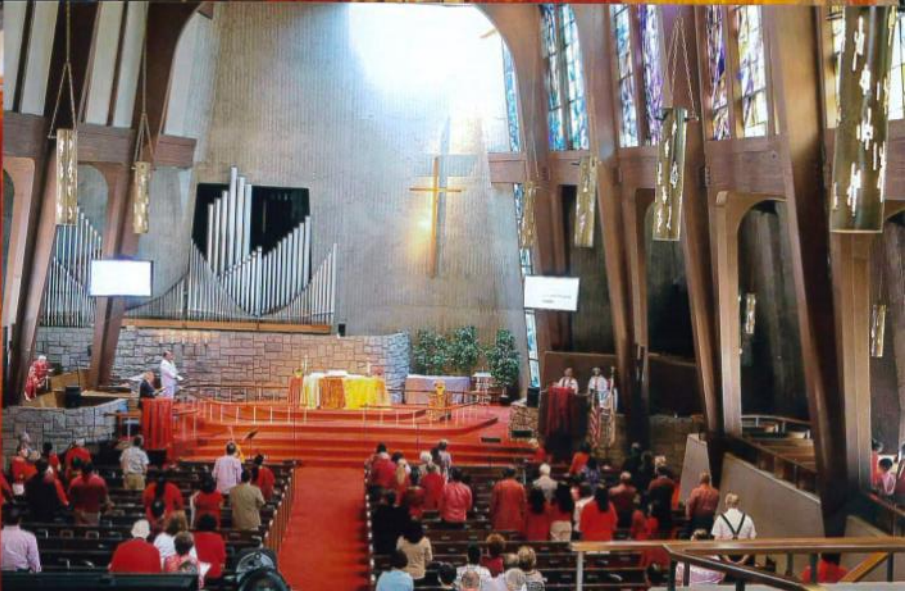
August 9th
 Karen Hoffman
 Bryan Wislocki
August 11th
 Debbie Faupusa
August 13th
 Evelyn Carpenter 🎂
August 16th
 June Stokoe
August 18th
 Cynthia Brown
 Essie Harding
August 22nd
 Bud Ruhl 🎂

August 23rd
 Rick LaBare
 Mike Sanchez
August 25th
 Wanda Martin 🎂
August 27th
 Thomas Sherlin
August 28th
 Gilbert Baker 🎂
 Hannah Lafler 🎂
 Ken Lorenz
August 29th
 Steve Ryder



🎂 A Very Special “*Happy Birthday*” this month to *Evelyn Carpenter, Bud Ruhl, Wanda Martin, Gilbert Baker, and Hannah Lafler!* *Evelyn* will be **92** on the *13th*, *Bud* will be **94** on the *22nd*, *Wanda* will be **96** on the *25th*, *Gilbert* will be **94** on the *28th*, and *Hannah* will be **102** on the *28th*! If you would like to send them a special greeting: *Evelyn’s* address is 713 S. Sonya Pl., Anaheim, CA 92802-1311, *Bud’s* address is 5142 Hampshire Ave., Westminster, CA 92683-1736, *Wanda’s* address is 16985 Kawai Ct., Fountain Valley, CA 92708-2612, *Gilbert’s* address is 5532 Santa Barbara Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845-1022, and *Hannah’s* address is 755 N. Lemon St., Anaheim CA 92805-2629.

Pentecost Sunday





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Pentecost Sunday was a great success with all of our language groups worshipping together! We had amazing music from each group and a wonderful attendance in the Church. We want to thank all of the congregations, their families, and our church members for making this Pentecost Sunday so spirited and successful! Check out the full display of pictures taken by members of the Horab Mar Thoma Church on the bulletin board between the Church Office and the Sanctuary.



Please Remember These People In Your Thoughts And Prayers

Susan Semotan's mother, Jean Davis, who is in St. Joseph's hospital with Covid, double pneumonia.
Skip Clark who is dealing with pancreatic cancer

Donna Winchester and her husband Bill as they deal with his declining health.
Stacey Beard & Family
Sharon Rice and her family who have lost Sharon's daughter, Sheryl.
Joy Dudley
Bud Ruhl
Gary Palmer

Sunday, July 10th, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. – Pastor Lui's Open House party at Jackie Pringle's house. (No Vietnamese Sunday Service this day.)
Wednesday, July 20th, 10:30 a.m. – UMW Brunch in the Lounge (Location tentative).
Sunday, August 21st, following Sunday Service – Worship Commission Meeting



Lestonnac Free Clinic Wesley Village

The clinic is open Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The phone number to call for appointments is 714-633-4600. *They have moved to the first floor of the Wesley Village Family Building on Acacia.*

Church Staff

The ministers of this Church are its members. They are assisted by:

Bishop Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
District Superintendent Sandra Olewine
Clergy Lui Tran, Yong Sam Park, Toné Tosi
Minister of Youth/Young Adult MinistriesZi Nghiem
Administrative Assistant Sonia Guerrero
Director of Youth/Children Choirs Sally Hickman
Financial Bookkeeper Linda Gregory
Membership Secretary Donna Gregg

Missionary to Cambodia Rev. Andrew Lee
Missionary to Greece Rebecca Swartz
Missionary to Vietnam.....Quynh-Hoa Nguyen
Newsletter Editor.....Sonia Guerrero
Organist..... Norberto Guinaldo
Music Leaders..... Dang Nguyen, Quang Nguyen
Wedding Coordinator..... Mitzie Larson



"Whoever believes in me...rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38, NIV

Dear Friends & Families:

VBS 2022 will be held on August 5th and 6th! We need sign ups, volunteers and sponsors! Supplies are very limited this year; to ensure that your child has the best experience, **please sign up by June 26th (Date extended, but shirts not guaranteed)**

The theme for this year is: **Make Waves**. The kids will have a fantastic opportunity to learn about the glory of God. The motto, inspired by the core verse, is

"What you do today can change the world around you!"

- Who:** All Kids 3 years old - 6th grade
- When:** Friday, August 5th 2022, 9:00AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday, August 6th 2022, 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Registration will open at 8:45AM each day
- Where:** Garden Grove United Methodist Church
12741 Main St. Garden Grove, CA 92840
- Cost:** \$20

Deadline to Register: Extended until mid July.

The link for VBS 2022 registration is:
<https://www.myvbs.org/HorebMTC2022/register/>

If anyone has any questions, please contact:

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Thanks,
Midhun & Sheila Mathew
VBS 2022 Coordinating Team



Online giving is available at:
<https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/ggumc>

Detailed information about Online Giving is available at:
<https://www.ggumc.net/online-giving/>

Direct any Online Giving support issues to linda@ggumc.net

Once again, we thank you all for your continuing support.

The GGUMC website is under construction. The latest sermons and news, are always available at:
<https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveUnitedMethodistChurch/>

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