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# **OBJECTIVE**

The calling God has put on my life and the passion God has put in my heart is cross-cultural ministry work, specifically involving at-risk women, youth and children. I am desiring a full-time long-term position where I can use my spiritual gifts of giving, serving, exhortation, and discernment along with my skills and talents for public speaking, teaching, training and discipleship to serve and assist women, youth and children in hopes of developing in them a hope and future in Jesus Christ.

# **EDUCATION**

**Fuller Seminary**, *2018* Pasadena, CA Masters in Intercultural Studies Focus: At-Risk Children and International Development

# Trinity and Catholic University, 2006

Washington, DC ESOL K-12 Certification TESOL Studies

# Wellesley College, 2001

Wellesley, MA B.A. Major in Japanese Studies and a Minor in Russian GPA: 3.00

# Japan Women's University - Nihon Joshi Daigaku, 1999

Meijiro, Tokyo Japanese Studies Credits Japanese Language and Culture Studies

# Waseda Univeristy - Waseda Daigaku, 1999

Takanobaba, Tokyo Japanese Studies Credits Japanese Language and Culture Studies

# Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 1997

Annadale, VA Governor's Seal High School Diploma GPA: 3.97

# CERTIFICATIONS

ESOL K-12 Certification Advanced Professional Teaching Certification Job-a-Like Mentorship Certification Facilitator Certification Altar Counseling Certification Perspectives Course Certification

# LANGUAGE STUDY AND ABILITY

Japanese (11 years in High School, College, and Post College; College Major; Passed Nikkyuu Proficiency Exam (1999) and Hakkyuu Kanji Exam (1999)) Spanish (9 years of exposure, no structured study) Russian (3 years in College; College Minor (one course short of Major) Japanese Sign Language (2 years in Japan) German (1 year in High School) Chinese (Half a year in College in Japan)

# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Washington International Japanese Church (2014 - present) First Baptist of Glenarden (Member Fall 2010 - present) Fairfax Community Church (Member Winter 2004 - present) Uenogaoka Church (Spring 2002 - Fall 2004) Akeno Bible Church (Fall 2001 - Fall 2004) Cambridge Community Church (Spring 2000 - Summer 2001) Minami-Eifuku Church of Christ (1999) Wellesley Chapel Church (Fall 1997 - Spring 1998) Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Member Spring 1992 - Fall 1997; Fall 2004 - Spring 2005)

#### CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Baptized and Dedicated as a Toddler Accepted Jesus Christ as Personal Savior (Spring 1992) Completed Confirmation, Public Declaration of Faith, First Communion (Spring 1993) Baptized and Rededicated as an Adult (December 2010) Received Right Hand of Fellowship (December 2010) Certified as an Altar Counselor (Summer 2013) Passed Missionary Assessment and Recommended as a Missionary (Summer 2013) Commissioned as OMF Missionary (Summer 2014)

# **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### January 2014 to 2015

Washington International Japanese Church, Rockville, MD

- simultaneous interpretation
- sermon translation
- preaching
- hospitality

#### August 2009 to 2015

First Baptist of Glenarden, Upper Marlboro, MD

- attended first service New Year's 2008
- completed Divine Discipleship of Sisters Discipleship Program (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)
- began participating in Women's Ministry (Spring 2009-present)
- started attending Bible Study regularly (Fall 2010)
- answered altar call to become a member of the church (October 2010)
- completed Membership Course (October November 2010)
- baptized as an adult (December 2010)
- took Right Hand of Fellowship (December 2010)
- was Assistant to the Facilitator for DDS Ministry (Fall 2010 Spring 2011)
- attended Sisters for Your Journey Retreat (Spring 2011 and Spring 2013)
- attended Women's Conference (Fall 2010 and Fall 2012)
- started taking Bible Institute Classes at FBCG (Fall 2011 present)
- started participating in Global and Domestic Missions Ministry (Fall 2011 present)
- completed Queen Esther Discipleship Ministry (Fall 2011 Winter 2013)
- started participating in Life Builder's Ministry (Spring 2012 present)
- started participating in Single's Ministry (Spring 2012 present)
- started participating in Grief Share Ministry (Fall 2012 present)
- completed Alpha Discipleship Course (Fall 2012)
- completed Sister for Your Journey Discipleship Program (Fall 2012 Spring 2013)
- started participating in Women's Focus Studies (Spring 2013)
- joined Cancer Support Ministry (Spring 2013)
- completed Altar Counseling Course and Certification
- attended Missionary Assessment Center and recommended as missionary (Summer 2013)
- invited to join Sisters in Discipleship Program (Fall 2014)
- commissioned as missionary through church (Fall 2014)
- chosen as administrator of Global and Domestic Missions Ministry (Winter 2015)

#### November 2004 to 2015

Fairfax Community Church, Fairfax, VA

- attended services along with Prince of Peace as I prayed and seek God's guidance on my new church home
- made FCC my home on Easter of 2005 and attended services regularly after that
- participated in Young Adult's Bible Study at Pastor's house until it was dismantled (2004-2007)
- participated in Young Adult's Ministry until it was restructured and then dismantled (2004-2011)
- co-hosted Young Adult's Women's Small Group at my house (2004-2007)
- participated in multigenerational Women's Small Group (2007-2008)

- led and then co-led Women's Book Study and Accountability Group (2008-2009)
- hosted monthly young adult's women's breakfasts until the church started hosting monthly multigenerational women's breakfast (2005-2007)
- participated in church's monthly multigenerational women's breakfasts until they were discontinues (2007-2009)
- assisted in youth's summer outreach (Summer 2005 and 2006)
- led children's small group (Summer 2005-Summer 2011) (Grades K-6)
- led children's large group (Fall 2009-Fall 2011) (Grades K-6)
- developed curriculum for and participated in church's last mission trip to Hungary- English Camp (Summer 2005)
- participated in church's last mission trip to Hungary- Sports Camp (Summer 2005)
- participated in Lamb Center Outreach (Homeless Day Center) (2008-2012)
- participated in church's initial and follow-up missions and ministry outreach to Washington, DC ("Grace in the City") (November 2012 and June 2013)
- participated in church's Global Engagement Nights and Lectures Series until they were discontinued
- participated in church's Global Prayer Night (Fall 2010 present)
- participated and completed church's Meet the World Class (Course and Intensive)
- attended all missionary nights and presentations as well as preparation classes
- attended Willow Creek's Leadership Summit (Fall 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2010)
- audited Perspective's Class when church hosted it and helped with snacks
- assisted with hospitality and greeting ministries as needed
- mentored spiritually and financially (Fall 2009 present)
- member of Global Exploration Group (2013-present)
- developed currciulum for and participated in mission trip to Zambia (winter 2015)

#### September 2004 to March 2005

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, VA

• attended services as I resettled back in the United States and back in Virginia

#### January 2002 to September 2004

Uenogaoka Kyokai, Uenogaoka, Oita City, Oita Prefecture

- attended services regularly
- Japanese run and led church, I was the only non-Japanese in attendance
- helped with weekly lunch fellowship
- assisted with children's and youth's classes and outreaches as needed
- attended sister church's and services with the pastor and his family
- visited hospitals with pastor and his family
- fellowshipped and discipled fellow young adult member

# October 2001 to September 2004

Akeno Seisho Kyokai (Akeno Bible Church), Akeno, Oita Prefecture

- attended weekly Lighthouse Services
- assisted and participated in tent maker's weekly coed Bible Study
- assisted and participated in missionary's led weekly Women's Bible Study
- participated in individual Bible Study and language study with elder of the church
- attended multi-church retreats
- assisted and participated in social outreaches and discipleship
- assisted in children's and youth's outreaches and events
- translated and interpreted sermons for pastor (Japanese-English) and short-term missionaries (English-Japanese)
- led worship
- facilitated and led the service ("*shikai*")
- assisted with setting up and taking down
- gave testimony and message
- part of leadership team during missionary's one year furlough

# January 2000 to August 2001

Cambridge Community Fellowship Church, Cambridge, MD

- attended services regularly
- participated in women's and coed bible study
- participated in church retreats
- participated in fellowships, activities, and outreach

#### January 1999 to December 1999 Minami-Eifuku Kurisuto Kyokai (Southern Eifuku Church or Christ), Minami-Eifuku, Tokyo Prefecture

- attended services regularly
- helped with lunch fellowships
- attended church retreats
- fellowshipped with young adults
- gave testimony and message

# September 1997 to May 1998

Wellesly College's on Campus Chapel, Wellesley College, MA

• attended services sporadically

# August 1988 to August 1997

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, VA

- attended off and on until personally accepted Christ (Spring of 1992)
- started attending service and youth events regularly (Spring 1992 Summer 1997)
- completed confirmation course (Fall 1992 Spring 1993)
- made public confession of sins and of faith in Jesus Christ and took first communion at Confirmation Graduation (May 1993)
- member of church's youth group (1993-1997)
- member of youth's leadership team (1994-1997)
- gave message and testimony at multiple "Youth Sundays"
- participated in various local outreaches: food banks, clothing drives, and so forth
- participated in mission trip to Washington, DC as well as Nora, VA
- participated in youth fasts, retreats, drama presentations, social outings and various outreaches

# MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

#### First Baptist of Glenarden:

- Administrator Global and Domestic Missions' Ministry (Winter 2014- present)
- Sister's in Discipleship Program (Participant: Fall 2014 present)
- Women's Ministry (Participant: Spring 2010 present)
- Global and Domestic Mission Ministry (Participant: Fall 2011 present)
- Life Builders' Ministry (Participant: Spring 2012 present)
- Singles' Ministry (Participant: Spring 2012 present)
- Grief Share Ministry (Fall 2012 present)
- Cancer Support Ministry (Spring 2013 present)
- Sister for Your Journey Discipleship Program (Participant: Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
- Queen Esther Discipleship Program (Participant: Fall 2011-Fall 2012)
- Divine Discipleship of Sisterhood (Leadership: Assistant to the Facilitator: Fall 2010-Spring 2011)
- Divine Discipleship of Sisterhood (Participant: Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

# Fairfax Community Church:

- Global Exploration Group (Participant: 2013 present)
- Homeless Outreach Ministry (Fairfax: 2008-2012; Washington, DC: Fall 2012 present)
- Global Missions Prayer Group (Fall 2010 present)
- Children's Ministry Large Group Leader (Fall 2009 Fall 2011)
- Children's Ministry Small Group Leader (Summer 2005 Summer 2011)
- Young Adult's Ministry (Participant: Fall 2004 Fall 2011)
- Small Group Book Study Leader (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)
- Multi-Generational Women's Small Group (Participant: Fall 2007 Spring 2008)
- Multi-Generational Women's Monthly Fellowship (Participant: Spring 2007-Spring 2009)
- Young Adult's Women's Monthly Fellowship (Leader: Spring 2005 Spring 2007)
- Young Adult's Women's Small Group (Participant and Co-Host: Fall 2004-Spring 2007)
- Young Adult's Coed Bible Study (Participant: Fall 2004-Spring 2007)
- Youth Summer Outreach (Summer 2005 and 2006)

# Akeno Bible Church:

- Lighthouse Ministry (Fall 2001 Fall 2004)
- Coed Bible Study by Tentmaker (Fall 2001 Fall 2004)
- Women's Bible Study (Spring 2002 Fall 2004)

• Church Leadership Team (Spring 2003 - Fall 2004)

# Uenogaoka Church:

- Hospitality Ministry (Spring 2002 Fall 2004)
- Children and Youth Ministry (Spring 2002 Fall 2004)

# Cambridge Community Fellowship Church:

- Women's Bible Study (Spring 2000 Spring 2001)
- Coed Bible Study (Spring 2000 Spring 2001)
- Young Adults Ministry (Spring 2000 Spring 2001)

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

- Domestic and Local Outreach (Fall 1992- Summer 1997)
- Youth Group Leadership Team (Spring 1994 Spring 1997)
- Vacation Bible School (Summer 1993 Summer 1996)

# **MISSION WORK**

# International Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Work:

- Literacy and Bible Education Village of Hope Zambia (Winter 2014)
- Stop Hunger Food Packing (2011 and 2012)
- Earthquake and Tsunami Relief and Ministry with CRASH Japan (Summer 2011)
- Health and Hygiene Work with LWI Mexico and Guatemala (Summer 2008)
- English and Sports Camp Hungary (Summer 2005)
- Tentmaking and Church Assistance Japan (Fall 2001-Fall 2004)
- Church Assistance Japan (1999)
- Health and Recreation Camp Russia (Summer 1998)

# Domestic Relief, Rehabilitation, and Development Work:

- Homeless Outreach and Rehabilitation Washington, DC (Fall 2012-present)
- Homeless Outreach Fairfax, VA (2007-2012)
- ESOL Education Prince George's County, MD (Fall 2008 Spring 2010) (Paid)
- ESOL and Citizenship Education Boston's Chinatown, MA (Fall 1997 Spring 2001)
- Big Sister Boston's Chinatown, MA (Fall 1997 Spring 2001)
- Homeless Outreach Washington, DC (1992-1997)
- Youth and Community Outreach Nora, Virginia (Summer 1994)
- Youth and Community Outreach Washington DC (Summer 1993)

# International and Domestic Prayer Ministry:

• Fairfax Community Church (Fall 2010-present)

# **Domestic and Global Mission Ministry**:

• First Baptist of Glenarden (Fall 2011-present)

# **RELATED COURSEWORK**

# **Bible Institute Courses at FBCG:**

- Biblical Interpretation
- Encouragement Coaching
- Intro to Christian Education
- Teaching Techniques
- Financial Principles #1
- Financial Principles #2
- Continued Witness Training
- Church Doctrine
- Christian Ethics in a Post Modern World
- Fundamental Principles
- Leadership Module
- Single and Blessed
- HTML, CSS, and Wordpress

# Women's Focus Studies at FBCG:

#### • Gentle and Quiet Spirit

• Spiritual Journaling

# **Discipleship Programs at FBCG:**

- DDS (Master Life 4 Book series) (was ATF for a year as well)
- Oueen Esther (Women of the Bible 1&2, Because of Jesus)
- Sisters for Your Journey
- Alpha (Alpha Curriculum)
- Sisters in Discipleship (Training Faithful Women; Living Life on Purpose)

# **Other Training at FBCG:**

- Mission Assessment Center (Summer 2013)
- VBS (Summer 2013 Class: Day 1; Remainder Self-Study)
  "When Helping Hurts" Book Study (Spring 2013 Fall 2013)
  "Walk Thru the Bible" (Spring 2013)
- Sisters for Your Journey Women's Retreat (Spring 2011, 2013 2015)
- Women's Conference (Fall 2011, 2013, and 2014)
- Leadership Trainings

# **Classes and Training at FCC:**

- Bible 201 (Fall 2012)
- Meet the World (Intensive Dav Session)
- Meet the World (Course Multiple Sessions)
- Children's Ministry and Education
- Budgeting and Financial Stewardship
- Global Engagement Nights and Conferences

#### **Perspective Course:**

- Certificate Level (Spring 2006)
- Audited (Spring 2009)
- Review and Recertification (Fall 2013)

# **Justice Conference:**

• Spring of 2013

# Willow Creek's Leadership Summit:

- Fall 2005
- Fall 2006
- Fall 2007
- Fall 2009
- Fall 2010
- Fall 2012
- Fall 2013

# SPIRITUAL GIFTING

- Giving
- Serving
- Discernment
- Teaching
- Exhortation

# PERSONALITY, LEARNING, AND LEADERSHIP STYLE

#### **Global StrengthsFinder:**

- Belief
- Responsibility
- Achiever
- Connectedness
- Learner

# **Portrait Predictor - DISC:**

- 34/SC
- S Support
- Descriptive Term: Diligent Server

# **Golden Personality Type Profiler:**

- "4" Letter Type: ENFZ (Extraverting, iNtuiting, Feeling, organiZing)
- Descriptive Term: Caring Coach

# Myer's Briggs Profiler (MBTI):

• ENTP (Extraversion, Intuition, Thinking, Perceiving)

# SPECIALIZED SKILLS

- Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Children's Ministry (small and large group)
- Women's Ministry and Discipleship
- ESOL Instruction
- Mentoring Teachers and Students
- Leading Teams and Workshops
- Presenting and Modeling
- Program Implementation
- Organizing and Analyzing
- Presenting and Marketing using Technology
- Languages: Japanese (Advanced), Japanese Sign Language (Beginner), Russian (Beginner), and Spanish (Beginner)
- Translation and Interpretation
- Prayer

# INTERESTS

- traveling and living abroad: visited fifteen countries: England, France, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Russia, Belarus, Georgia, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Korea, Japan, Guatemala, Mexico
- learning new languages and cultures: studied Japanese, German, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese Sign Language; exposed to for 8 years and beginning to study Spanish
- teaching: school, church, community
- assisting, educating, and advocating for at-risk and immigrant communities
- coaching and playing sports: softball, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball
- mentoring: colleagues (professional) and youth (life and academics)
- volunteering: school, church, community
- discipling and exhorting others in their faiths
- praying for and supporting christian organizations and missionaries

# PERSONAL SCRIPTURES

Galatians 5:22-23 Luke 9:23 Matthew 19:26 I Corinthians 10:13 Romans 12:1-2 I Thessalonians 5 (all) Ephesians 3:20-21