

JILLIAN MORRISON

Pastoral Resident / Glendora, CA

Background:

How do you serve in GCI? I currently serve as a Pastoral Resident with Pastor Bermie Dizon at the Grace Life congregation in Glendora. / **Where are you located?** I was born and raised in and near San Francisco, CA. I moved to San Diego, CA in 2014 and am now located in the Glendora, CA area. / **How many years have you been part of GCI?** With both my parents in the church, I've been a part of GCI since I was born in 1991. / **What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry?** As a millennial who was born into the church, I consider GCI my home and family. The journey of this denomination has the miraculous hand of God all over it and I'm excited to see what God has in store for our future leadership. / **How has your ministry had an impact on who you are? On who God is to you?** The ministry that God created me for has made an impact on my sense of identity. As a beloved daughter of the King, it's not enough to just know about God anymore. It is my life's purpose (as with every human being) to grow to truly know God personally and love Him more with all my heart, soul, and strength. / **Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry?** My parents and their fellowship church in San Leandro, CA; my former coach, Anthony Mullins; Mark and Anne Stapleton; my childhood senior pastor, Jim Roberts; and my current pastor, Bermie Dizon. / **What is a must-see attraction where you live?** The Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, located in Arcadia, CA. If you love beautiful peacocks, elegant gardens, and walking, this is the place to be! / **Where do you go to have fun where you live?** I walk around downtown Claremont and the Claremont Colleges, go to the movies with friends, and have Saturday night hangouts at Anthony Walton's place (who was previously a Pastoral Resident with me). / **For what are you most grateful?** The faith given to me by a God who loves me and gave Himself for me. The faith to believe that even if I lose everything, I'm never forsaken by Him and there is always hope.



Get to Know Jillian



1.

What energizes you?
Nature and exercise – usually ideal to have both at the same time!

2.

Words to live by?
Let go and let God.

3.

Struggle or life lesson you would like to share?
We like to think that we know what's best for us and that we even know God's plans for us, but there is profound FREEDOM when we honestly surrender our lives to the unknown that only God knows.

4.

Everyone who knows you knows you love:
Nature. Stargazing. Sunsets. Sunrises. The sound of ocean waves. Simplicity. Feeling small in the vastness of God's creation and love.

What are some stand-out memories from your time in GCI?

Attending my very first "Converge" conference in 2014 and beginning the Youth Pastor Internship that year.

So many good times serving my first youth group in Lemon Grove, CA.

Becoming a Pastoral Resident in 2016.

Speaking at a "Journey with the Master" event.

Going to two SEP camps back-to-back in 2015 and being on the worship team for both camps (talk about being exhausted!).

Graduating from Grace Communion Seminary in August 2017.



I got married to Steven Morrison on June 10, 2018, and I am so grateful to God for the privilege of walking this exciting journey of faith with him!

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