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Tell us about your role in GCI:

I am blessed to be a part of the Home Office team as the Administrative Assistant working closely with our Operations Coordinator, Pam Morgan, assisting with the President’s Office and Church Administration projects.

Outside of work, my husband, Reu and I are currently a part of a church plant in Charlotte, North Carolina, US, and are blessed to be involved in spearheading the worship team.

What makes you a good fit?

My background is in psychology and music therapy, and I also love checklists and planners. Growing up within the GCI community in the Philippines and becoming actively involved with GCI events and ministry opportunities gave me the heart to serve at GCI full-time.

I have worn many hats throughout my time of listening where the Lord is leading me. My previous jobs in HR, music teaching, music therapy facilitation, and working as a global advisor gave me a jumpstart in working with technology, communications, logistics, and organizational systems.

I love music which was one of the reasons why I pursued music therapy. I later realized that more than just music, I truly love worshipping God, being in his presence, and seeing people come together in worship.

As with any role, I am learning and evolving as roles may evolve and change over time. We are lifelong learners - we learn to adapt to the needs of the Church and respond to God’s call. At times, there isn’t a clear mold that we need to “fit” in, but we lean into God’s call and submit ourselves to the Potter’s hands and be open to using the gifts that we are blessed with as we serve.



Get to Know Lucy



Our traditional Filipino wedding



GCI Festival Worship Team



GCI Festival Worship

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What skills do you bring?

Being the Administrative Assistant requires organizational skills, forward-thinking, being detail-oriented but also having the ability to see the big picture and having a heart of service. The role is both technical and practical/people-oriented. Having an international background is also beneficial in reaching out and coordinating with congregations outside of the US.

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What excites you about this role?

I am excited to witness and hear about how our Lord moves within congregations all over the world. I believe that God has so much more in store for GCI.

3.

What are the challenges?

Embracing and accepting the changes and transitions among our congregations, including church closures while helping new churches grow.

4.

What is something people don't know about you?

I married twice, well, to the same man, on opposite sides of the planet. My husband and I first got married in 2020 at the height of the pandemic. We could not travel internationally to our home

country, so we decided to have an intimate celebration with some of our relatives and friends here in the Home Office. Finally, when the pandemic eased, and I completed my graduate studies in the US, we were able to travel again and recently renewed our vows with the presence of our family and friends in the Philippines.

5.

How are you learning to be rooted in place?

I came to the US just almost four years ago. Being in GCI is something that has helped me feel grounded and rooted even as I've moved within different states and traveled to different countries. In that sense, being rooted in Christ allows us to be rooted in community because God calls us to be in community. We may have different cultures but having the same loving God helps me feel rooted and grounded no matter where we are called to be.

6.

What else is important for our readers to know?

Our denomination is growing in many ways. I am seeing how our communities are embracing diversity and have been an avenue for healing and restoration. God is always good.

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My family