

# ELVISON PARWAR

Pastor - Kutunse, Ghana

## *Tell us about your role.*

Serving as the lead pastor of the Kutunse, Ghana congregation is fulfilling. I do receive enormous support from my four other pastors/ministry leaders to take care of a flock of almost a hundred members. I am the representative of the National Pastor in charge of the Venue and Infrastructural Development Committee of the church.

## *What skills do you bring to the role?*

I possess competencies in leadership, administration and strategic planning, coaching/mentoring, as well as communication, emotional intelligence, active listening, empathy, team building, conflict resolution, and other soft skills useful for ministry.

## *What makes you a good fit?*

I feel equipped with spiritual gifts of leadership, vision, and wisdom to guide/steer my congregation towards Christ. This inspires me to also equip/build up teams/leaders for Christ, who graciously invites us to participate in the very life of the triune God.

## *What do you want people to know about working/serving here?*

Any gift of ministry/service not rendered in or out of love is useless and vain.

## *What excites you about this role?*

The desire to emulate the heart of our model servant leader gives me the love, selflessness, sacrificial spirit, humility, authenticity, empathy etc. for empowering teams/leaders and building up the Body of Christ.

## *What are the challenges?*

I am guilty of what Bonhoeffer calls the dangers of visionary dreaming and the tendency of imposing my own agenda on my congregation. Through Christ, my mind is renewed; so, my personal agenda is set aside for Christ's agenda.



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## Get to Know Elvison



Elvison w Greg and Mat Morgan



Elvison play game with member



Greg praying over Elvison

1.

### **What are some core values that guide your life and influence your approach to ministry?**

I am inspired by GCI's own Healthy Church values of intentionality, inclusiveness, passion, love, etc.

2.

### **What is something people don't know about you?**

Love, discipline, courage, commitment, and patience drive my approach to ministry.

3.

### **For what are you most grateful?**

My family. I am happily married to my humble and virtuous wife, Christiana, and we have been blessed with two lovely children, Hadi and Cheryl.

3.

### **Favorite scripture?**

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV), "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear."

4.

### **What is one of your greatest accomplishments?**

I was appointed as the first Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the National Identity Commission (NIC) in December 2020 to oversee the Commission's Data Protection strategy and its implementation, and I served the IIA Ghana as a Certification and Professional Development Committee Member for two consecutive two-year terms from September 2021. Professionally, I earned the only globally recognized qualification for Internal Audit i.e. the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) in 2021.

***"My walk with our triune God and experience with church, family, and other relationships have been filled with trials and joy/triumphs"***



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