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Tell us about your role in GCI.

I have been attending GC Pasig since 2006, when my cousins invited me to the church. During my early years in the local church, I served in the youth ministry. Later, I got involved in the multimedia ministry, and then in the music ministry, and played the keyboard with the band. I also became part of the pastoral team. In December 2021, I became an associate pastor. I was ordained in December 2022 and assigned as the senior pastor of GC Pasig.

What skills make you a good fit for this role?

Having "Nurturer" as my secondary voice, I have a tendency not to see my competencies. But other people affirm that I am a good fit because I can bridge the younger and the older people by being able to understand them both. I have been told that I am a good leader because I allow others to shine so they may use their gifts to serve. My spiritual gifts are leadership, administration, and teaching.

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

GC Pasig is a "beginner-friendly" church. They believe in the potential of the young people. They allow people to take roles in the church, allow them to make mistakes so they will learn from them. I personally experienced the concept of "high support, high challenge" in this church, which helped me grow in many aspects: soft skills, technical skills, and a deeper understanding of God's Word and its practical implications in life.

What excites you about this role?

Making sermons! I enjoy studying passages and creating sermons. Because I'm an introvert, I love being alone, reflecting on God's word and discovering Him. These eureka experiences while studying the bible, most of the time, lead me to cry out in joy for meeting him through his words. This gets me excited to share the experience with the church.



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What are the challenges?

I am bi-vocational. In the corporate setup, it is easier to make people follow me. But in the church set-up, dealing with volunteers is a lot different. I learned to be sensitive, compassionate, and sincere. I learned to give people a vision and to be intentional in taking care of other people. Leading a local church requires pouring your life out to others, which is challenging but equally fulfilling.

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

I recognize that the leader of the church is Jesus. He will provide for the local church so it may continue serving its people and the people around them. This gives me relief knowing the welfare of the church is not on my shoulders. Instead, I am invited to participate in his work so I may share his joy in his victory.

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What hobbies or pastimes bring you the most joy?

I enjoy video games. I also enjoy playing badminton. It is a joy to play with churchmates after the church service.

What's a simple blessing you're grateful for recently?

There are too many to mention! These blessings prove that God will always take care of us and provide everything that we need so we may continue doing good for other people.

Get to know Joel



Family



Badminton with churchmates



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