

Hello, my friends! Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!



My name is Rev. Jongsin (John) Lee and I have been practising my ministry in the Yate, Shortwood and Hawkesbury Upton Methodist Churches for the past 2 years.

I come from South Korea and have lived in this country since 1995 with my wife, Woon-Soon, and two daughters, Chan-Mi and Nurry. My wife was a nurse, but now she is my best helper. Chan-Mi is working in Bristol as a paralegal and Nurry is still a student at the Royal College of Music in London. She wants to be a concert pianist.

I came to this country in order to study theology more after I had finished my theology (BA) at the Hanyoung University in Korea. While I lived here, thankfully, I could learn "Hermeneutics" (MA) at the University of Surry, "John Wesley's church doctrine" (MA) in the University of Bristol, "John Wesley's Soteriology" (MPhil) in the University of Wales and "John Wesley's leadership" (MPhil) in the University of Wales again. Later I returned to Korea temporarily for 2 years in order to study "Methodist theology" (MTh) in the Hyupsung University in Korea. I was ordained as a presbyter minister by the Korean Methodist Church on 14th April 2009 in Korea.

I have some pastoral experience in Korea and in the UK. I worked as an assistant Army Chaplain, a Youth worker, a part time lecturer about the Bible and theology and culture in Nazareth University, an international manager in Korean Christians Council and as a missionary in the U.K. However, my experience in working in British church is short. Before I came to Yate, I worked in Bath Circuit for 5 years and Bristol circuit for 2 years. Although my main role is working in the 3 churches, I have other roles of working for Bristol District as a link person to Korea and as a trustee in the New Room.

I will work here for 5 years from September 2015. Some people may worry about me a bit because we have different languages, cultures, colours and backgrounds. However, I am certain that we can easily overcome any difficulties, respect each other and work together happily, because we are one in the love of Jesus and share the same purpose for the glory of God.

I will try to do my best, with God's help, in serving and caring for people like Jesus did and teaching them what the Lord wants and developing our Churches in quality and quantity.

Many thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

May God bless our meeting!

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