

Mission of the Month

Rev. Carl and Chenhsi Hanson

Serving the Lord in South Korea



Rev. Carl Hanson, originally from Des Moines, is married to Chenhsi and together they have three daughters, Emma, Andrea and Lydia. Chenhsi, a trained Chinese/English translator, and actively involved in the congregation as well as the school where Andrea and Lydia attend and a local orphanage. Family hobbies include reading, and enjoying the many hiking trails in the Seoul area.

Carl's international service with the LCMS began in 1986, when he went to Taiwan as an Overseas Volunteer Youth Missionary (OVYM). He served there until 1991, when he returned to the US to attend Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. After graduation he returned to Taiwan and served as a middle school chaplain, he then took on other administrative roles. He and his family moved to Hong Kong, where he later became director of operations for the Asia region.

In 2019 a unique opportunity arose to serve the International Lutheran Church (ILC) in Seoul, South Korea, and Pastor Hanson gladly accepted the call. The ILC was founded in the early 1960s as a place for LCMS service members to gather for worship and fellowship during deployments to South Korea. The U.S. military had begun moving personnel out of Seoul, and this changed the dynamic of the ILC from military members to more business men and women and English teachers, along with a number of local Koreans. Rev. Hanson works with his congregation to learn about and support mission work throughout Asia, along with the [Lutheran Church of Korea](#), which also supports mission projects in other Asian countries such as Cambodia.

In total, Rev. Hanson has served in the Asia region for over 30 years.

Let us give thanks to God for the Hanson's continued service in this part of the world. Pray God grants them wisdom as they serve those in their congregation and in their

local community, and that He gives them direction in starting new ministries, as well as strength in supporting ongoing ones.

You can connect more at <https://www.ilcseoul.org/> where you can watch sermons, read 'Notes from Pastor Hanson' and see other updates and news from Seoul.



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