

LETTER

Hi, everyone. My name's Brian Hui and in advance of actually meeting you guys personally, I wanted to share with you guys a little about myself first.

My significantly better half, YuYin, and I have been married now for six years; we dated for eight years before that. The Hui dynasty is invested in our three boys: Caleb-5, Evan-3 and Dylan-1. We live in Union City; we grew up in Fremont. Some of you guys might know my younger sister and brother – Christine and Donny – both of whom are members at GRX Fremont.

I studied Cognitive Science at UC Berkeley and got my M.Div. at Western Seminary. Before I went into vocational ministry, I worked in information technology; I also worked for my parents managing one of the branches of their printing business. I'm currently the English congregation pastor at the Home of Christ Church in Newark, which I helped start, and where we've been for the last 10 years. My focus has been on vision-casting, leadership development, preaching, community outreach and pastoral care.

Although my ministry path has been fairly straight-forward, my spiritual journey has been anything but. Growing up in a non-Christian home, I struggled to find my identity in Christ. In college, I nearly left the faith; and I'm still no stranger to doubt. I've struggled with questions about my calling and vocation. We've had our share of personal, family, financial and church crises. And above all, we regularly face the particular challenges of faith in the diverse, post-Christian, hi-tech, upper-middle class character of suburban Bay Area life. In other words, I'm sure we've got more than a few things in common.

We come to GRX with heavy hearts but also a sense of excitement; this was by no means an easy decision for us. We leave behind an incredible community with passionate people with whom we have an extraordinary amount of love and rapport. But after nearly five months of prayer and counsel, we believe that God's leading us to GRX for several reasons. One, we feel a sense of cultural commonality. We've been in a Chinese bi-cultural church our entire Christian lives, but we believe that God's calling is outside our current cultural context. Two, we believe in the role that GRX plays in this area in reaching, transforming and mobilizing folks in our generation. Three, we're fans of the Evangelical Covenant denomination and feel that they will give us the freedoms and opportunities to work out our calling. Four, in addition to having family at GRX, we are very good friends with Victor, Christina & Justin—we lived together for a couple years—and we're excited about being in the same community together.

Some people have asked me where I envision leading GRX into the future. I certainly have my passions and convictions. But, honestly, my first impulse is to come with a listening posture. Without that, I don't think I can say with certainty what I could envision. But, if it helps at all, my overarching hope is that we can help make disciples that can follow Christ amid the particular challenges of our generation in the Bay Area. Inevitably, I think this will mean focusing on spiritual formation—both at the individual and community levels; re-envisioning the American Dream; doubling-down on community outreach, especially among the vulnerable and disenfranchised; and leadership development.

Some miscellany: I'm a man of the great indoors. My conquests include books, cooking and handily beating my sons in wrestling and Mario Kart. My favorite TV shows include Seinfeld, King of Queens, Chuck and Dexter. In my other life, I would either be a restaurateur or a professor.

So that's me in a nutshell. I look forward to meeting you. Until then, you can stalk me on Facebook.

BIO

Brian Hui was born and raised in Fremont. He and his wife, YuYin, have been married for six years. Together they have three boys, Caleb-5, Evan-3 and Dylan-1. He studied cognitive science at UC Berkeley and received his M.Div. from Western Seminary. He began working in IT and later helped manage his family's print business. He is currently the English congregation pastor at the Home of Christ Church in Newark (HOC), which he helped start. He and YuYin have been for the last 10 years.

At HOC, Brian focused on vision-casting, preaching, leadership development and community outreach. His passion was in exploring the particular challenges of living out faith in the diverse, post-Christian, hi-tech, upper-middle class character of Bay Area life. He also led efforts to build bridges into their neighborhoods thru community BBQs, school projects and serving other community organizations. He comes to GRX because he believes in the role it plays in this area in reaching, transforming and mobilizing folks in this generation to live out the life of Christ in their careers and communities.

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