



# The Vistoso Voice

## VCC Hires New Director of Music Ministries

VCC is again blessed with an excellent Director of Music Ministries in Yoojin Muhn, a fine musician with an excellent background in choral conducting and traditional sacred music. Yoojin accepted the VCC position at the end of August.



For a summary of Yoojin's education and experience and an important choir announcement, see the back page of this special edition of *The Vistoso Voice*.

### A Word from Our Pastor

I dare say we have all been recipients of blessing from the Lord. In fact, there are areas of our lives where we even become quite dependent upon Him. And then we face a new kind of problem, and can easily begin to get anxious. How are we going to replace our Director of Music? I hope we aren't going to change our music preferences! Is the Church leadership working on this? In reality, God knew our need before we did! You don't want church leadership working on this half as much as you want the Lord's provision.

Let me just say I am very grateful for the many saints of VCC who have been faithfully praying for the Lord's selection for our next Director of Music Ministries. I have a strong suspicion we have been blessed out of all proportion to our faithfulness—our God is so gracious and He is so faithful to provide our needs. In very short order you are going to see that Yoojin Muhn is God's gracious provision to us, and I am trusting that we will be a blessing to her as well. Please welcome her as you have opportunity, and pray for her as she begins her ministry with us.

### A Letter from Yoojin Muhn

Hello, Choir and Congregation!

My name is Yoojin Muhn and I am a new Director of Music Ministries at VCC. I am very grateful that God has led me here to serve with all of you! Let me briefly introduce myself.

I was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea as a daughter of Baptist pastor. My musical journey started as a church pianist at age 11. Since then, it has been my privilege that I have accompanied and directed for church choirs throughout my life. By His grace, I have studied composition at college in Korea and came to the States to pursue my graduate studies in Sacred Music and Choral Conducting. I recently served as an Assistant Director of Choral Studies at Southwestern A/G University in Waxahachie, Texas. Now I am currently finishing my Doctoral Musical Arts Degree in Choral and Sacred Music at the University of Southern California.

I am happily married to my loving husband, Donathan Chang, who is pursuing his Doctoral degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Arizona. And, after serving 27 years in the pastoral ministry, my parents have decided to become missionaries in the Philippines. I have two older sisters who live with their families in Seoul, Korea.

I am very excited to build life-long relationships with each of you and I am looking forward to serving our Lord, Jesus Christ at VCC.

In His grace, Yoojin

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# Some of Yoojin Muhn's Background

## Education

**2016:** Yoojin has completed all the course work for her Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral and Sacred Music at the University of Southern California (USC). She will defend her thesis at the end of the year.

**2010:** Master in Choral Conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati.

**2008:** Master of Music in Sacred Music (composition) from Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Princeton, NJ

**2006:** Bachelor of Arts in Composition from SookMyung Women's University, Seoul, Korea.



Yoojin Muhn and her husband  
Donathan Chang



All current and former choir members—and those who love to sing are urged to gather Wednesday (9/7) at 5:30 p.m. for the first fall choir rehearsal.



## Some of Her Experience

**2015-2016:** Music teacher at Academy Del Sol, Tucson.

**2015-2016:** Director of Music Ministries at Episcopal Church of the Apostles, Oro Valley

**2014-2015:** Assistant Director of Choral Activities for Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas.

**2014-2015:** Music Director at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Mansfield, Texas.

**2013-2014:** Conductor of the USC Oriana Women's Chorus at USC.

**2013-2014:** Assistant Conductor of the USC Concert Choir

**2011-2015:** Guest Lecturer at the Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

**2011-2014:** Music Director at Shalom Presbyterian Church of Southern California, Torrance

**May 2011:** Guest Conductor for the Dallas Pastor's Choir, Dallas, Texas.

**2008-2010:** Assistant Conductor of the UC Women's Chorus, University of Cincinnati.

## High Praise

"An exceptionally fine musician, I have been honored to have guided her education, supervising her in her recital work, in her choral methods course, watching her succeed as a teaching assistant....and in her second appointment as one of the primary conductors of the USC Thornton Oriana Women's Choir. "

*Jo-Michael Scheibe, DMA*  
Chair and Professor of Choral and Sacred Music, USC

"Yoojin is an exceptionally gifted conductor and musician. Blessed with a determined but gracious attitude, Yoojin brings a special quality to the podium. She has fine technique, a terrific ear, and passion for making music."

*Larry J. Livingston*  
Chair, Department of Conducting, USC

"Beyond her impressive background I must tell you that Yoojin is as fine an individual as I have ever met. Any faculty or church would be graced by her presence and would be extremely fortunate to have her with them."

*Morten Lauridsen, DMA, DMus, DFA*  
Distinguished Professor of Composition,  
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