

Covenant United Reformed Church - Fresno, California

Our vision for Covenant United Reformed Church:

"The faith once and for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)

To understand this faith, to internalize it, and to work it out into our daily activity, so that we can pass it down to our children, outweighs every other interest - including the numerical success of the church.

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Meet Lisa Anderson!

Most of us have a wish list of places we would like to see someday. Maybe we have been there via the library or internet. Or, maybe we have friends or relatives from another place that have inspired us to travel. Lisa Anderson also has her wish list of places to visit. Here is her story:

Fly to the East by Lisa Anderson

When considering foreign travel, I would enjoy visiting several places. All of my choices require air travel and time away from home. My three favorite countries to visit would be Germany, Egypt, and Singapore.

I would travel to Germany first. Since many of my ancestors are from Germany, I feel very comfortable around people with similar lifestyles and characteristics. In high school and college I took classes to learn to speak German, so the language does not seem so foreign to me.

Egypt is the second place

that I would like to visit. Since my children and I have studied ancient Egypt, I would love to see the living history of pyramids, obelisks, and the practice of agriculture along the Nile River. Before visiting modern Egypt I would study more about today's agricultural practices and modern industries.

Finally, I would travel even farther east to visit the small Asian country of Singapore. Friends once invited me to visit their home there. Through my husband, Eric, and my brother I have learned the country is clean, beautiful, historic, and very orderly.

These would be my favorite destinations for foreign travel. Until I can visit Germany, Egypt or Singapore, I will continue to "fly" around the world through Eric's eyes

and our school experiences so that I may learn more about these countries.

(Lisa Anderson is from North Dakota and is mother and teacher to six children. Her husband, Eric, is a pilot.)



CHURCH FACILITY SEARCH COMMITTEE: UPDATE

The search committee members include David and Lisa Agao, Hizkia Gunawan, and Rob Hastie. Our goal is to search for a new location for our Sunday worship services. We meet once a month to discuss ideas and keep each other informed of any and all progress. We will then report our findings and make recommendations to the council who will make the final decision with the ap-

proval of the church members.

Hizkia informed us as to the monthly budget and money possibly available for a down payment. Rob measured the current facility which gives us some indication of the size of facility we would need. Lisa contacted the Hatch's who recommended a commercial realtor who she has also contacted to verify if he would be available to help us.

At this time we are

looking at several different kinds of options including renting another existing facility and purchasing property. Our search area is north of Ashlan and east of Blackstone.

BOOK REVIEW: THREE MEN CAME TO HEIDELBERG AND GLORIOUS HERETIC BY THEA B. VAN HALSEMA



If you are like me, then sometimes you want to read something that doesn't require a lot of brain power but at the same time teaches me something new about our faith.

Two stories written by Thea B. Van Halsema fit this criteria. Three Men Came to Heidelberg is about a prince, a professor, and a pastor who God providentially brought together in 1563 to write the Heidelberg Catechism. Glorious Heretic is the story of Guido de Brès who wrote the Belgic Confession in 1561. He was killed for his faith during a time of great upheaval and change.

Both stories are written

in the format of a historical novel with biographical information included. All the suspense and intrigue of that time is felt as we discover how these important documents came to be. We also learn of the wives, children, parents and friends of these men.

The author, Thea Halsema, gives us a greater appreciation for the two great statements of faith by allowing us to see the circumstances and times. The format almost seems like a first person account. For example, one of the three men important for the writing of the Heidelberg Catechism was Zacharias Ursinus. He did not want the

spot light. He is quoted saying, "O that I could remain hidden in a corner. I would give anything for shelter in some quiet village." That was not to be his destiny.

These stories could be a great way to introduce catechism at home. Older children could easily read the stories for themselves. What a great blessing we have at home today to be able to pick up these documents without threat of imprisonment or even death!

Dutch Heritage Pages, an on line catalog, sells Three Men Came to Heidelberg and Glorious Heretic by Thea B. Van Halsema for \$5.60. Go to this link: <http://www.godutch.com/catalogue/book.asp?id=226>.

The book is also sold through I.D.E.A. Ministries, International Discipleship and Evangelism Associates at info@ideaministries.org. for \$5.95 plus postage. Contact Kim Walhout, Office Manager directly and ask for the book.