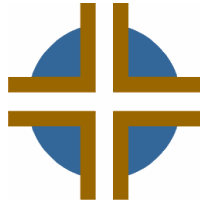


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The Rev. Leong Wa Chu is the Associate Pastor of True Light Lutheran Church in Manhattan

Bronxville, New York–November 10, 2009 –The Rev. Leong Wa Chu has been installed as Associate Pastor of True Light Lutheran Church in New York. Bishop David H. Benke, President of the Atlantic District, and Pastor of St. Peter’s, Brooklyn, officiated at the service on Saturday, November 7. The Rev. Jonathan Priest, Pastor, Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist, Brooklyn, the Rev. Thomas Green, and the Rev. Philip Yang, Pastor Emeritus of True Light, also participated at the service.

Rev. Chu is a native of Hong Kong. He immigrated to the United States in 1992 with his wife, Kelly. Pastor Chu holds a Bachelor of Theology degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Hong Kong, and was ordained at Advent Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Hong Kong Synod. He has completed all requirements for the Pastoral Colloquy through the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Pastor Chu has volunteered and served at True Light Church since 2005, preaching to both the English and Chinese congregations and conducting Bible Study, and was appointed Vice President of the Chinese Congregation by the Deacon Committee. Pastor Chu has also volunteered and served at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bayside, and at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bayside.

True Light is the oldest Chinese Lutheran Church in America. Located at 195 Worth Street in the Chinatown section of Manhattan, it was founded in 1935 as the True Light Mission and in 1967 became the True Light Lutheran Church. The Church offers two worship services every Sunday, one in Chinese and one in English, as well as Bible Study in Chinese and English, regularly scheduled Gospel fellowship and prayer meetings, and an after-school program on weekdays from 3 PM to 6 PM. Guests and worshipers of all ethnicities are welcome. More about True Light Lutheran Church can be found on its website, www.truelightchurch.org

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