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Announcing the Calling of a
New Head of School

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His love endures forever”

Psalm 107:1

Dear VCS Families,

It is with great excitement that we announce our search for the next Head of School is complete. In amazement we invite you to “come and see what God has done, indeed see the amazing things He has done.” (Psalm 66:5)

Our search for a new Head of School began first with an honest search of our own hearts. We, as a Board, prayed often and opened our hearts to each other and God’s leading as we sought to re-identify and articulate the core ministry values and purpose of a Christian education at Village Christian Schools. Four core values emerged and are summarized in the memorable acronym, C.A.R.E. These core values have guided and focused our search for a new Head of School.

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As part of our search we hosted or attended over a dozen meetings in order to share and receive input from our parents, faculty, staff, and administrators. Your enthusiasm toward these core values, embodied in C.A.R.E., helped crystallize for us the profile of the next Head of School. At each of these meetings we asked for names of someone who would fit that profile; someone who had a heart for Christ, someone who has broad experience working in Christian non-profit organizations, someone with strategic planning experience, someone with administrative experience, someone who connects with people from a diverse demographic, someone who has the spiritual maturity to mentor his staff, and we wanted someone who had led successful development programs. And there was more on our list, but you get the idea. Frankly, we were not sure such a person existed. We knew that to find and recruit such a person would take God’s calling and leading. And that is exactly what has happened.

It is our honor and privilege to invite you to celebrate with us the work that God has done in calling and leading Tom Konjoyan to be the Head of School for Village Christian Schools. Tom Konjoyan brings with him a life deeply immersed in the rich tradition of Christian Ministry, and it is that experience and his passion for Christian education that will guide Village Christian Schools into its next 60 years of ministry.

Please take the time to read his attached biography to see how Tom Konjoyan meets and exceeds our expectations as the next Head of School. Truly, we give thanks to the Lord for he is good and faithful.

The Board cordially invites you to meet with our new Head of School on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium. Dessert will be served. We look forward to meeting you as we join together in celebrating and welcoming Tom to Village Christian Schools.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,
Bob Swanson, President

Biography of Tom Konjoyan

New Head of School



Tom Konjoyan was born and raised in Glendale, CA where he attended Hoover High School. A three sport athlete and honor student in high school, Tom was involved in youth ministry through Younglife and as a Youth Elder at Grandview Presbyterian Church.

Tom attended Harvard University where he played football and baseball, serving as the captain of the baseball team. Tom graduated with honors from Harvard earning a degree in Sociology. During his college days Tom also took courses at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia; The Harvard Divinity School; and at MIT.

Feeling called to serve the needy, Tom and a friend started a non-profit, Proyecto Esperanza, that provided job-training and residential services for homeless Latino teenagers in inner city L.A. Tom later spent five years working with World Vision as Director of Corporate, Foundation, and Major Donors in the Pacific Northwest.

Tom was one the founding administrators hired to help build Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village. Tom has served Oaks Christian for eleven years most recently as the Associate Head of School with responsibilities to lead the Spiritual Life, Development, and Middle School programs.

Tom earned an MBA from Pepperdine University's Presidential and Key Executive program where he wrote his Capstone Paper on strategic planning for Christian schooling.

Tom and his wife Kelly have 3 children, Kyler 9, Mackenzie 7, and Delaney 5. Tom is active in the community having served for many organizations such as Younglife, Westminster Presbyterian Church, The Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce, Seattle University, 40 Days for the Family, Vision Youth, and the YMCA. Tom has also coached baseball at the varsity and youth levels, and flag football. He enjoys surfing, golf, and triathlons.