



- Our Mission -

*Education for the global church
so that the whole church will
share in the whole Gospel
in the whole world*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Module 1, Fall**
July 13 - Sept. 20. Registration is currently open.
- **Vision Trip: Vietnam**
Aug. 31 - Sept. 11. Contact Bill at billd@uuc.edu for more information.
- **2015 Graduation**
Sept. 4 (HCM City, Vietnam)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Students:** Our students work, support families, study, and lead ministries all over the world. They do this often in very difficult situations. Pray for their spiritual and physical health as they do important work their communities.
- **Financial Strength:** We continue to seek partners who will support the mission of UUC. Pray that God would lead generous people to UUC so that they can make Kingdom investments.
- **Accreditation:** Pray for our staff as they continue to work diligently towards accreditation for UUC.
- **Staff & Faculty:** As they continue to serve sacrificially, pray that they would continue to lead and teach with wisdom and vision.

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other news and updates.**

CELEBRATING ALUMNI FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In this issue of *Union News* we highlight several students who have graduated and are serving in positions of leadership in their ministries. These graduates come from various cultures (Indonesian, Vietnamese, and French) and have hearts for serving God in a variety of contexts.

On May 9, 2015, **Hans Podomi** (MDiv 2013) and his wife **Karolein Oley**, **Ennos Malagwar** (MA 2015), and **Octavina Tanamal** (MA 2015) were ordained into pastoral ministry by the Assemblies of God and the Indonesian House of Glory Church.



Left: Octavina Tanamal & Ennos Malagwar
Right: Karolein Oley & Hans Podomi

They have been longing to serve in pastoral ministry in the Indonesian church of the greater Los Angeles area. Many Indonesians have settled in the area and need places for worship and leaders who can disciple and shepherd. There are also many Indonesians yet to be reached for Christ. We give thanks to God for preparing our Indonesian friends through UUC and equipping them in order to serve more effectively in their community.

David Dong (MDiv 2014) immigrated to the United States in July 2013 and settled in the state of Arizona, where he joined the Vietnamese United Baptist Church. He served with Rev. Tran Quang Tuan, pastor of VUBC, and the church became a home and a place where his passion for ministry grew. "After one year serving God at the Vietnamese United Baptist Church, not only did we see our efforts bear fruit in God's grace, but we strongly desired God to bring light and salvation" to the Vietnamese community living in Phoenix.



At the ordination of David Dong

In June, the First Southern Baptist Church, which houses the Vietnamese church along with a Burmese, a Hispanic, and a African church, formed an Ordination Council to conduct the examination and ordination for the Vietnamese church. The ordination service took place on June 14 at the Vietnamese United Baptist Church officially beginning David's ministry at the Vietnamese church. David writes, "My family and I would like to share the joy of this good news and beg for your prayers to support my new position, which has already been assigned from above and is now made official by the saints, including all of you. Thanks be to the grace of Jesus Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the eternal love of God."

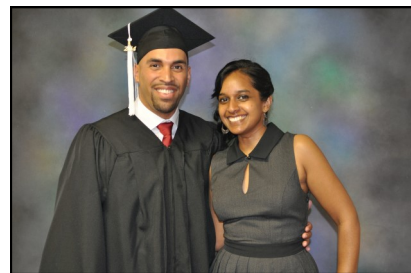
Christophe Anodin (AMin 2014) was born in Paris, France to parents who immigrated from Mauritius, an island nation about 2,000 km (1,200 mi) off

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the southeast coast of Africa. He recounts that his childhood was full of turmoil because of an abusive stepfather. Unhappy at home and with poor influences from his surroundings, his teenage years were turbulent which included stealing and a life of delinquency. While his stepfather decided that Christophe would end up drugged, delinquent, and in jail, his mother, a woman of prayer, constantly prayed that he would not end up in prison.

“One of the first visible fulfillments of my mother’s fervent and persevering prayers for me, was when I met Melanie,” recounts Christophe. They began to date as 17 year olds and eventually married and had two children, Marlon and Kessie. “We went through many hard times together, but we made it through the storms, and today, we understand that God had his plan for us, from the very beginning of our relationship, and even before then.”



Christophe and Melanie Anodin

In 2006, Christophe’s mother passed away but he committed his life to Jesus Christ, a fulfillment of his mother’s prayers. Four years later, Melanie also committed her life to Christ and together they made Church of All Nations (Église Des Nations) in Paris their church home, where they now serve in various ministry teams.

“In June 2014, my graduation at UUC, in California was the outcome, for me and my mentor, [Dr. Lesly Joseph], as he has always encouraged me, and helped me follow my dreams. He taught me to deliver excellence, even when the challenges seemed unattainable & impossible (but with God, all is possible!). Today, I allow the Lord to guide each of my steps, in order to accomplish the task He has given me to do. The best is yet to come!”

Over the last 30 years, Union has been providing access to ministry leadership training and education. It is good news to hear about the significant impact of the education our students have received. We celebrate our alumni and their leadership! We look forward to seeing all the great ways God will lead them in ministry.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO UNION AND OUR STUDENTS



We appreciate so much your faithful support for UUC. We could not provide for our students the education that we offer without a strong community of faithful believers who pray for the school and support the school with your giving.

Those who have been with us from the beginning know that we have been through a number of tight financial situations in the past. Sometimes it looked like the school might close. But you have always been faithful to respond in time of need. And God has always been faithful to provide a way even when it seemed there was no way.

This year we are in a very tight financial situation. In response we have reduced our expenses by nearly half. Dr. Son Nguyen and I have voluntarily taken no salary for the last several months. Other staff have worked for reduced salaries and reduced hours. And we have reduced our staff by three people. While these decisions have been difficult, they have put us in a better situation to continue our ministry to all our students.

But we do need an increase in giving to help us move forward. If this summer you could give an extra gift beyond what you planned to give to UUC, your extra support would be both a help and a huge encouragement.

And please continue to keep UUC and our students in Vietnam and around the world in your prayers.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Dale Sewall,
President