

## Capt ML Bae - REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN



Sang-Min Lydia Bae (Padre Bae) was born in Seoul, South Korea as the youngest of four daughters. Her family immigrated to Richmond, B.C when she was 18 years old. She studied at the Prairie Bible College in Three Hills, AB prior to going to university. She studied Psychology at the University of British Columbia and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

Right after graduation, she worked at Korean Airlines. She studied for her Masters of Divinity (M.Div) at Knox College, U of T in Toronto, ON. Upon graduation, she worked at Heart Lake Community Church in Brampton, Ontario as the Lead Minister. Currently, Lydia is taking two Interim Director's positions within her denomination, and works at Bradner Presbyterian Church in Abbotsford, BC.

Her father is a Korean War veteran and her mother had to flee from the Communist invaders to southern Korea. Growing up, she and her three older sisters heard countless heartbreaking war stories. As a Korean-Canadian, she felt that she was in debt to the Canadian soldiers who fought sacrificially and bravely in Korea. Even though she did not have any cadet or military experience, she wished to join the Canadian Armed Forces so that she could pay back the debt the Koreans owed with her God-given talents and skills. She feels very honoured and proud to be a member of the Forces and is glad to make her father proud.

Her family has been fortunate to live in many different places - Kona (Hawaii), Kota Kinabalu (Malaysia), Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and now, Abbotsford. They love travelling, and used to take summer road trips everywhere. Their most memorable trip was the Pilgrimage Walk in Spain - the Camino de Santiago. Her husband, Rev. Thomas Kim is the Lead Minister at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford and they have three beautiful and charming daughters: Joy (22), Jane (21), and Jubilee (16). Joy is an architecture student at Ryerson University, Toronto; Jane is in her final semester of the nursing program at McMaster University, and Jubilee is currently attending Yale Secondary School in Abbotsford.

She looks forward to getting to know each member of the 39 CER. She is a good listener!