

Announcing Intown's Next Head of School: Lisa Kelly

We are excited and grateful to announce Intown Community School's next Head of School: [Lisa Kelly](#). After a nationwide search facilitated by executive search firm Vanderbloemen and interviews conducted by the search committee and Board of Trustees, we are confident God has guided us to the best leader for Intown's next chapter.

Lisa comes to us from [Mt. Bethel Christian Academy](#) in Marietta, Ga. Since 2019, she has served as Lower School Head, leading a school of 360 students and 55 staff members. Throughout our conversations with Lisa, we were impressed with her strong leadership skills, wisdom, commitment to excellence, educational acumen, and heart for God. Lisa is passionate about equipping teachers to provide a Christ-centered education of the highest quality for children.



In the words of Jim Callis, former Head of School at Mt. Bethel with whom she worked for eight years, "Lisa is a born leader. She has exceptional vision and naturally builds coalitions to accomplish strategic goals. When time is of the essence or lack of collaboration threatens critical deadlines, Lisa will always step in to ensure the school and community are well-served."

Last year, Lisa also served as Mt. Bethel's Interim Assistant Head of School and led its COVID planning task force, expertly guiding the school through what we've all experienced to be extreme challenges.

Prior to moving into administration at Mt. Bethel, Lisa taught 5th grade for 11 years. In 2017, she created the school's Pathways program to address the needs of students with learning differences who need additional support in math, reading, grammar and executive functioning. Lisa has chaired numerous committees for the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and been featured as a speaker at the annual Educational Records Bureau (ERB) Conference. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications from the University of Georgia and a Master of Elementary Education and Teaching from the University of Phoenix.

As a member of Mt. Bethel Church, Lisa has volunteered as a leader in the children's ministry since her three adult sons were elementary age. Lisa met her husband, Glenn, at UGA, and they have been married for nearly 30 years.

Lisa was drawn to Intown by our mission to cultivate a Christ-centered life of learning, our emphasis on the connection between home and school, and the educational philosophy of Charlotte Mason, which she recognized as a reflection of her own beliefs and approach.

We are filled with gratitude that Lisa is as excited to join the Intown community as we are to welcome her. Her official start date is June 1, 2022, and we look forward to sharing opportunities for you all to meet her in person very soon.

Please join us in thanking God for his providence and asking him to strengthen and bless Lisa in preparation for her role as Head of Intown Community School.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Garcia".

Michael Garcia, on behalf of the Board of Trustees
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Intown Community School