

## **Lenna Vanden Hooven**

has been a teacher, leader and mentor for over 30 years. She aspires to motivate and lead children and women alike to develop a love for learning, discover their gifts and passions, and reach their highest potential. Lenna holds Education and Psychology degrees and was a teacher for the Surrey School district before spending 19 years operating her own childcare centre.

Lenna and her husband Chris began attending NLCC with their three young children in 1996. Together, Chris and Lenna hosted Alpha tables and Life Groups, which focused on relationships and marriage.

Lenna served with Children's Ministry briefly before God planted her on the NLCC Women's Leadership team, where she taught and served for 17 years.

In 2014 Chris and Lenna moved to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Although enthusiastic and grateful for the doors and opportunities God was opening, Lenna also faced challenging and heartbreaking decisions. With each of the five international relocations, Lenna relied heavily on Jeremiah 29:11 'I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord'.

After leaving Canada, Lenna again picked up her love for teaching and taught at International schools in Ho Chi Minh City, Milano, and Frankfurt.

Lenna's favourite pastimes include running, travelling, spending time with her family and friends, reading, and learning from God's word. She is most proud of being the wife to Chris (33 years and counting) and a mom to her grown children Carissa (Nathan), William and Preston. Lenna and Chris were recently transferred to San Francisco. Lenna is eager to discover what adventures and callings God has planned for her there and highly anticipates getting back to Canada for a visit. In the meantime, she spends her time connecting with others virtually and teaching their two dachshund puppies' appropriate social behaviour and manners.

