

## SUSAN GONG

KEYNOTE SPEAKER GENERAL SESSION FRIDAY 8 AM

> Q&A PANELIST Friday 2 PM

Sister Susan Lindsay Gong was raised in Taylorsville, Utah, received a BA in English Literature from BYU and served a full-time Mandarin speaking mission in Taiwan, and has continued her love and study of the Chinese language throughout her life.

Susan first met Geritt Gong when he was a BYU student who gave presentations on Taiwan's culture to missionaries about to depart for Taiwan, of which she was one. This meeting was brief and it was not until after she returned from her mission that they met again and began dating. The Gongs were married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1980. They have four sons, a perfect daughter-in-law (only one of their sons is married) and two-and-a-half grandchildren. She loves gardening, reading, hiking, and every minute of time with her family.

Susan has also completed an MA at BYU in creative writing while also certifying to teach Chinese. Since then she has taught advanced composition and first year Chinese classes at BYU, Chinese classes at Provo High, served as the co-coordinator for Chinese immersion program for Utah elementary schools, and was series editor for Step by Step, a series of basic Chinese illustrated readers for young Mandarin learners.

Elder and Sister Gong are living in Hong Kong with Elder Gong's current assignment as 1st counselor in the Asia Area Presidency. Susan is a tremendous support to her husband as she travels and teaches and loves the people of Asia, by his side.