

Personal Information Form

Hyung Joo Kim

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Actively Seeking? Yes, Actively Seeking

Ecclesiastical Status: Teaching Elder

Presbytery Membership: Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Ordination Date: 6/1/2003

Formal Education:

- Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, IN) Ph. D in Leadership Studies (7/2017 -)
- Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA) Th.M in Preaching & Worship (2/2001 – 5/2003)
- Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA) M. Div. (7/1995 – 5/1998)
- Columbia International University(Columbia, SC) B. S. Major in Bible & Minor in Music (9/1990 – 2/1994)

Continuing Education:

- Missional Church Conferences
- Leadership Seminars
- Preaching Seminars (KPC, PCUSA)
- Worship Seminars (Maranatha, Integrity, Passion etc.)
- Discipleship Seminars

Employment Type: Full-time

Geographic Choices: Unlimited

Languages: English, Korean

Leadership Competencies: Compassionate, Preaching and Worship Leadership, Spiritual Maturity, Teacher, Bilingual, Public Communicator, Contextualization, Strategy and Vision, Bridge Builder, Motivator

Training / Certification: (Not Specified)

Clergy Couple? No

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

Work Experience:

- Korean Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN/300 Members) Senior Pastor (7/2009-Present)
- Bethany Presbyterian Church (Marietta, GA/700 Members) Associate Pastor (6/2003-6/2009)
- Bethany Presbyterian Church (Marietta, GA/700 Members) Pastoral intern (1/2001–5/2003)
- Korean Military Chaplaincy (Seoul, Korea) Assistant Chaplain (1/1999–1/2001)
- Kyong Chon Presbyterian Church (Seoul, Korea/3000 Members) Christian Education (5/1998–1/1999)

- Korean Community Presbyterian Church (Columbia, SC/500 Members) Youth Director (4/1996–5/1998)

Other Services:

- PCUSA Ordination Exam Reader (3/2008-Present)
- Taylor University / Global Council Board member (5/2013-Present)
- National Caucus Korean Presbyterian Church / Assistant for Stated Clerk (6/2015-6/2017)
- Whitewater Valley Presbytery / CPM member (1/2012-1/2015)
- Cherokee Presbytery / CPM member (1/2004-1/2007)
- PCUSA Ordination Exam Reader (3/2008)
- National Caucus Korean Presbyterian Church Worship Planning Team (7/2006)
- Cherokee Presbytery / Nurture Committee member (1/2004–12/2004)
- Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA) President of Asian Student Association (1996, 1997)
- Columbia International University (Columbia, SC) Praise Team Leader (2/1991–4/1994)
- Columbia International University (Columbia, SC) Translator (1992)

Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

I have been a solo pastor at Korean Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis for 10 years and have been in charge of all aspects of the church's ministry. As I have been serving the church, it has been both great spiritual and physical growth throughout the years. I believe that it was not only a growth in number but also a growth in the Holy Spirit. One of the spiritual growths that has been particularly successful was discipleship classes that have produced the fruit of the Holy Spirit among the congregation.

In emphasizing the church should be "missional church", I have established several local missions that are very effectively reaching out to the local community, such as Korean Adoptive family camp in every July, serving Korean war veterans twice a year, and a multi-cultural music festival with an African-American church and a Spanish church in Indianapolis area.

In my ministry, I have led various building projects that included merging with other multi-cultural churches in 2007, a new sanctuary project in and the remodeling of an educational building in 2011.

Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.

I want to be a bridge-builder: a bridge-builder to serve the church, a bridge-builder who listens to the tears of people, and a bridge-builder to connect the church and the world as a missional

church. A true leader should be able to be with the congregation not only in good times but also in bad times. As a pastor, I will be a shepherd who loves and cares.

My pastoral ministry focuses on three things: first, "Living Worship," second, "Living Life," and third, "Living the Kingdom of God." I strongly believe that our reason for life should start with worshipping God. This worshipping experience of finding ourselves in Jesus Christ leads us to continue walking with God in our daily lives. And this daily walk with God gives hope and assurance in our present life to be connected to the Kingdom of God to the world.

One of the problems in our Christian faith is that we often disconnect the life in the church from life in the world. Sadly, what we believe in the church sometimes is not practiced in our daily lives. When we say, "God is with us always," our faith should be practiced not only in the church but also in the world since God is with us everywhere. When we proclaim that "God is justice," we should put our efforts for justice in our neighborhood and in the world too. When we say, "God is love," we should be messengers of God's love to the world.

What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

My pastoral ministry starts with the phrase, "Jesus is my Lord and Master." I am just a tool for God's will like the staff of Moses in Exodus. My growth and strength must be built from the relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ and it should not be based on the standards of the world. A person of God's calling always should be a servant of God who obeys God's Word in actions of daily life. My spiritual growth in the Holy Spirit should never stop until I see Jesus Christ face to face, I will grow spiritually to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

If this purpose is sought every day and every aspect of my ministry, other areas of growth such as to be a better pastor, to be a better communicator, and to be a better leader will follow. I will always be God's servant seeking God's Will and humbling myself in the presence of God.

Describe a time when you have led change.

One of the times when I led a change in my current church has been in the missions in the local community and overseas. Ten years ago when I came to my current church, there were not many mission programs that served the local community or overseas. I have developed mission programs that are connected to the local area in Indianapolis and to overseas missions to Nicaragua.

We have established several groups helping local missions such as Gleaners Foodbank, Wheels-on-meals for hospitals, and English tutoring programs for refugees. Also, I have led short-term mission groups to Nicaragua for 8 years. In 2013, we adopted a small village in Nicaragua and launched a scholarship program that helps almost 90 families each month. With this new

mission program, we have been able to establish a close relationship with brothers and sisters in Nicaragua where we go for short-term missions in the summer. Also, this mission program is producing lots of fruits that not only have changed the church but also are changing the people in Nicaragua.

The graduation rate of high school and those entering college have been gone up. After graduation from college, students come back to the village to be leaders and teachers of children in their own town. We are so thankful for this change and fruits of God that it is possible because of God's grace and guidance.

Statement of Faith

I believe in the Triune God who is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. I believe in God who created the world, and creating humankind in God's image (Gen. 1:27). God's sovereign love and grace are governing the whole world and the universe.

I believe in the Lord, Christ Jesus, the Son of God who is fully human and fully God. Jesus Christ came to the world to save us and invited all who believe in Jesus into salvation here and in the life to come. Through the forgiveness of sins, the work of Jesus Christ restored the relationship with God. Jesus is the friend of the friendless and the lost who seek salvation. Jesus preached the Kingdom of God to us, "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven."

I believe in the Holy Spirit, God's living breath, who sustains us to be disciples of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is present in us in the midst of our brokenness and fear bringing God's peace in us and giving us the wisdom to know and follow God's will. The Holy Spirit calls and leads us into God's plans and purposes for our lives (John 14:17). The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives will make us bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit as one body in Christ (Gal. 5:22-23 and 1 Cor. 12:1-11).

The first humans disobeyed God that the true relationship with God is broken. This has shaped humans to be self-centered to understand good and evil by one's own standards rather than God's standards and the Word.

However, because of God's grace for us, God demonstrated love and grace while we were sinners (Romans 5:8). Out of God's unconditional love, God offered grace through Christ Jesus. God sent the begotten Son whosoever believes Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). The ultimate sacrifice of Christ as he was crucified, dead, buried, and rose from the dead, defeated the power of sin and death once and for all (Heb. 7:25). Jesus promised to come back for the final judgment.

I believe in the sacraments: baptism and the Lord's Supper. The sacraments are signs of God's covenant and the relationship with us in Christ Jesus. When we participate in the sacraments

through faith, we assure of the covenant of God in Christ and we affirm that we belong to God and we are one in Jesus Christ.

I believe in the authority of the scripture as it is God's inspired Word. The scripture helps us to know our identity in God and leads us into the right living as children of God. It is useful for instruction, correction, and training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16). Also, the Scripture is not only to be read but also to be lived in our lives personally and communally in the world.

I believe the Church is the people of God, not just a building. It is a community of God's people to be the ambassador of Christ to the world. The Church is called, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to work toward peace and reconciliation in the world. Within the reformed tradition, the work of the ministry is to be practiced by all believers, which the tradition calls "priesthood of all believers." All our lives are the mission field which includes our home, our work, our schools, and our life together. While I believe a minister's call involves preparing, challenging, and equipping the members of the church, each member is called to be involved in all ministries of the church (Eph. 4:12-13). The minister's responsibility is to help the members to find one's unique gifts and offer and to offer guidance to use their talents in serving God more fully.

I believe the mission of the church to be salt and light to the world. The church is called to come as the worshipping community and to go as the missional community to the world. I also desire to serve the "Great Ends of the Church" in the Book of Order; proclaiming the gospel, maintaining the fellowship of the children of God, upholding divine worship, preserving the truth, promoting social justice and righteousness, and exhibiting the Kingdom of God to the world.