

The Korean Methodist Church





Greeting from the President of Bishops

The Grace and Peace of God be with you all.

Welcome to Seoul and the 19th World Methodists Conference. We meet you as the best and closest friends of us. It is our hope that we accompany you on evangelical works and co-operate with you as the partners for the Christian mission.

Holding the 19th World Methodist Conference in Korea is a great gift from God to Korea. Proclaiming reconciliation and peace in Korea is the most significant work to evangelize contemporary Korea. We will be more than grateful if you can support us to love our neighbor passionately like Jesus Christ and to bring the Kingdom of God in this world.

This booklet gives you a short introduction of 120 years history of the Korean Methodist Church. Recollecting the Grace of God in the time of suffering, we keep making a great effort to share the fruits of the growth with our nation and the world.

We believe that God has blessed and guided the KMC to the solid foundation for last years. Now, the KMC aims to be the church which gives hope to the world.

Wish you all have the great experience of God's Love during this visit.

Bishop Shin, Kyung Ha

The President of Council of Bishops

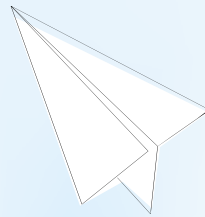
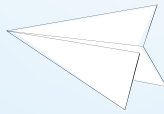




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Emblem



The first official emblem of the KMC(Korean Methodist Church) was adopted at the second General Conference of the KMC in 1934. It is a Cross surrounded by althea within the rim of Korean and English words for Methodist Church,

The Cross and Althea respectively signify Christianity and Korea. This emblem was prohibited once the KMC was dismantled by the Japanese colonial government in 1941.

The present KMC emblem is originated from the symbol of the 250th anniversary for the birth of John Wesley in 1953. It was designed to encourage Korean Methodists disappointed by the great national tragedy of the Korean War(1950-1953), and to inspire them to evangelize people who have no Christian belief. In sense of ‘You are a shield around me (Psalm3,3)’, it represents the vision of John Wesley as expressed by his words ‘I look upon the whole world as my parish’.





Methodist Doctrinal Statement

The KMC's Creed is clearly presented in the Methodist Doctrinal Proclamation based on John Wesley's twenty five Methodist Constitution. It was constituted at the first General Conference in 1930. In this proclamation, the KMC announced three mottos: Authentic Christian Church, Authentic Methodist Church, and Authentic Korean Church. After this proclamation, the KMC declared the Confession of Faith of the KMC in 1997. The Methodist Social Creed has also been modified since 1930.



The Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe in one God, Maker and ruler of all things, Father of all men; the source of all goodness, beauty, love.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the Flesh, our Teacher, the Example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
3. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
4. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, in grace equal to every need.
5. We believe in the word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and practice.
6. We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are united to the living Lord.
7. We believe in the Kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society; and in the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.
8. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting.



Main Characteristics

The Church in Growth _ Through 120 years, the KMC now consists of 12 Conferences, 213 districts, 5,692 churches, and 1,508,434 church members. Since 2003, in particular, the KMC have been moving forward by the ‘Three Million Believers Movement’.

The Church in Spirituality _ The church growth in Korea is a consequence of spiritual movements. The Wonsan Spiritual Movement ignited by Robert A. Hardie in 1903 is a great heritage of Korean Christianity. These spiritual and revival movements were embodied into everyday life such as early morning prayer, Bible reading, Sunday service, and piety in daily life.



The Church with Suffering Nation _ The KMC is the church struggling against Japanese colonialism. Nine figures of the thirty three national representatives in March First Movement were Methodists. The KMC was the center for independent movements, education, and sanctuary for the nation. Also, the KMC played a decisive role in human right movements from the 1970' s to the 1980's.

The Church of World Mission _ The KMC is the first Korean church sending missionary to abroad. Now, there are 701 Korean Methodist missionaries in 71 countries in six continents.

The Church of Laity and Female Leadership _ From the early part of the KMC history, the contribution of laity has been a significant part of the KMC's development. Laity associations, organizations, and networks in the KMC have



actively functioned. Especially, in 1955, the KMC firstly ordained females. According to Methodist legislation, 30 percentage of females participation in most committees is guaranteed.

The Church Serving Society and Neighbors _ There are 78 Methodist social welfare organizations and 137 welfare foundations. And 499 social establishments are managed by individual Methodist churches. Besides, the KMC also supports migrant workers and aids some parts of the world facing problems such as disasters, famines, accidents, and wars.

The Church for the Reunification of Korea _ The KMC helps North Koreans, runs the projects for settling down North Korean refugees, and supports Pyongyang Theological College which belongs to Josun Christian Federation in North Korea. The KMC regards all of these as the significant works for reconciliation and peace.

2006 Statistics

Table of the KMC 2006 (Based on Conference documents 2006)

| | Districts | Churches | Full Members | Baptized Members | Baptized Children | Registered Members (Adult) | Registered Members (Children) | Church Members |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Seoul | 13 | 346 | 86,319 | 67,342 | 16,852 | 39,525 | 38,50 | 248,538 |
| South Seoul | 16 | 387 | 86,374 | 14,288 | 10,170 | 98,9880 | 17,589 | 227,409 |
| Central | 29 | 878 | 149,028 | 21,681 | 18,948 | 40,979 | 110,257 | 340,893 |
| Kyungki | 29 | 639 | 69,108 | 10,041 | 11,298 | 18,590 | 20,483 | 129,520 |
| Joongang | 20 | 529 | 50,544 | 6,396 | 6,228 | 18,830 | 16,114 | 98,112 |
| Dongbu | 23 | 604 | 56,899 | 7,110 | 7,086 | 24,203 | 16,093 | 111,391 |
| Chungbuk | 13 | 356 | 25,315 | 3,941 | 3,702 | 10,989 | 8,553 | 52,500 |
| Nambu | 20 | 499 | 51,772 | 8,800 | 5,866 | 23,569 | 15,303 | 105,310 |
| Chungcheong | 21 | 573 | 52,523 | 6,853 | 5,978 | 17,851 | 17,720 | 100,925 |
| Samnam | 21 | 569 | 34,326 | 9,054 | 6,165 | 11,381 | 13,241 | 74,167 |
| Pan-American Conference of KMC | 14 | 314 | 12,547 | 1,864 | 1,928 | 2,188 | 1,507 | 19,669 |
| Total | 213 | 5,692 | 674,755 | 157,370 | 94,221 | 307,093 | 275,360 | 1,508,434 |

| | Pastor on full connection | Probationary Members | Local preachers | Pastors on Internship | Associated Pastors | Retired Pastors | Pastors working Abroad | Pastors |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Seoul | 584 | 82 | 7 | 45 | 2 | 113 | 70 | 903 |
| South Seoul | 647 | 101 | 11 | 19 | 1 | 69 | 11 | 859 |
| Central | 1,190 | 139 | 20 | 39 | 5 | 121 | 19 | 1,533 |
| Kyungki | 724 | 91 | 22 | 16 | 0 | 62 | 40 | 955 |
| Joongang | 587 | 74 | 7 | 15 | 6 | 39 | 38 | 766 |
| Dongbu | 598 | 80 | 31 | 7 | 1 | 58 | 21 | 796 |
| Chungbuk | 309 | 50 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 14 | 434 |
| Nambu | 562 | 70 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 51 | 49 | 765 |
| Chungcheong | 586 | 43 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 65 | 21 | 736 |
| Samnam | 519 | 75 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 38 | 7 | 668 |
| Pan-American Conference of KMC | 201 | 36 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 279 |
| Total | 6,507 | 841 | 184 | 167 | 17 | 678 | 290 | 8,415 |



History 1884~2006

1. The Emergence of Protestantism in Korea (1884~1930)

In Korean history, the 1870's was the time for opening the country to the world. Although no missionaries yet arrived in Korea at this time, some Koreans were looking for a new paradigm of thought and religion. Seo, Sang Ryun and Lee, Soo Jung contributed the work of translating the Bible in China and Japan. The Korean Bible translated and printed in China was distributed by book sellers. And the Korean Bible translated and printed in Japan was already in American Missionaries's hand when they arrived in Korea.



After Robert S. Maclay, an American missionary for Japan, met the Emperor Kojong in 1884 and was allowed to found schools and hospitals, Henry G. Appenzeller, the first American Methodist (North) missionary, arrived at Jemulpo port on the Easter Sunday morning in 1885 while the mission of American South Methodist was begun with the visit of the Bishop E. R. Hendrix and C. F. Reid in 1895.

The early mission was commenced with the founding of schools such as Baejae and Ewha, and hospitals such as Si hospital and Bogu Inn. The first baptized Methodist was Park Jung Sang, a student in Baejae school. The first Methodist church building is Bethel chapel founded in Seoul on the date of 9th October 1887. This is the oldest Methodist church in Korea, Jungdong Methodist church.

The Epworth League in 1897 is the origin of National Association of Korean Methodist Men, National Association of Korean Methodist Young Adult Mission, and Methodist Youth/Young Adult Fellowship in Korea. In 1901, Kim, Chang Sik and Kim, Ki Bum were ordained as the first Korean Methodist ministers. In 1907, Hyupsung Theological College was founded.

The Wonsan Spiritual Awakening in 1903 inspired by Robert A. Hardie's repentance directly entailed a series of consequent Movements such as 'Pyongyang Great Revival Movement' in 1907 and 'Saving One Million Souls



Robert S. Maclay



Henry G. Appenzeller



C. F. Reid



Movement' in 1909. Through these movements, Koreans were able to establish a new community based on Christian values and ethics as well as experience of repentance, rebirth, and holiness.

Beginning with Prayer Meeting for saving the nation, the Methodist national movements against the Japanese intrusion turned into struggles against the Japanese colonialists in many ways. Rev. Jun, Duck Ki was one of the representing leaders. During 'the March First National Movement', many Methodists was injured and the church buildings were burnt down to ashes by the Japanese. The patriots such as Ryu, Gwan Soon (a student of Ewha Girl's school) and Lee, Jun (who was dispatched to the Hague Peace Conference, 1907), Rev. Park, Suk Hoon (minister of Pungyang Namsanhyun Church) are the well-known Methodist figures. Korean Methodists continually and significantly contributed to national independence movements such as the provisional Korean Government in Shanghai, Independence Movement Organizations, Association of Patriotic Ladies. Especially, Choi, Yong Shin's 'Enlightenment Movement' for agricultural countryside was one of the social movements deeply involved with reformulating the nationality of Korea.

History

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4. Expecting New Era for the KMC(2000~2006)

2. The Methodist Church in Autonomy (1930~1945)

The Methodist Episcopal church in America and the Methodist Episcopal church, South agreed with each other to work together in Korea. In 18th November 1930, 22 representatives of North and South American Methodist church set up a committee in regard to this union. Eventually, the first General Conference of Kidokgyo Josun Gamreehoe (the former official name of the KMC) was held on the 2nd of December in the same year. Yang, Ju Sam was elected as the first Bishop. All of these imply that the KMC was entering into a new era of the Independent Church.





In this year, the KMC proclaimed three principals ‘Authentic Christian Denomination, Authentic Church, Korean Church’ and adopted 8 articles of ‘Methodist Doctrinal Proclamation’ and 16 articles of ‘Methodist Social Creeds’. Also, from the initial stage of the KMC history, the role of laity was important as they filled a half of committee memberships. The KMC accepted female priesthood; 14 females missionaries were ordained in 1931.

The KMC was forced to worship Shinto Shrine by the Japanese at the last stage of their occupation. Some church leaders made a regretful decision by the threat and hypocrisy of the Japanese. The gradual increase of Japanese dominance impelled Korean Methodists to establish Ilbon Kidokgyo Josun Gamree Gyodan (Korean Methodist Church of Japanese Christianity). It was eventually conjoined Ilbon Kidokgyo Josun Gyodan (Korean Christian Church in Japanese Christianity). Meanwhile, other nationalistic and pietistic Korean Methodists refused Shinto Shrine Worship. They were jailed and died in the prison.

3. The Independent Methodist Church (1945~2000)

Although Korea finally obtained national independency in 1945, Korea was divided into North and South Korea governed by USA and Russia. The division is still the political context of Korea. The Christians in North Korea above Military Demarcation Line were successful to build the Seobu Conference, but then they are severely persecuted by the Communist government. Church leaders were prisoned because they did not support Communist government. Many Christians moved to the South for their religious freedom.

The Korean War from 1950 to 1953 left many broken down churches and a number of casualties. The aftermath of Korean War is a situation where North and South Korea contest each other in various aspects such as politics, culture, and religion. Korean Protestantism was also experiencing divisions and fragmentations. After armistice, Korean Methodists was divided into Jegunpa(Reconstruction faction) and Bokhungpa(Revival faction). Then, Korean Methodists were broken up in 1954, 1970, and 1974. However, Korean Methodists were able to united as one denomination. Now, 'the unity of the KMC' is the pride of the KMC. Being responsible for the church growth and the salvation of the Korean nation, the KMC embarked on 'the campaign for five thousand churches and one million believers' in 1974. After ten years of





campaigning, Korean Methodism grew up to three thousand churches and one million believers. With rapid growth, Korean Methodism actively took part of the world mission.

The KMC has also worked for human rights of isolated people in the industrial field since 1961. This mission in the industrial field was engaged with movements for social justices and democracy in the 1970's and brought about the missions for peasants, physical workers, the poor in cities, environment and reunification of Korea in the 1980's.

4. Expecting New Era for the KMC (2000~2006)

The KMC are facing changes in this century. The Korean economic development from the last century put Christian mission into a difficult situation. Yet, the mission tasks are various than ever before e.g. differently abled persons, migrant workers, and social welfare. Regarding this, 'the Three Million Believers Movement' was an opportunity to revitalize church

and Christian mission by evangelization and social service. In particular, the Honam Evangelization Meeting in Kwangju, 2004 gathered thirty thousand Methodists and introduced many people the Christian Gospel.

Celebrating 120th anniversary and re-adaptation of the system of 'the President of Bishops', the KMC now announces 'the Methodist Church Giving Hope to the World', formulating new Methodist church, evangelization of the Korean Nation, and reunification of Korea. In this sense, the 19th WMC in this year would be a great opportunity to raise the KMC's status to the world, to reconstruct the KMC's identity, and to pray together for the unity of the churches and reunification of Korea.





Visions

Celebrating the 120th anniversary, in this year, the KMC announced 'the Methodist Church Giving Hope to the World'. The KMC in Korean history has played a significant role as a lighthouse of hope through the dark period and a power plant of hope in the time of growth. Now, 5,692 Methodist churches and 1,508,434 Methodists raise the light of the Gospel and hope to shine on our nation and the world.

1) The Methodist Church Refreshing Everyday

Spiritual Awakening and Being Full of Holy Spirit • The history of the KMC began with spiritual awakening. The great revival in Wonsan 1885 was ignited by the work of the Holy Spirit. With the celebration of 120th anniversary, the KMC is now making a great effort to be the church of spiritually awoken and vitality.

Re-constructing the identity as Methodist • As the only united church in multi-religious society and with other fragmented Protestant denominations, the KMC now faces the need of change. The initial stage of change would be the reconsider John Wesley's Methodist movement under Korean context and succeed his movement in Korean context. Then, a Korean model of Methodist church can be provided. It could contain strengthening ministers role in the church and a suggestion of prototype of Methodist.

Evangelizing the Korean Nation • The KMC through the suffering and raid growth has the tradition of contributing to Enlightenment, national independence, economic growth and democratization. However, the division of North and South Korea brought a severe dichotomization of Korea. One of the most important mission of the KMC is actively working for North Korea with passion and spirituality. The KMC is preparing the coming age of national reunification by humanitarian support to North Korea, exchange with North Korean Christian Federation, and financial support to Theological College and church buildings.



The three Millions
Believers Movement



The Methodist Church,
bearing Hope to the World



World Methodist
Conference

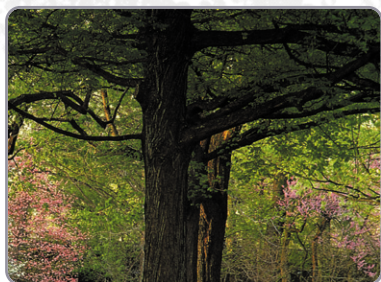
2) The Methodist Church on Solid Ground

The Three Millions Believers Movements • The social changes in Korea in this century such as five working days, the increase of females on the workplace, distorted family, low birth rate, the increase of the aged are the difficult issues in which the KMC, needs to overcome to evangelize people. The Three Million Believers Movement is the KMC's main mission movement. The movement is for the growth of each church and for the mission of the individual Methodists. By this movement, the District office supports individual churches' mission to evangelize local people and helps the churches which are not financially independent. Also this movement contains the close relationship between the churches in the cities and the churches in countryside, organizing lay evangelists in the individual churches, the mega churches' co-operation with financially non-independent churches, school mission, Christian mission in military, and raising lay leaders.

The Social Service and Welfare • Remarkable economic development does not mean there are no poor and isolated peoples in Korean society. The Methodist social work programs can be categorized into missions for Korean society, welfare services, and managing social establishments. Many systems are now under construction such as the supporting individual church system, the network between organizations and local centers, and

voluntary workers, and individual contribution. Moreover, the KMC's work for social service is also reaching into the less developed countries.

Next Generation • The Korean church still has patriarchic and feudalistic characteristics. The social changes entails a need of new methods of ministry for children, the youth, and the aged. It is important to have new paradigm of ministry for spirituality, natural environment, community, sharing, and devotion. The paradigm would include taking care of differently abled persons, migrant workers, North Korean refugees, other isolated people, various forms of ministries for families, inter-racial Koreans, and contemporary culture such as films and the internet.



3) the Methodist Church towards the World and the Future

Ecumenism and World Mission • The World mission of the KMC includes dispatching disciplined missionaries for native mission, education mission, and welfare mission. The KMC provides and attempts to improve courses for 1000 missionary candidates and continual education for missionaries in their mission stations, and organizing mission aids for the expenses and missionaries' children. The KMC works for synthesizing scattered missionary support by the individual churches, expanding mission fields, and searching out new mission stations. This is also involved with ecumenical works and co-operation with other Christian denominations in the world.

Natural Environment and Integrity of Creation • The KMC is the first church to put heavenly duty for conservation of nature which is presented in 'the Korean Methodist Doctrine and Discipline Clause 106'. The KMC, as a representing church of caring natural environment, encourages individual churches to be a steward and to have a committee for natural environment. In particular, the KMC co-operates with World Church Council to proceed JPIC Movement.

National Reunification and World Peace • The KMC pronounced social participation in the Methodist Social Creed in 1930. It is sure that the KMC has to take responsibility for national reunification and world peace which are deeply involved with the missions for civil society, national development, and better future. The KMC is sure that working on those missions can bring the Kingdom of God for universal salvation of all human nations.





Head Office

The Board of Mission

General Secretary : Rev. Dr. Lee Yo Han



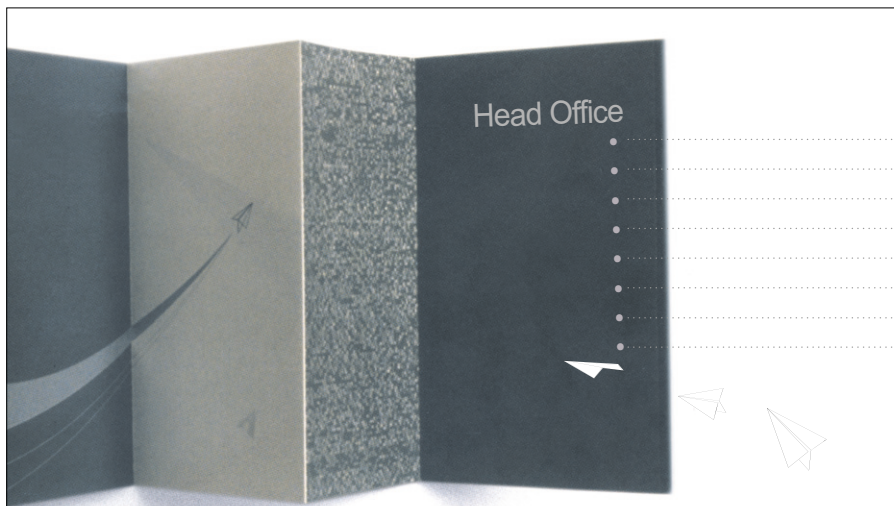
The Board of Missions has three departments which establish and implement mission policies.

Domestic Mission Department devises strategies for church planting and church growth and develops the models of worship and liturgy. It also supports mission for the North Korea, Korean military, and Wesley Evangelization School.

Overseas Mission Department trains missionary candidates and sends missionaries after their fulfillment of training courses. It also supervises missionaries in relation to their works and welfare with 65 mission societies in the world.

Social Mission Department leads mission for police, prison, rural areas, natural environment, the poor, the isolated, differently abled persons, and immigrant workers.

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The Board of Education

General Secretary : Rev. Kim, Young Ju



The Board of Education was founded at the same time as the Korean Methodist Church was established in 1930. The board supplies Christian education programs and educational materials, and makes educational policies.

The Department of Church Education provides Christian education in the church schools for under 13 in church school and textbooks for studying the Bible, and devises teacher training courses. The board publishes regular educational magazines and diffuses Summer/Winter Bible school and other seasonal programs.

The Department of School Education provides educational policies for Methodist school mission and Youth education schemes, and supports Methodist Youth center. It also manages scholarship schemes, exchange students, and Korean students education abroad.

- The Board of Mission
- The Board of Education
- The Board of Laity and Social Responsibility
- The Board of Administration and Finance
- The Board of Communication and Publication
- Educational Training Center
- The Office of Council Bishop
- The Korean Christian Times

The Department of Discipleship is in charge of publishing educational texts for adult Methodists, Methodists leaders, prayer meeting, and Bible class. The department makes policies for Christian home education, Christian culture, women, and peace education. It also supports Sandol alternative school.

• Tel: (02) 399-4367, Fax: (02) 399-4379

The Board of Laity and Social Responsibility


General Secretary : Lay Elder. Um, Mary



The board of Laity and Social Welfare works for lay movements and social service policies.

The Department of Laity devises strategies for enforcing laity movements, produces the textbook for monthly meeting, and leads the participation of Sunday service. The department is also responsible for raising lay leaders and developing programs for strengthening lay organizations.

Department of Social Service has duties on social service and



welfare. For this, the department provides special programs and advertises voluntary works and founds social welfare establishments. The board ecumenically discusses social service policies, poor neighbors, and fund raising for natural disasters.

• Tel: (02) 399-4348, Fax: (02) 399-4350

The Board of Administration and Finance

General Secretary : Rev. Kim, Young Dong



The board is for administrative works and management of the juridical foundation of the KMC. It has the following five departments:

The Department of Administration assists Head Office and administrative works of the Conferences. It is involved with a personnel changes in Head Office, social welfare, educational training, events and audit.

The Department of Accounts is for accounting Head Office, legal property and paying taxes. It also for the compilation and the execution of the budget.

The Department of Property Management takes charge of acquisition, disposal, transfer, registration of all church properties, church buildings construction, registration of church vehicles, provision of group insurance, and handling of all church legal affairs.

The Department of Affairs are responsible for supporting new buildings construction, the land for churches and buildings, and Methodist nurseries.

The Department of Building Management arranges the leases of the building, manages facilities and building incomes, and supervising utility service companies.

The Department of Pension manages the fund and contributions and pays pension to retired ministers and passed away ministers' widows.

The Department of Social welfare manages supporting co-operations, donated properties, and retired ministers council. It also manage and authenticate the centers for voluntary workers.

• Tel: (02) 399-4310, Fax: (02) 399-4323

The Board of Communication and Publication

General Secretary : Rev. Dr. Sohn, Sam Gwon



The board of Communication and Publication makes the policies for publication. It consists of two departments:

The Department for Regular Publication issues monthly journals such as 'Kidokgyo Saegae (Christian World)' for Christians, and 'Sinang gwa Gyouk (Faith and Education)' for Church school teachers and a quarterly journal 'Kangdan gwa Mokhoe (Sermon and Church Ministry) for ministers.

The Department for Publication prints monographs based on Methodist doctrine and theology, writings on church ministry and Christian life in prose style, and Hanul Yangsik (Spiritual Meals from the Heaven) which is the daily Home Service Script.

• Tel: (02) 399-4352, Fax: (02) 399-4365

Educational Training Center

Chair : Rev. Jung, Yong Chi



This center makes and carries out the plans for educational training.

Illyoung Center runs programs such as elders education, spiritual training, 'Walk to Emmaus' project, the office of Doctor of Ministry program, minister education, lay education, ecumenical movements, and some international programs.

Ipsuk Center participates in Sandol alternative school, supplies some activities for local ministers, organize local associations, and set up health programs.

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The Office of Council Bishop

Chief Secretary : Rev. Dr. Lee, Won Jae



The Bishop's office has duty on secretarial works, the Council of Bishops, and administrative works for General Conference.

The Department of Administration for General Conference is in charge of legislation, executive committees, special committees, department committee, the special committee under the President of the Bishops.

The Department of Planning and Advertising works on the official ceremony, setting up policies of Head Office, and advertizing the works and activities of the KMC.

The Department of Archives is responsible for collecting, preserving, and exhibiting all church historical materials, managing

the KMC website and electronic resources, and providing materials related to church policies which are relevant to institutions and Conferences.

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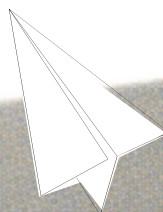
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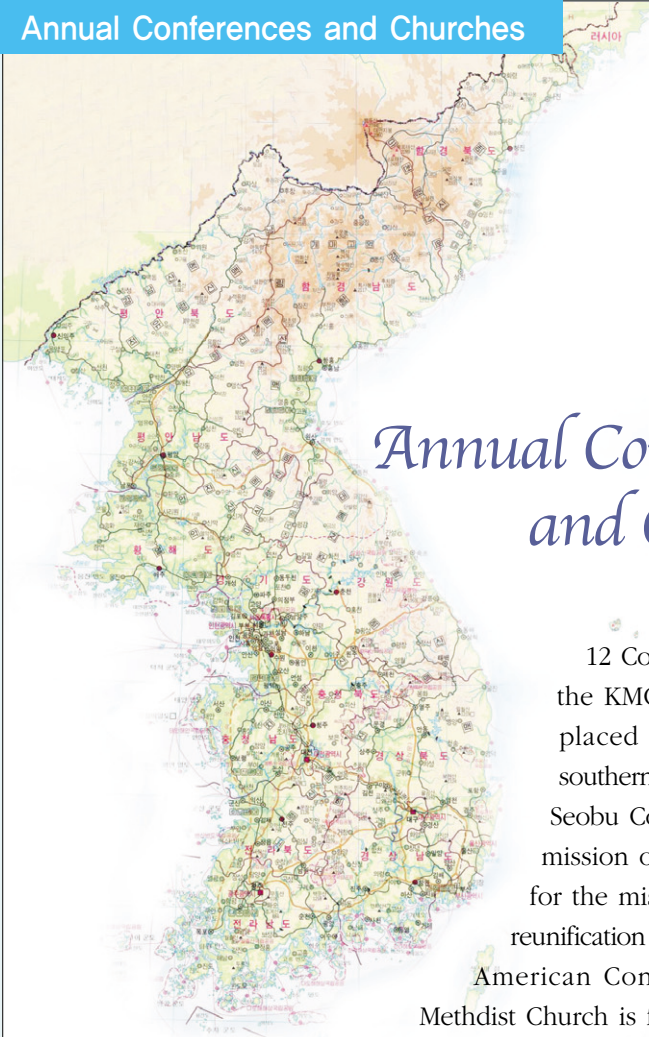
Chief Editor : Rev. Park, Young Chun



‘The Christian Times’ (Established in 1995) is a weekly newspaper reporting Korean Christianity and world Christianity based on company mottoes (Love, Mission and Unity). The paper was initially printed as 12 pages newspaper which is now 24 pages. The Christian Times consists of four departments: editing, advertizing, general affairs, and internet newspaper. It also has 10 branches in the Conferences, Conference reporters, and correspondents in Pan-American Conference of the Korean Methodist Church.

• Tel: (02) 399-4393, Fax: (02) 399-4397
• Internet Newspaper: www.kmctimes.com





Annual Conferences and Churches

12 Conferences constitute the KMC. They are mostly placed in the middle and southern part of Korea. The Seobu Conference is for the mission of North Korea and for the mission after national reunification in near future. Pan-American Conference of Korean Methodist Church is for the churches in America founded by the Korean immigrants .

In 1892, western missionaries in Korea agreed to divided their mission station for efficient and economical mission. So, Methodist missionaries focused their mission on the middle part of Korea; Seoul, Kyungkido, Chungchungdo, and Kangwondo.

In 1930 when the KMC was announced its self-governance and independency, there were three Conferences: Jungbu, Dongbu, and Seobu. Then, in 1980, the Conferences are re-arranged and divided into 5 Conferences; Seoul, Jungbu, Dongbu, Nambu, and Samnam.





Seoul Conference

BISHOP: Rev. Yoon, Yeon Soo
 General Secretary: Rev. Lee, Yong Won
 Province: Northern area of Han river in Soeul
 Distircts: 13
 Churches: 346
 Ministers: 903
 Church members: 248,538
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 Junggu, Seoul, Korea 100-101
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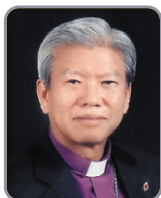
BISHOP: Rev. Kim, Choong Shik
 General Secretary: Rev. Lim, Jeong Deog
 Province: Southern area of Han river in Seoul
 Districts: 16
 Churches: 387
 Ministers: 859
 Church Members: 227, 409
 Address: 13th Fl., Methodist Building, 64-8 Taepyungro 1-Ga,
 Junggu, Seoul, Korea 100-101
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Central Conference

BISHOP: Rev. Lee, Kyu Hak
 General Secretary: Rev. Kang, Chun Hee
 Province: Incheon and north-western part of Kyungkido
 Districts: 29
 churches: 878
 Minister: 1533
 Church Members: 340,893
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 Namdonggu, Incheon, Korea 405-241
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Kyungki Conference

BISHOP: Rev. Choi, Ho Soon
 General Secretary: Rev. Jin, Hang Seob
 Province: Southern part of Kyungkido
 Distircts: 23
 Churches: 639
 Ministers: 955
 Church Members: 129,520
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 Distircts: 20
 Churches: 527
 Minsters: 766
 Church Members: 98,112
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Dongbu Conference

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 Districts: 23
 Churches: 604
 Ministers: 796
 Church Members: 111,391
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Chungbuk Conference

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 Churches: 356
 Ministers: 796
 Church Members: 52,500
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Nambu Conference

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 Churches: 499
 Ministers: 765
 Church members: 105,310
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Chungcheong Conference

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 District: 21
 Churches: 573
 Ministers: 736
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Samnam Conference

BISHOP: Rev. Jang, Dong Ju
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 Province: Kyungsangdo, Jeonrado and Jejudo
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 Church members: 74,167
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Pan-American Conference of the Korean Methodist Church



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 Province: USA and Canada
 Districts: 14
 Churches: 314
 Ministers: 297
 Church members: 19,669
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Seobu Conference

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Lay Organizations

◆ National Association of Korean Methodist Men



This association originated from Epworth League in 1897. In the year of foundation, five branches were opened. During the time of the Japanese occupation, the association participated in independence movements, national Enlightenment, and modernization in Korea. The association developed into 'The Association of Male Methodist' in 1964. Then, it was re-organized as the present association in 1979. The membership is for people aged more than 46. It consists of 197 district offices, 5000 branches in the individual churches, and 300,000 members. The main tasks of the association are prayer movements for spiritual growth, co-operation with other Methodist associations, improvement of lay leadership, international missions, and national reunification.

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◆ Korean Methodist Women's Society for Christian Service



The society originated from 'Joice' female group in Jungdong Methodist church in 1897. But the society was officially founded by the union of North and South female Methodist groups in 1930. It now has 194 branches and 80,000 membership and aims to improve Christian life, the development of female leadership and church growth. The specified missions of the society are social mission, mission for agricultural and fishing villages, social service, and especially 'the 1020 Asian Mission' project which is the mission for 20 Asian countries by 10 Conferences. The society has its own building, nursing home for retired female ministers, a training center in Jeju, a mission church, a Nest of Love, and choir.

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◆ National Association of Korean Methodist Young Adult Mission



The association was divided from National Association of Korean Methodist Men and was established with the catch phrase 'Calling Young Adult' in 1966. The membership is open for males under 46. It consists of 11 branches in Conferences and 133 local district branches. Since the beginning of the association, it has led the movements of prayer, repentance, Holy Spirit, and evangelization. In order to fulfill the duty, it has also supported recently planted churches, international mission, helping the isolated, Baikdu mountain prayer meeting for national reunification. It publishes the journal 'New Generation'.

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◆ Methodist Youth/Young Adult Fellowship in Korea



Methodist youth movement also originated from Epworth Youth Groups in 1897. The fellowship was established in 1978 when the winter mission Conference 'History, Youths, Jesus' was held. It now has 28 branches in local districts and 7 branches in Conferences. The fellowship works for setting up Asian Methodist network, publishing Bible study textbook, national Methodist youth conference, youth peace camp, and youth Sunday Service. And it also activates the committee for research/advertisement, education, peaceful national reunification, females, and international co-operation. All of these are for leading the

movements of reconciliation and peace as represented by 'Linking Human String' in 1993, 'Jubilee Conference' in 1995.

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◆ National Sunday School Association



The association was founded and elected the first chairman Lay Elder You, Young Hee in 1963. For following 43 years, there were 23 chairmen. It take charge of the development of church school, teacher training, research for Christian education focusing on human resources for evangelization of Korea and the world. The association have 10 branches in the Conferences and 95 local district branches. The main works are co-operation with the board of Education to produce church education textbooks, managing the relationships with Conferences and districts, and building a network for other Methodist church schools in the world.

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Main Works





Mission

■ The Three Millions Believers Movement and The Honam Mission Meeting

The Three Millions Believers Movement from 2003 has been a movement for doubling Korean Methodists. The Honam Mission Meeting in 2004 was for the weak areas of Korean Methodism such as Jeonranamdo. Being successful to gather 300,000 Methodists, it was a great opportunity to celebrate the Grace of God.



■ The 50th Anniversary of Jeju Mission and Jeju Mission Meeting

The Jeju Mission Meeting was held on the Tapgol seaside theater where is also the place for General Conference for legislation in 2005. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of mission in Jeju, the meeting was held by the great participation of executive members of General Conference, many trained evangelists, and believers in Jeju.



■ The Mission for the Korean Military

The KMC is a leading church of the mission for the Korean military.



Majority of army chaplain candidates are Methodists. Methodist army chaplains and ministers are doing their best in their mission station in the Korean military.



■ M-Project

This is a project for financially non-independence churches. The selected participating churches are supported for 20 months and going to be role model churches.



■ Holsamo's Children Training

Holsamo means the widows of passed away Methodist ministers. This is a program for their children.



The picture was taken at the visit of Maebong church, the memorial church of Ryu, Gwan Soon of the children.

■ Methodist Christmas Service with Leukaemia and Children Cancer

Every year, Methodist Christmas Service has held by the KMC in front of the KMC building in Kwangwhamun with immigrant workers(2003), differently abled persons(2004), children suffering with leukaemia and cancer. Last year, especially, the KMC donated a bus called 'The Bus of Hope' to publicize the urgency of leukaemia and children cancer.





■ The Mission for Countryside

The fast industrialization and urbanization caused the decrease of population in countryside. The homes and churches in countryside are having many difficulties. The countryside mission is a continuous mission of the KMC. The KMC even established a committee for countryside mission and training center for countryside mission.

■ The Mission for Natural Environment



The KMC is actively participating environmental movements. Christian Solidarity for Natural Environment, a NGO, is operated by many Methodists participants. The picture was taken at the Meeting for the Mission of Natural Environment this year.

■ Shumtou(Shelter)

This establishment is a home for runaway boys/girls, homeless, and the isolated. They can have free meals and time for relaxation spiritually and mentally. Runaway boys/girls can meet consultants and find many kinds of assistants.



■ Hatssal(Sunshine) Center

Hatssal Center is a KMC project for helping old ladies who were either comfort women for Japanese soldier or previously married American soldiers. They live together, depend on each other, and even cure each other in this center. The picture shows that they are having Art therapy.





Education

■ National Children Football Party



This is a Children mission project to educate and to evangelize children. This football party is focused on Children rather than teachers, and attempts to free from the education for only exam and to learn about community. This could also be a chance to see their parents and to introduce the Christian Gospel.

■ Heemang Academy

Heemang Academy (Hope Academy) is a train program for sunday school teachers who can be happier in teaching. It is divided into three courses: basic, intermediate, and advanced. All of them are designed to improve teaching quality.



■ The Mission for School



For this mission, the KMC works with school ministers and religious education teachers to find out the future Methodists and seeks new ways of religious education with associated mission schools. At the present,

Methodist School chaplains are working on 25 middle schools, 30 high schools, and 11 Universities.

■ Making World Peaceful for Youths

'Wonderful Youths' is a KMC corporation for youths in peace and social security.



■ Korean Students in Overseas and International Exchange

For the future of Methodist laity, KOMESA has been held on some places in Europe. The KMC is also preparing an international exchange scheme with the United Methodist Church in America.



■ Discipleship and Bible Study

As one of the significant way reviving the church, ministers' Bible study program and discipleship training program are provided continually by theological and educational researchers.



■ Female Education

The KMC supplies various educational programs for improving female leadership and makes an effort to decrease sexual discrimination. Theological education course for the wives and partners of ministers are also provided.





■ Sandol School

Sandol School was founded as an alternative school for secondary education in 2003. The school located in Ipsuk Training Center is a boarding school as it has its own residence hall for 75 students and 12 teachers. (website: www.sundol.or.kr)



■ The Programs for The Aged



Concerning the increase of the aged in Korean society, the KMC manages the various programs to satisfy their social and spiritual demands and to improve their life.

■ Monthly Magazine 'Faith and Education'

The journal for church education 'Faith and Education' is published monthly. It contains academic works for Christian education of researchers, programs



for church school education, teacher training resources, educational activities for age groups, and sermons for children.



■ Educational Textbooks for Each Generation



‘Zakgung(the closest friend) Jesus’ published in two different versions for nursery children and elementary school children includes Bible stories. It is designed to conjoin Service and Bible study. ‘Power Storm’ is a textbook for teaching the Bible to teenagers in church. It considers identity, culture and vision.

‘Bible and Life in Practice’ is a book for teachers of youths. ‘Faith and Life’ is the journal for the aged. And there are more textbooks and books for Bible study, Christian life for new comers, Bible class, Summer and Winter Bible School, and teacher training. Altogether, there are 60 kinds of Christian education textbooks which written by the board of Christian Education and published by the board of Communication and Publication.

■ Weekly Prayer Meeting Textbook

Korean Methodists have weekly Prayer Meetings to study the New Testament and the Old Testament by turn. Recently, Korean Methodists also read lectionary and remind the Sunday preaching in daily life. There are three kinds of weekly Prayer Meeting Textbook: members, leader, and guidebook for leaders.

Laity and Social Service

■ Lay Week

The KMC announced the last week of May as Lay Week and the first Sunday June as Lay Sunday. These are for refreshing their belief and reminding their calling.



■ Textbooks and School for Laity

Three associations(National Association of Korean Methodist Men, Korean Methodist Women's Society for Christian Service, and National Association of Korean Methodist Young Adult Mission) in co-operation publish a textbook arranged by subjects for monthly meeting. Also, Theological school for laity was established to help constructing lay theology and learning how Christians can accomplish their Christian mission and social service.



■ Lay Spiritual Training

The KMC provides training programs which are necessary for being faithful, working for the body of Christ, encountering social responsibility, fulfilling the duty of sharing, and serving Korean society.

■ Voluntary Worker Education and ‘Dreaming Tree’ Spiritual Training

The KMC provides training programs for voluntary workers in more actively participate in social service activities, organizing the council for voluntary workers, and setting up a network to connect them with local social service centers.

The KMC supplies youths with spiritual training for voluntary works. This is for youths growing up in Christian faith. This training programs have been more effective by means of connecting with school systems acquiring social service records.





■ Raising Fund for Disasters and Supporting Disaster Areas

The KMC raises funds for disaster areas and sufferers in other countries as well as Korea, and sends voluntary workers to disaster areas. Currently, the KMC aided the sufferers by the tidal wave in South west Asia driven by an earthquake(Tsunami), the forrest fire in Gangwondo Korea, the earthquake in Pakistan, and the storm in New Orleans(Katrina).



■ Helping Neighbors in Poverty



The KMC is under a clear obligation to the isolated and sufferers. The KMC supports following centers and homes in many aspects as much as possible: Gongju Custody Prison, Bethel House for Homeless, Home for the aged, Home for the Retired, Youth Home, Kyungnam Consultant Center for Immigrant Workers.



■ 'Let Life Live' Movement

최고의 생명의 이음대 목사 "먼저 간 아들에게 주고 싶었는데..."

자녀해 급성 백혈병으로 아들 잃은 이음 이웃 사랑으로 승화

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The KMC always appeals to people for blood and organ donor. The KMC acknowledges the significance of Hospice care and hopes that people seeing the end of life in this world have more beautiful moments and belief on the Kingdom of Heaven.



■ Social Welfare

There are 78 Methodist social welfare organizations and 137 welfare foundations. And 499 social establishments are managed by individual Methodist churches.



■ 'Joun Mannam' (Good Meeting in Christ)

This is a Methodist Marriage Consulting center. This center is for giving more opportunities to the Christians who are in the age of marriage and helps them to start a happy Christian family.

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Good Meeting
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Global Missions

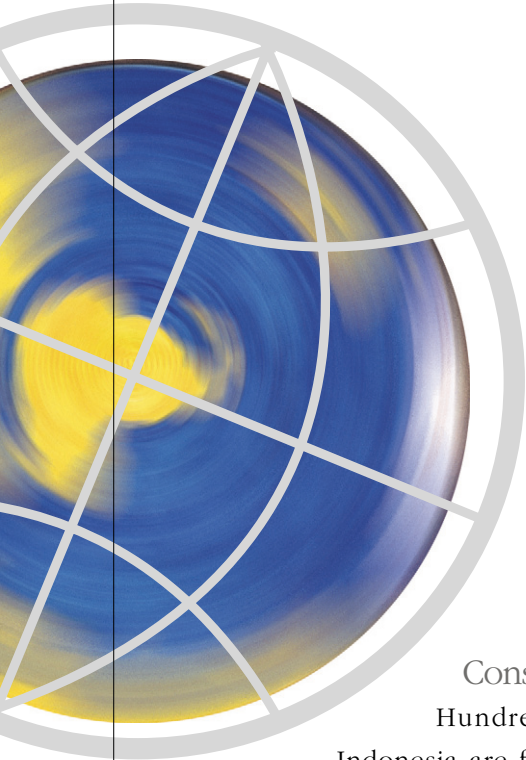
■ The Growth of World Mission

The world mission of the KMC was rapidly developed after 100th anniversary of Korean Protestantism in 1985. The KMC is obliged to world mission as well as evangelization of Korea. The KMC dispatches about 40 missionary families to the world every year.

■ Korean Methodist Missionaries in the World

There are 701 Korean Methodist missionaries in 71 countries in the world. This amount will reach up to 1000 if the ministers in Korean Methodist churches in abroad are included. The 65 missionary supporting groups also take a great responsibility for world missions.





■ Planting Churches and Constructing Church Buildings

Hundreds of churches in Philippine and Indonesia are founded by the KMC. The KMC also helped to found the Russian, Cambodian, Bangladeshis, Rumanian, Thai, Mongolian, and Nepali Methodist Church

■ Training the Ministers from Mission Station and Establishment of Theological Colleges

To rectify the problem of leadership of ministers in Asia and Africa, the KMC helped to set up the leadership programs and to found theological colleges.





■ Children Education and Medical Mission

The Hure University in Mongolia and Nashikawa Vision College in Fiji are founded and managed by the KMC; many nurseries and elementary schools in Kenya established by the KMC. The hospitals and medical practices in Paraguay, Nepal, and Egypt are established and managed by the KMC.

■ Bangladesh Social Service Project

The KMC organized a NGO, KDAB, in Bangladesh to lead the development for farming techniques, medical service, computer industry, apparel industry, music, and clinics for people with suffering Hansen's disease.

■ Job Education in Vietnam

In Vietnam, the KMC established a Technical College for job education for Lai Ttaihan(the generation between Vietnam ladies and Korean soldiers). This project is welcomed by the Vietnamese government.



■ Heemang(Hope) Social Welfare Town in Nepal

This town is a representative Christian organization for social welfare in Nepal. With an orphanage for 315 children and 30 workers, this town contains a school, a church, a bakery, a breeding farm, and a hospital.

■ Co-operating with the Cambodian Methodist Church

The KMC has co-operated with other Methodist Church in the world. Especially, in order to found Cambodian Methodist Church, the KMC, the United Methodist Church, the Swiss Methodist Church, the Singaporean Methodist Church and other Methodist Church in some countries mainly speaking Chinese worked together. Now, the Cambodian Methodist Church consists of 180 churches and 10,000 members.



Publication and Magazines

■ The Christian Times



‘The Christian Times’ (Established in 1995) is a weekly newspaper reporting Korean Christianity and world Christianity based on company mottoes (Love, Mission and Unity). The paper was initially printed as 12

pages newspaper which is now 24 pages. It also has 10 branches in the Conferences, Conference reporters, and correspondents in Pan-American Conference of the Korean Methodist Church,



■ The Newspaper with Citizens

As a newspaper with citizens, the Christian Times published two special editions for the FIFA's World Cup and distributed them at Methodist Building in Kwangwhamun, Seoul City Hall, and Sang Am Football Stadium where a great number of people support Korean national football team.



■ Newspaper in Cyberspace

The internet newspaper of the Christian Times has updated everyday since 2004. This internet newspaper includes some contents of moving pictures and voices



■ Kidokgyo Saegae(The Christian World)

Originated from Methodist Newsletter in 1933, 'The Christian World' is a monthly magazine which has been published 912th editions so far. It contains a great amount of

Christian information and the presentation of various Christian thoughts for ministers and laity in the age of requiring changes. It also informs new Methodist church policies and church activities, and always welcomes any participation such as opinions, discussions, dialogue, and even arguments.



■ Kangdam gwa Mokhoe(Sermon and Church Ministry)

The board of Communication and Publication bimonthly publishes this source book for church ministers. It includes sermons and Bible study texts matching with ecclesiastical calendar and a series of introduction of recent theological discussions. This journal is designed to be used by ministers in all aspect of church ministry such as preaching by seasons, programs, Wednesday Bible study, and church events and activities in each week and month.



■ Hanul Yangsik(Spiritual Meal from the Heaven) and Home Service Movement

Since 1980 Hanul Yangsik has been published for home Service. It provides the scripts of home worships for everyday including hymns, prayer, and short sermons. This is also in use in hospitals, schools, work places, and prisons.



■ KMC Press and Publishing Books

Belonging to the board of Communication and Publication, the KMC Press publishes monographs on Christian Studies including Christian culture, education, doctrines, theology, and mission. It also publishes translated version of Christian classics, masterpieces, and works attained an international refutation. Annually, the press produces about 20 books.

■ Culture Project- 'The Crosses in the World'

To celebrate 120th anniversary of Korean Protestantism, the board of Communication and Publication presented an exhibition, 'The Crosses in the World' in Seoul (March 2005) and Kwangju (September 2005). Gathering 20,000 visitors, the exhibition was an opportunity to find out many different cultures and traditions in relation to a number of shapes of the Cross.



■ Serving Individual Methodist Churches

Every year, the KMC produces and sells calendars, personal diary, and official forms for Methodist documents containing ritual color, Methodist anniversary



dates, and ecclesiastical calendar. The calendar has five different formats with various illustrations in relation to contextualization of Christianity in Korea, world Christian heritages, and Korean Methodist identity. There are a huge amount of resources on a compact disc for sale which includes evangelical leaflets, shorts films, church music, and rhythmic dance.

■ KMC Home Page

www.kmc.or.kr is the official home page address of the KMC in cyber space. Since 2002, it has been a cyber community for Methodist communication and cyber place to obtain information, news, document service, and even advertizement. The home page is linked with the Christian Times, individual Conference home pages, other Methodist churches websites, and some other networks. The medium number of daily visitors is 1500 people and the sum of total visitors reaches to 400 millions so far.





Peaceful National Reunification

■ Pyungyang Theological College

The Pyungyang Theological College is an official educational institution to study theology and to train North Korean Christian leaders. Seobu Conference continually supports this college. The people on the picture are the new students in the 9th year of the college history.





■ Lecturing in Pyongyang Theological College

Seobu Conference gives lectures in the college twice a year.

■ Chigol Church

This church is an legally allowed church as well as Bongsu church.

■ House Churches in North Korea

There are 500 house churches in North Korea. Seobu Conference visited some of them and worshipped together in each visit.



■ Wheat Flour and Milk Powder for North Koreans

The KMC has supplied North Koreans with wheat flour and milk powder. The sum of cost is 380 millions American dollars so far.



■ Planting the Church of Peaceful National Reunification



The church of Peaceful National Reunification (Pastor Kang, Chul Ho) was planted for North Korean refugees. About 80 church members are worshipping together in the church.

■ Baikdu Food



Founded for the self-independence of North Korean refugees, this food company encourages them to work and to settle down in South Korea. Baikdu Food produces Nulup Nangmyun(Traditional North Korean Noodle) and zzinppang(steamed bread).

■ Prayer Meeting in Mt. Kumkang

On the 15th June every year which is about the time of National Reunification week in the KMC, a prayer meeting on Mt. Kumkang have been held for peaceful national reunification.





■ International Forum for Peaceful Reunification in Korea

Being coherent with the subject of the 19th WMC, 'Reconciliation', the KMC held the first international forum for peaceful reunification in Korea titled 'The Role of World Churches for Reconciliation in Korea'.

■ Comparing Hymns and the Bible

By comparison and analysis of hymn book and the Bible of North and South Korea, the KMC is working on an unified hymn book and the newly translated Bible for Korean Christianity.



■ Re-establishing the Churches in North Korea

In order to rebuild 400 churches which were in North Korea and three province in north-eastern China, the churches in 22 districts in Seobu Conference are praying and raising fund.



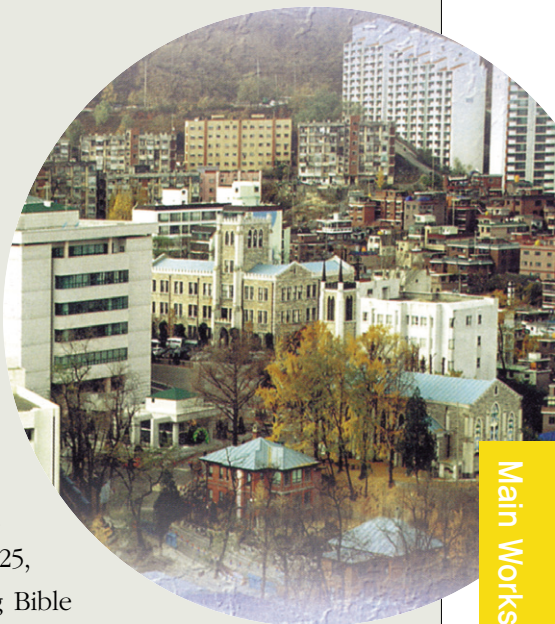


Theological Education

Methodist Theological Seminary(MTS)

MTS has been the source of Korean Methodist theology. In 1905, the American Northern and Southern Methodist mission boards organized an education committee which decided to found a theological school. The school was founded on Chunyonjung near Doknipmun (The Independence Gate). This school is the origin of MTS. In 1925, the school is merged with Hyupsung Bible School for women. The school was incorporated by the Ministry of Education in 1957 and approved as four year course Seminary for Methodist theological education in 1959. By the approval of the Ministry of Education, the postgraduate school was established in 1971. Now, MTS consists of three academic departments: 'Theology', 'Christian Education', and 'Philosophy of Religion'. Encouraged by currently completed building constructions in the campus (100th anniversary building, Dormitory, and Wesley Chapel), and training Center in Umsung, MTS now attempts to leap to a highly advanced Christian institute.

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Mokwon University

In order to produce ministers for the churches in countryside, Daejeon Methodist Theological Seminary was established by Rev. Charles D. Stokes in 1954 and was approved by the government in 1957. The name of this seminary was changed to Mokwon theological college in 1972. In 1980 and 1981, the postgraduate school and the postgraduate school of theology were approved respectively. It became a leading theological institute in the middle part of Korea. Then, it was raised to the status of university and changed its name to Mokwon University in 1993. The university contributes to social education and theological education with exchange programs with universities in Russia, USA, and China.

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Hyupsung University

After '5000 Churches and 1 million Believers Movement' in 1976, there was a lack of Methodist ministers. So, the Conferences set up theological schools (Seoul Theological School, Dongbu Theological School, Nambu Theological School, Chonghoe Theological School, Wonju Dongbu Theological School and Sunseo Theological School) to fill the gap. However, the Ministry of Education announced a policy sorting out non-approved theological schools. It made the colleges impossible to have new students. So, the executive committee in General Conference launched a theological school project. After all, Hyupsung Theological School was approved by the Ministry of Education in 1982. College Open Service held on the Ipsuk campus in same year. After moving Suwon Bongdang campus with the approval as Hyupsung Theological College in 1992, it became Hyupsung University in 1994.

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Toward the World and the Future

The KMC has extended its mission field by means of functioning as a bridge between church and society, church and the world. Now, the 120 years tradition of the KMC is toward the world and the future. John Wesley's statement 'I look upon the whole world as my parish' does not only denote his calling, but it also signifies the identity of the KMC. This announcement leads Korean Methodists' hearts to evangelize the world and to love the neighbor. All Methodists are subject to devote themselves to the Christian Gospel with passion and love.

120 years ago, Appenzeller was a man of vision for global mission. He came to Korea because he was responsible for his calling for mission. Now, the KMC preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

It was a natural decision to work for not only national evangelization but also global evangelization at the time of the first centennial anniversary of Korean Protestantism in 1985. After dispatching the first Methodist missionaries in 1902, the KMC has sent 701 missionaries in 71 countries. And there are hundreds of Methodist ministers for Korean immigrants in all of the world.

The 19th WMC in 2006 would be a great opportunity to refresh the KMC. Through this Conference, the KMC demands to be the church of reconciliation. The KMC always forges the association with other Methodist churches in the world and the relationship with WCC and WMC.

