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Working Toward a Jesusian Kindom of God: Living-Well-Together as Cosmopolitan Christians

Namsoo Kang, Ph.D.
Professor, Theologian, Author
Saturday, April 14, 2018
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“In order to critically examine the present Christianity-as-it-is, we always need a perspective of Christianity-as-it-ought-to-be, the Christianity-to-come. The perspective of the Christianity-to-come is a viewpoint of the reign of God, the Jesusian Kindom of God. In this sense, being Jesusian is about the passion for the impossible.”

“Jesus’ teachings are more about questions than answers.”

“Cosmopolitanism is about turning a compassionate gaze onto others, regardless of our differences.”
Join us on Saturday, April 14, 2018

Conference Schedule
9:00  Registration & Coffee
9:30  Program
12:30 Lunch
Entertainment provided by Dallas Street Choir
1:30  Program
3:30  Conclusion

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Speaker
Namsoon Kang is professor of Theology and Religion at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, since 2006, and taught previously at the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK and Methodist Theological University, Seoul, South Korea.

She served as the president of WOCATI (World Conference of Associations of Theological Institutions). An acclaimed speaker actively involved in various international organizations and programs, she has given lectures and speeches in more than 18 countries.

Her most recent books include: Diasporic Feminist Theology: Asia and Theopolitical Imagination; Cosmopolitan Theology: Reconstituting Neighbor-Love, Hospitality, and Solidarity in an Uneven World; The Handbook of Theological Education in World Christianity (co-edited); On Forgiveness: Possibility and Impossibility of Forgiveness (in Korean); For Justice: Humanities as Critical Resistance (in Korean).

She received the Louise Clark Britten Endowed Faculty Excellence Award twice by vote of the Class of 2009 and of 2012, Catherine Saylor Hill Award of Faculty Excellence by vote of faculty in 2013, and Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar in 2014 and 2016 at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

Program
What can the spirit of cosmic citizenship represent today? Cosmopolitanism emphasizes the cosmic belonging of all individual human beings as the ground of our hospitality, solidarity, justice, and neighbor-love.

Cosmopolitanism is about the turning a compassionate gaze onto others regardless of one’s nationality and citizenship, origin of birth, religion, gender, race and ethnicity, sexuality, or ability.

I would like to use a new term that I coined, Jesusian, rather than Christian.
The term Christian has strong link to Christianity as an institutionalized religion, whereas Jesusian is to acknowledge the discrepancy between Jesus and Christianity as an institutionalized religion and focus on the very life and teachings of Jesus.

According to Jesus’s teaching, religion, and being Jesus’s disciples, Jesusians should be about love, responsibility, and hospitality to the others in our individual and collective lives.

The core message of Christianity, loving one’s neighbor as oneself, is not merely a spiritualized or romanticized rhetoric that people just chant in the church. We must rigorously wrestle with the hard questions such as who one’s neighbors are and what constitutes loving oneself and neighbors.

“Religion is about impossible love, impossible hospitality, and impossible responsibility to oneself and to the others: the passion for the impossible.”