

# Working Toward a *Jesuan Kindom of God: Living-Well-Together as Cosmopolitan Christians*



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

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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 *Jesuan Kindom*  
of God. In this sense, being  
*Jesuan* is about the passion  
for the impossible.”**

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

## Conference Fees

**\$30 Early Registration**  
When paid before:  
**Friday, March 31, 2018**

After March 31  
& Walk-ins: \$35

Workshop includes  
box lunch & live  
entertainment by  
**Dallas Street Choir.**



## Registration

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# Join us on Saturday, April 14, 2018

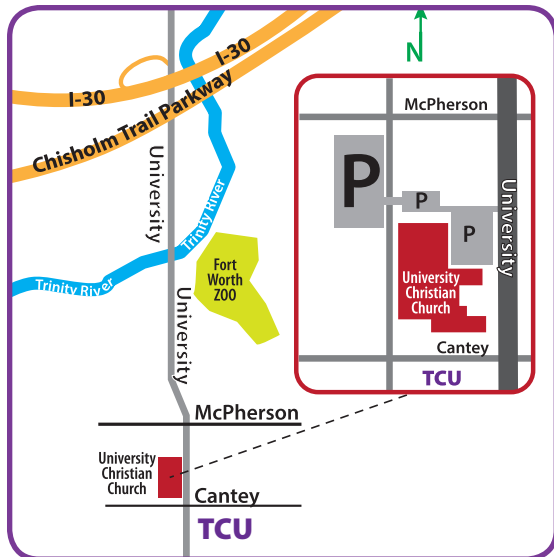
## Conference Schedule

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



## Registration Fee Before March 31, 2018

\$30 paid registration.  
After March 31 and Walk-ins: \$35  
Workshop includes box lunch.  
Discounts are available.



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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.**