

A Successful International Businessman, Respected Christian and Philanthropist

About Mr. Byung-jun Lee (1936-)

A Pioneer of Korean Classical Dance

Mrs. Bok-hyung Lee (1938-)

Lay Elder Mr. Byung-jun Lee was born in Jongno-gu, Seoul. He graduated from Seoul Middle and High School and majored in Economics at Seoul National University's College of Business. In 1958, he was commissioned as an officer candidate in the 42nd class of the Air Force and served in the Air Force Headquarters before being honorably discharged from the military service.

In 1963, Mr. Lee joined the founding team of the Busan Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd. and has since been the Chairman and CEO of SeAH Steel USA. SeAH Steel USA is a subsidiary of SeAH Steel Holdings, South Korea's first company to export carbon steel pipes to the U.S. SeAH Steel Holdings operates facilities in the U.S., Vietnam, UAE, and Italy, and also has four factories in Pohang, Gunsan, Suncheon, and Changwon in South Korea. SeAH Steel USA operates factories in Southern California and Texas, producing steel pipes for various industrial purposes.

Mr. Lee has served as the President of the Los Angeles Council of Commerce, the Southern California Seoul National University Alumni Association, and the Overseas Seoul National University Alumni Association. He received a commendation from Korea's Prime Minister Kang Young-hoon and was the first recipient of the Gwanak Grand Prize of the Seoul National University Alumni Association.

Since 1976, Mr. Lee has been a member and a long-serving leader of the Los Angeles Korean United Methodist Church (formerly Robertson Korean UMC). His generous spirit of giving has been exemplary.

Mrs. Bok-hyung Lee was born in Jung-gu, Busan. She graduated from Ewha Womans University with a major in Physical Education, specializing in Korean classical dance. She was part of the first class of the Kim Baek-bong Dance Institute. She was a director of the YWCA in Busan and Seoul and a dance teacher at Busan Isabel Girls' High School. She played a significant role in the Kim Baek-bong Dance Preservation Society in the U.S. and Korea.

Mrs. Lee has promoted Korean culture and classical dance internationally through performances in Japan, consolation performances for Korean-Chinese in China, and by hosting the Kim Baekbong Dance Workshops. She won the Best Dance Award at a dance competition hosted by Ewha Womans University and the Gold Award at the First New Dancer Recruitment Competition hosted by Dong-A Ilbo. Mrs. Lee and Mr. Byung Joon Lee continue to dedicate their efforts to preserving and disseminating Korean culture. They continue to live out exemplary Christian life of service.

