



“Onward, Consistently!”

About Rev. Dae Hee Park(1924-2017) and

Mrs. Sung Sook Park



Pastor Daehee Park graduated from Seoul Methodist Theological Seminary in 1948 and Seoul International University in 1958. He was the founding pastor of Shindo Methodist Church in Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do (1948-1959). He founded the Byeokje Methodist Church in Goyang-si as a branch church of Shindo Methodist Church in 1953. He also served the Ogeum-ri Methodist Church in Goyang-gun from 1956 to 1959, along with the Shindo and Byeokje churches. He was selected as a United Methodist Crusade Scholar and entered Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in 1959, graduating in 1962. He planned to return to Korea, but those plans changed, and he served as pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Honolulu from 1962 to 1981. He served the Los Angeles (formerly Robertson) Korean United Methodist Church from 1981 to 1990 and retired from the California-Pacific Annual Conference in 1990. Even after his retirement, he continued “onward, consistently,” founding the Denver Central United Methodist Church in 1993 until a new senior pastor was appointed. Rev. Park returned to Honolulu to serve as a pastor emeritus of the Christ United Methodist Church. He moved back to Los Angeles, where he served as a pastor emeritus of the Los Angeles Korean United Methodist Church until he passed away in 2017.

After his retirement, Pastor Daehee Park and Elder Hongsik Chang embarked on raising CST’s Korean Endowment Fund. The KEF campaign continued even after Pastor Park’s passing, reaching over \$2.2 million as of 2024. He set an example for educating the next generation of pastors. Many became pastors under Pastor Park’s influence, including Pastors Brandon Inkyun Cho, Kyungsig Samuel Lee, Daniel Youngguk Shin, Chongil Kim, Changmin Lee, and more.

Pastor Daehee Park left behind three collections of sermons (“Onward, Consistently,” “Home of the Heart,” and “Road to Jerusalem”). Pastor Park married Mrs. Sungsook Park in 1950. Mrs. Sungsook Park was his eternal companion and served with him at churches in Korea and the United States. Rev. and Mrs. Park did not have their children but became “parents” to many people. The late Pastor Daehee Park’s consistent service and ministry continue through Mrs. Sungsook Park. As of July 2024, Mrs. Sungsook Park possesses a remarkably accurate memory even at 95, and she still tithes for CST’s Korean Scholarship Fund.

