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Foreword

This special edition is the fruit of a course I taught at Columbia Theological Seminary on fall semester 2009, “Korean Worship & Preaching.” Five students in Th.M. and D.Min. Degree candidates of the school have committed to research 4 papers on Korean preachers and worship leaders. I have limited the papers to 5 pages and emphasized the submission of the primary and secondary resources.

The course is most likely the first Korean worship and preaching class ever taught in North America. I am grateful and proud of each writer in engaging the challenge of finding valuable resources and providing a pathway for others to follow. Korean worship and preaching is a field which does not have much prior studies. And I hope this issue will help navigate the readers to the rich history and ministry of Korean American churches.

The 18 names are only a small representation of the wide spectrum of theology, academy, church, and the ministry area in Korean and Korean American churches. I hope to build the list and continue to expand this deserved study on Korean Preaching and Worship. In this general and broad sketch of Korean church preachers and worship leaders covering both Korea and U.S., regardless of the generation, language, age, and location they represent, one common feature stands out strong, which is a passion for witnessing the love of Jesus Christ. I am most grateful to Heechang Kang, Keedai Kim, Sam Pack, Seokhoon Seo, and Shin Yang.

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