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New director of alumni relations joins SFTS

San Anselmo, Calif., Sept. 15 – The Rev. Dr. Peter S. Kim joined San Francisco Theological Seminary as the new director of alumni and church relations Sept. 15.

Kim, a minister living in Southern California and a member of Los Ranchos Presbytery, will help the seminary strengthen its relationships to synods, presbyteries, congregations, clergy and SFTS alumni.

Kim previously served as pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Bellflower, a merged Anglo and Korean congregation. Prior to that his calls have included service as pastor of the New Church of Downey, pastor of the Hollywood Korean Presbyterian Church, associate pastor for church administration at Young Nak Presbyterian Church, and associate pastor for English ministry/second generation ministry at the First Presbyterian Church of Torrance.

Kim has also been a leader in the denomination, serving as chair of the Hanmi Presbytery Administrative Commission of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, a member of the Los Ranchos Presbytery's congregational development committee and other synod and presbytery roles.

He received his master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1987 and a doctor of ministry from SFTS in 1998.

As an alumnus himself, Kim is enjoying his new role at SFTS reaching out to all alumni. Fluent in English and Korean, Kim will work out of the Pasadena campus.

“Having been in church arenas for 21 years, I have always been anxious for SFTS to be more visible and more actively engaged with churches across California and the West Coast,” he said. “SFTS is long overdue in reclaiming its image as the Seminary of the West.”

Rev. Peter Crouch, vice president for seminary and church relations, said SFTS is excited to have an alumnus serving as the alumni director.

“We’re very honored to have someone of Peter Kim’s stature joining our staff,” Crouch said.

Although Kim knows his Korean heritage will be an asset in relating to many of the Asian alumni, he is more interested in putting his leadership and listening skills to work for all SFTS alumni.

“I feel really privileged to be asked to be part of what SFTS is now and the future cultivation of the seminary,” Kim said.

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