

Warm greetings in Christ from Seoul, Korea!



Three RLs in front of the banner, Unzu Lee, Jieun Han and Myung Han

Christmas is around the corner. We celebrate Christmas for God's coming to us in human flesh. Likewise, the gospel or mission comes with culture. That is, the gospel is clothed in a particular culture, when it is introduced and rooted in the culture.

Unfortunately, many Koreans still consider Christianity as a western religion, because it came from the West, including America, Canada and Australia, accustomed with the western culture. As Jesus came to us in human flesh, I feel that mission co-workers should provide a room for people to express their faith in their own cultural terms.

Recently, a banner was made and hung on the wall of our office in Seoul. It is the PCUSA logo in the style of the traditional Korean blanket, called *Jogaakbo*. It is kind of a Korean quilt. Unlike PCUSA churches, Korean churches don't have banners in the sanctuary, but slogans or Bible verses. We introduced a banner with the PCUSA logo in the Korean style *Jogaakbo*.

Those who see the banner love its beauty and idea. It's a small step, but we hope that it inspires Korean Christians to create ways to contextualize the gospel. For it is "my lips", not someone else's, to praise God, when God speaks through God's mouth.

Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare
all the ordinances of your mouth

Psalm 119:12-13



Jieun and Martin