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EMPLOYMENT

- 2022–present, Associate Professor and Director of United Church Formation and Studies, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC.
- 2019–2022 Sessional Instructor, Vancouver School of Theology, BC.
- 2018–2022 Coordinating Minister, West Point Grey United Church, Vancouver, BC.
- 2009–2018 Minister, Trinity United Church, Acton, Ontario
- 2001–2009 Minister, Brownsville United Pastoral Charge, Brownsville, Ontario
- 1997–2000 Minister, Toronto Korean United Church, Toronto, Ontario
- 1995–2007 Staff Associate, Toronto Korean United Church, Toronto, Ontario
(1995 Emigrated to Canada)
- 1993–1995 Programme Staff, The Institute of Theological Studies of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), Seoul, Korea

ACADEMIC DEGREES

- 2017 **Doctor of Theology**
Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto
Field of Study: Constructive Theology & Missiology
Thesis - *Sharing Concern for Justice: Becoming an Intercultural Church as a Postcolonial Mission Practice in the Canadian Context of Integrative Multiculturalism*. Supervisor: Dr. Thomas E. Reynolds
- 2001 **Master of Theological Studies**
Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto
- 1993 **Master of Divinity**
Graduate School of Theology, Hanshin University, Seoul, Korea

Thesis – *The Methodology of Nam-dong Suh's Minjung Theology*
Supervisor: Rev. Dr. Kyung Jae Kim

1991 **Bachelor of Theology**
Hanshin University, Seoul, Korea
Field of Study: Theology and Philosophy

CHURCH INTERIM MINISTRIES

2024-2025 Willingdon Heights United Church, Burnaby, BC.

2022-2023 West Point Grey United Church, Vancouver, BC.

SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS

2025 Rowntree Scholarship (\$20,000), United Church of Canada Foundation

2011 W. Norman McLeod Scholarship for Post Graduate Education,
Faith Formation and Education Unit, General Council Office, UCC.

2010 W. Norman McLeod Scholarship for Post Graduate Education,
Faith Formation and Education Unit, General Council Office, UCC.

2009 W. Norman McLeod Scholarship for Post Graduate Education,
Faith Formation and Education Unit, General Council Office, UCC.

2009 Winner of Essay Contest, Canadian Theological Society.

2001 The Edith Reed Scholarship, for research work in the United Church Archives
on material related to The United Church of Canada or the founding
churches. Victoria University, University of Toronto.

ORDINATION AND ADMISSION

2001 Admission into The United Church of Canada, Toronto Conference,
May 27.

1997 Ordination from The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK),
Seoul South Presbytery, Seoul, Korea, November 6.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Books

Hyuk Cho, *Relation without Relation: Intercultural Theology as Decolonizing Mission Practice* (Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2025).

Hyuk Cho and JungHee Park, *Decolonizing Diakonia: From Servanthood to Companionship* (Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2025).

Articles

Hyuk Cho, "Beyond Secularism (Laïcité): Québec's Secularism and Religious Participation in Nation-Building," *Religions* 16 (2025), no. 5: 568

Hyuk Cho, "Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future: The United Church of Canada at 100," *The Ecumenical Review* (2025)

Hyuk Cho, "Have You Eaten? Decolonizing Theology in the Context of the Philippines and Korea," *International Journal of Asian Christianity* 7, no 2 (August 2024): 191-213.

Hyuk Cho, "A Quest for Intercultural Theology: Converging Faith and Culture in Minjung Theology," *Madang: Journal of Contextual Theology* 41 (June 2024): 43-76.

Hyuk Cho, "Never-Ending Mission of God: The Evolution of the Concept of *Missio Dei* in Our Ever-Changing Landscape," *International Review of Mission* 113, no 1 (May 2024): 173-90.

Hyuk Cho, "'O Korea, You will be a Shining Light To All the East': A Study of William Scott's Theological Background and His Ministry in Korea," *Theological Studies* 60, no 2 (December 2023): 327-62.

Hyuk Cho, "Engaging with the Other: Reflection on Faith in Chinul's Sŏn Buddhism and Douglas John Hall's Christian Theology," *Current Dialogue: Special Issue of The Ecumenical Review* 75:5 (December 2023): 546-61.

Hyuk Cho, "Mission Beyond Canada," in *The Theology of The United Church of Canada*, edited by Don Schweitzer, Robert C. Fennell and Michael Bourgeois (Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2018): 251-77. Book chapter.

Hyuk Cho, "'We Are Not Alone': Historical Journey of the United Church of Canada's Response to Become an Intercultural Church," *International Review of Mission* 100, no 1 (April 2011): 49-61.

Hymn Writing

“God of Freedom, God of Justice (Toward a New Beginning),” words: Hyuk Cho, 1999; English trans. Marion Pope, 1999; music: Amy Yea Kyong Lee, 1999, [*Then Let Us Sing!*](#) (United Church of Canada, 2025, forthcoming).

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Hyuk Cho, “Making Peace in the Midst of Conflict,” Round the Table, United Church of Canada, (June 15, 2022).

Hyuk Cho, “Rice Is Heaven”: Asian Heritage Month Worship (2019), United Church of Canada

Hyuk Cho, “Partnership in Mission: William Scott’s Ministry in Korea,” *Touchstone* 31, no 1 (February 2013): 57-66.

Hyuk Cho, “‘To Share in God’s Concern for All’: The Effect of the 1966 Report on World Mission,” *Touchstone* 27, no 2 (May 2009): 39-46.

WORKING IN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC) AND THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (CCC)

2022-2030 Member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (for eight years, between General Assemblies)

2023-present, Convenor, WCC Regional Relational Committee, Canadian Council Churches.

2022 United Church delegate to the 11th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Karlsruhe, Germany.

WORKING IN THE WORK OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

2024-2025 Centennial Committee of Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

2022-present, Member of the Theology & Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee, United Church of Canada

2022-2023 Mission Group, General Council

2020-2022 Affirming Process Committee, Pacific Mountain Regional Council, UCC.

- 2019-2021 Planning Committee for Korean Network in the UCC.
- 2005-2006 Gender Justice Advisory Committee for Racial Justice and Gender Justice, UCC.
- 2000-2004 Committee for Gender Justice, UCC.

COURSES DESIGNED AND DELIVERED AT VST

- 2025 Interterm United Church Worship and Music
- 2024 Fall Emerging Theologies: A Global Perspective
- 2024 Spring History and Theology of the United Church of Canada
- 2024 Interterm United Church Polity
- 2023 Fall Histories and Theologies of Atonement and Reconciliation
- 2025, 2023 Spring Intercultural Theology and Spirituality
- 2023 Interterm United Church History and Ethos
- 2022 Fall Integrative Seminar
- 2022, 2020 Spring Theology and Doctrine in the United Church of Canada

ADVANCED DEGREE SUPERVISION

- Hewitt Holmes, Durham/VST Ph.D. Programme
- Hati Mvundura, Pretoria/VST PhD. Programme

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Webinar, Becoming an Intercultural Church: Why It Matters and How to Live It Out, United Church of Canada, October 29.
- 2025 Workshop, Decolonizing Dialonia, Diakonia World Federation Assembly, Moshi, Tanzania, July 9

- 2025 Keynote Speech, “Deep Memories and Daring Visions”: UCC 100th Anniversary Celebration, May 13–15, Toronto

- 2024 Lecture, “Christianity B: Mission Today in Our Changing Contexts,” Kwansei Gakuin University (関西学院大学), Japan, October 23. (virtual)

- 2024 Keynote Speech, “Becoming an Intentionally Anti-Racist and Intercultural Church,” Anti-Racism Work and Action Leadership Conference, United Church of Canada, Vancouver School of Theology, April 2.

- 2024 Workshop, “Intercultural Awareness,” Vancouver School of Theology, February 16.

- 2023 Lecture “Christianity A: Intercultural Ministry,” Kwansei Gakuin University (関西学院大学), Japan, July 6. (virtual)

- 2022 DOTAC (Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean) study of *Called to Transformation: Ecumenical Diakonia*, The Central Committee of Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean, September 26.

- 2021 “Revisioning Ecumenism,” International Conference on “Teaching Ecumenism in the Context of World Christianity,” the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, June 2-4.

- 2021 “A Vision for Becoming an Affirming Intercultural Church,” Townhall Gathering of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council, May 19.

- 2020 “Why Intercultural Theology Matters?”, UCC Korean Network, May 26.

- 2019 “How Can We Develop Intercultural Ministry?”, Annual Meeting of Chinese Association in the UCC, June 8.

- 2009 “From Integrative Multiculturalism to Interculturalism: The United Church of Canada’s Vision for Becoming an Intercultural Church,” Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Carleton University, May 26.

UNITED CHURCH’S MANDATORY TRAINING

- 2019 Introduction to Boundaries

- 2019 Racial Justice Training, October 23.

- 2011 Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training, September 22.
- 2011 Racial Justice Training, March 11.

UBC'S SAUDER BUSINESS CERTIFICATE

Leadership Excellence for Administrative Professionals & Coaching and Mentoring (2024)

New Level Leadership & Strategic Decision Making (2025)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2013-2018, Korean Canadian Physically Challenged Adults Community

LANGUAGES

English, Korean, Greek (reading), Chinese (Traditional Chinese reading knowledge)

HOBBIES

Woodworking, Gardening, Camping, Canoeing

last updated 9 October 2025