

Rev. Dr. So Jung Kim entered the Eternal Embrace of Christ on January 3, 2024, in Seoul, South Korea. Surrounded by love and care, she transitioned peacefully into hospice care after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

Rev. Dr. Kim's journey in faith and scholarship was marked by a steadfast commitment to ecumenism, theology, and the intersection of spirituality and justice. She was an alumna of the Bossey Ecumenical Institute (2018-2019), where her passion for ecumenism flourished. A devoted scholar, she obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 2021, contributing to the fields of theology, feminism, and mission with academic rigor and heartfelt dedication.

Her scholarly pursuits were exemplified in her recent article, "Speaking In-Between: Vernacular Spirituality of a Woman in Late Chosŏn Korea," (<https://shorturl.at/7PhCm>) which reflected her deep engagement with Korean Christianity, feminist theology, and ecumenical dialogue. Her voice enriched academic discourse through contributions such as her entries on James Cone and Womanist Theology in A Dictionary of Philosophy of Religion and her liturgical reflections during the pandemic published in Call to Worship.

Rev. Dr. Kim served as the Associate for Theology in the Office of Theology and Worship at the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PCUSA), where she faithfully resourced and taught Presbyterian communities across local, national, and global contexts. She presented at workshops and panels in several settings in the U.S., including, most recently, the 2023 Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago.

Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Dr. Kim's ministry embodied a deep love for theology, anthropology, and the power of ecumenical collaboration. Her work bridged academic excellence and pastoral care, inspiring those around her to envision a world rooted in justice, compassion, and unity.

Rev. Dr. Kim's life leaves an indelible legacy of faith, intellect, and tireless dedication to the church and academy. She is remembered with profound gratitude by her colleagues, students, and all who encountered her gentle spirit and unwavering commitment to Christ's mission.

May her memory continue to inspire and guide us in the ongoing work of reconciliation and peace.