

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Rev. Dr. Joon-Sik Park

Welcome to the 2017 Spring Term of the Course of Study School of Ohio (COSSO)!

For my own understanding of the nature and purpose of the church, the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C. has been very formative. In the early 1990s, at a used bookstore, I happened to pick a copy of *Journey Inward, Journey Outward* (1968) by Elizabeth O'Connor—a book about the Church of the Saviour and its ministry. The basic thesis of *Journey Inward, Journey Outward* is that the renewal of the church depends on the continual renewal within its members. True renewal cannot come to the church unless its people are on both inward and outward journeys. The inward journey must not be sacrificed to the outward, nor the outward to the inward. Both journeys should be kept in creative tension. In fact, a genuine inward journey should lead to an outward journey.

For our inward journey, we have to embrace the disciplines of prayer, Word, silence, solitude, study, and worship. Through these disciplines, we are to be so nurtured in discipleship that Christ would always have priority in our lives and that we would always be open to the renewing, transforming, and guiding Spirit of God. The outward journey concerns being involved in mission in and for the world. We are called to discover where we are to take up the stance of the servant, or to which needs of the world Christ is sending us.

Yet, both inward and outward journeys cannot be done individually. Community is an essential bridge that connects both journeys. Christian community is the most rewarding and the most essential to those on inward and outward journeys. It is the community in which we are sustained and held up, and through which we together learn what following Christ involves.

I hope that the courses you take at COSSO will transformatively shape and guide your own, as well as your congregation's, inward and outward journeys.

We, the COSSO staff, are excited to welcome all of you, including 16 new students, and pray for God's continued guidance and blessings on you and your COS journeys.



Grace and peace,
Joon-Sik Park
E. Stanley Jones Professor of
World Evangelism

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FROM THE WRITING INSTRUCTOR

Rev. Kim Trimboli



When I was applying to write curriculum, I was directed to give instructions for wrapping a present using wrapping paper, a box, tape, and ribbon. This task is much easier if one can show and tell: "Fold this side over like this, then do this, put the tape here." However, if you are only using written words, the task becomes more challenging. It is easy to leave off instructions, and it is harder than you might think to describe how to fold the paper in at the corner. For fun, you could try this. Write instructions for how to wrap a present and ask someone to attempt to follow only your written instructions as though that person had never wrapped a present before.

We as writers must learn to not make assumptions about what our readers know, or what we should explain to them. Your instructors are very familiar with the texts they assign. However, if you give your instructors no context for your assertions, or no reasons or detail about what you are writing, they can still become confused about your intention, no matter how well versed in the subject matter. Likewise, you might assume that your congregation knows what passage you mean when you refer to Matthew 25, or the sheep and goats, but are you sure? Make certain in your writing that your words help give the full context to those who will read or hear them!

COS 224 Welcomes Collaborators



Rev. Jonathan Hanover,
Kenton First UMC

Dr. Tom Hanover, COS 224 instructor, has taught over a dozen COS classes at United Theological Seminary, often partnering with Rev. Jonathan Hanover and Rev. Cliff Schroeder.

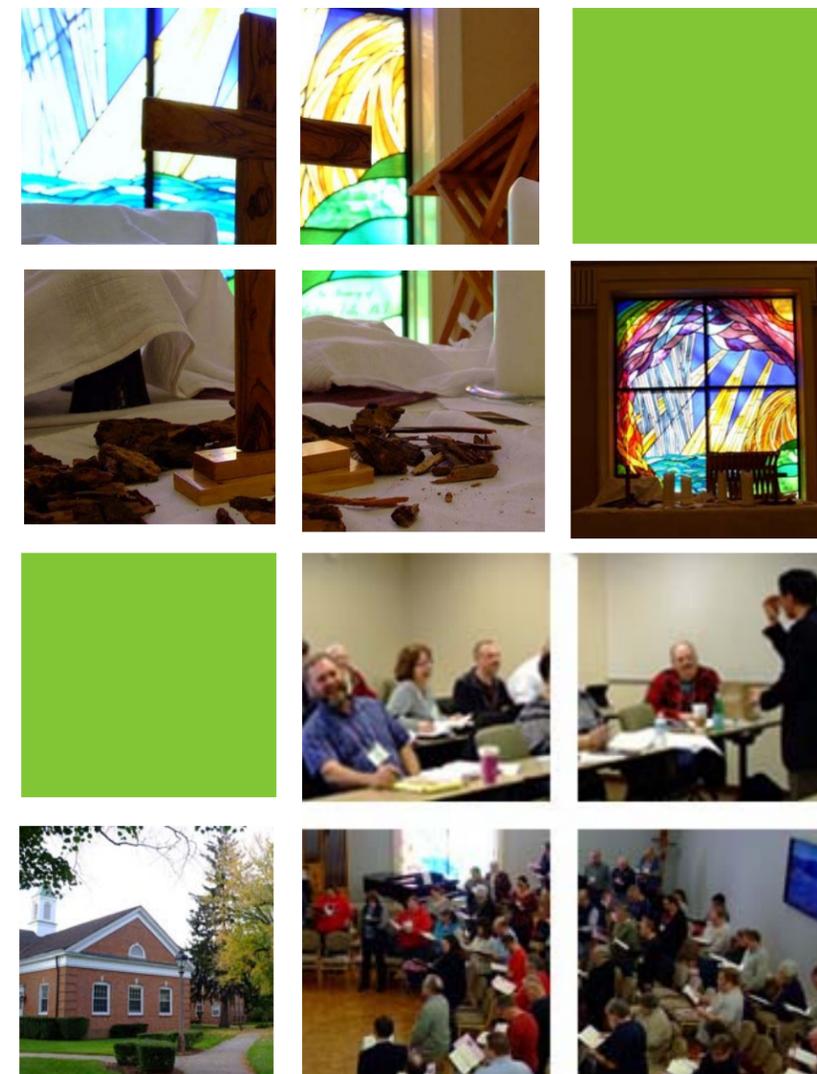


Rev. Cliff Schroeder,
Holly Calvary UMC

Welcome to COS on the MTSO campus!

2017 WINTER COS GRADUATE

Robert Preusch



Course of Study School of Ohio

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Term	Class Dates	Registration Deadline	Dorm Available
2017 Summer	6/23-24 & 7/21-22	4/24/2017	NO
2017 Summer 2-Week	8/7-11 & 8/14-17	6/8/2017	NO
2017 Fall	9/22-23 & 10/27-28	7/24/2017	NO



Tom Snyder
 COS 124 : Transformative Leadership
 Rev. Tom Snyder received his Th.M. from Boston University School of Theology. A retired Elder in the East Ohio Conference, he served United Methodist congregations for 35 years.

Thomas Hanover
 COS 224 : Administration & Polity
 Rev. Dr. Tom Hanover earned both his M.Div. and D.Min. from United Theological Seminary. He served the West Ohio Conference as a District Superintendent from 2001-2006. He is currently Lead Pastor of Lewis Center UMC.



Weapons of Power

We are living in what seems to be volatile times. Turn on the TV we hear about conflict. Read the newspaper we learn about more conflict. Listen to random conversations we realize that each of us has only pieces of a larger puzzle and none of it fits together. And in the midst of all this, we seek to be faithful to our call as spiritual leaders of the church and offer hope whenever and wherever we can. That's what Jesus did even while he faced Jerusalem and hung on a cross, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." As we journey to the hope of Easter, remember your call and the power that forgiveness gives us:

A citizen of the world returns to MTSO

Shin Sung has lived, worked and studied on four continents and in more than a dozen countries. One locale that made an impression on him was the MTSO campus, where he spent a semester as an exchange student in the spring of 2015. His experiences stoked a desire to return. Aided by an International Student Scholarship, Shin is pursuing a Master of Theological Studies degree.

He envisions a ministry in mission around the world. "Through my experiences in other countries, I learned God's love for the world and felt a great responsibility for our global community," he said.

2017 Spring COS Faculty

SPIRITUAL FORMATION
Rev. Rebeka Maples, Ph.D.
 Director of Spiritual Formation



COS Assistant Shin Sung



Thomas A. Rand
 COS 324 : Preaching
 Rev. Dr. Thomas Rand received his M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary and his Ph.D. from GETS/Northwestern University. He currently serves as Pastor of First UMC of Sylvania in West Ohio.

Thomas Dozeman
 COS 421 :
 Bible IV - Prophet, Psalms & Wisdom Literature
 Dr. Thomas Dozeman received his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary, and his M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is Professor of Old Testament at United Theological Seminary.



Jeff Greenway
 COS 524 :
 Theological Reflection: Practice of Ministry
 Rev. Dr. Jeff Greenway received an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary and a D.Min. in Evangelism from Wesley Theological Seminary. He serves as Lead Pastor of Reynoldsburg UMC in Reynoldsburg, OH.

WEAPONS OF POWER

Carry them with you wherever you go –

*Love and understanding are power,
 The best weapons of war and peace.*

Carry them with you and use them whenever you can –

Love and understanding will set you and the world free.

Justice will reign and hope will rise.

Anger and hate cannot last.

Rich and poor are all connected

By the same thread of destiny.

Carry them with you –

Arrows of love and

Stones of understanding.

Your words are power,

Your actions are answers to someone's prayer.

Truth is not a two-sided sword,

It falls on the side of justice.

Love with compassion,

Seek understanding,

Use words only when necessary.

Neighbor and enemy, sinner and saint, immigrant and refugee,

You can't escape the living,

And death will come soon enough.

Carry your power and use it wherever you are –

Love and understanding will never run out,

Unleash them, share them, and don't hold back.

No evil can stop what you hold in your heart.

Nothing can silence

Love and understanding

When they thunder through history

Transforming the world

Unfettered and free.

Feeling the call to work with young adults, Shin has sought out experiences in the United States and Korea that will give him courage to pursue his goals. "I gained a better understanding of God personally through the Youth with a Mission conference in Orlando," he said. "By integrating my learning from Methodist Theological University in Korea with my understanding from MTSO, I focused the Bible study I led on the ministries of Jesus in the synoptic gospels, and I was reminded how important the good news is to people, no matter their age."

While completing his Master of Divinity at MTU, he served as an intern pastor at Gwang-ju Methodist Church in Seoul. "Serving as a Bible study leader and youth worship preacher taught me the meaning of servant leadership," he said. "It also taught me to be truly grateful and compelled me to explore every day how I can become more like Jesus."

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In addition to ministry work with young adults at Columbus Korean United Methodist Church, Shin enjoys sports, including basketball, bowling and cycling. He and his wife, Minjung, live on campus and enjoy watching movies. We are grateful to have Shin on staff as COS Assistant.