



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Eung Chun Park is the Robert S. Dollar Professor of New Testament at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Born and raised in Seoul, Korea, he came to the US as an adult immigrant. After a number of years, he is still trying to understand what it means to live as a stranger in this strange land. Other than his passion for studying the scriptures, he likes to travel overseas, loves reading fiction, and especially enjoys wining and dining with good friends. He recently made an unsuccessful attempt to learn the clarinet, but just could not cross the notorious break between B-flat and B. Undaunted, he plans to switch to alto saxophone in the near (God knows how near) future.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Rev. Diana Nishita Cheifetz is a Presbyterian minister and spiritual director, who works as adjunct faculty for the Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Her husband describes her as having the soul of an artist and the heart of a monk. After 27 years of marriage, she finally capitulated and let him buy a TV, and their adult children are still recovering from the shock. Together they enjoy hiking, movies, Scottish dancing and their children—who alternately rescue her from and tease her about her technological recalcitrance.



PREACHER

Rev. Shaun Whitehead is a licensed minister in the United Church of Christ. A native of Chicago, she received a Master of Divinity at McCormick Theological Seminary. Shaun is now the Associate Chaplain at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. She seeks to break down barriers and build relationships that are inclusive, reconciling and affirming. With so much unrest in our world, Shaun believes that we are in dire need of the good news of the Gospel that loves and welcomes, not the rhetoric that rejects and judges. She further believes this Gospel to be a living word and we are the living text!

WORKSHOPS

INTERPRETASIAN: Biblical Interpretation Asian American Style

Dr. Frank Yamada

Culture influences how we read texts, including the Bible. How do/how should Asian Americans read biblical texts? This workshop will focus on the issues involved in interpreting the Bible from an Asian American perspective.



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LOVING LIKE CHRIST IN AN AGE OF INJUSTICE

George Lee and Jason Fileta

Scripture commands us to live justly and to love our neighbors. If you love Christ and truly believe in Him, we ought to live like he did.

GOD IN THE PIXELS:

Digital Photography as Spiritual Practice

Dwight Morita

Experience your spiritual walk with God through the lens of your digital camera. Bring your camera with you for this two-part workshop on the process of photo composition and spirituality.

LET'S GET POLITICAL:

Why Asian Americans Don't Vote

Sung Yeon Choi

We have all heard the phrase "with great blessings come great responsibilities". What does it mean to live in the most powerful and richest country in the world? What kind of responsibilities come with that blessing? Discover and dialogue about what politics might have to do with it.

LET'S GET PRACTICAL:

Empowering the Laity

Rev. Marion Park

You are a minister, a priest! You might be thinking, "Not me! I'm not trained or ordained." The Bible says, "you are a royal priesthood." Our tradition says we are a "the priesthood of all believers." You are gifted to do the work of ministry. God calls *all* people to do ministry. Examine and be empowered as you discover ways God is calling you to ministry right now in your life.

THE BIBLE AND BEER:

Living Your Faith in College

Rev. Tita Valeriano

New place, new community, new friends and new freedom. College life is a time for exploration, discovery and pursuit of meaning. It is a lot of fun! So how do faith expressions and religious experiences fit into all of these?