



Welcoming

REV. DR. VANCE P. ROSS  
and  
REV. DR. HWA-YOUNG CHONG



As we journey into the heart of Christ, Pastor Vance offers a fiery faith and fresh perspective. Vance is a well-recognized pastor in the United Methodist Church. A native of West Virginia, he has served as senior pastor for several large churches in Maryland and Tennessee as well as on the leadership team of UMC Discipleship Ministries. A gifted preacher, he offers both a prophetic and a pastoral witness, inspiring the church to grow and become more fully formed as the Body of Christ.

Vance is currently appointed to Central UMC in downtown Atlanta, Georgia where he works with other civic leaders to bring about significant change in that city and state. Vance is a contributor to the recent publication *I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist*.

A native of South Korea, with a Methodist father and a Buddhist mother, Hwa-Young brings a depth of theological insight to her work as senior pastor of Community UMC, Napierville, Illinois. Besides teaching part-time at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary where she earned her Ph.D., Pastor Chong also serves as chair of the Korean-American pastors association for cross-cultural and cross-racial appointments for the UMC. She is author the book *In Search of God's Power in Broken Bones: A Theology of Maum* in which she tells the story of Korean "comfort women" who were essentially sex slaves to the Japanese army during WWII. While she tells uncomfortable truths, she is warm and receptive, a pastor who loves people and leads them into new insights about the world and God's work in it.

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# Journey Into the Heart of Christ

Resting in the heart of Christ  
we find courage, compassion and comfort

## Spiritual Healing

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you." Isaiah 66:13

## Justice

"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?" Psalm 82:2



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### SUGGESTED READING

before coming to the Academy:

- *Be The Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*, Latasha Morrison (Waterbrook, 2019)
- *Racial Conflict and Healing: An Asian-American Theological Perspective*, Andrew Sung Park (WIPF & STOCK Pub)
- *White Awake: An Honest Look at What it Means to be White*, Daniel Hill (Intervarsity Press, 2017)
- *Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*, Barbara A. Holmes (Fortress, 2004)
- *The Gospels*
- All refunds end 8-10-22
- Registration ends 8-15-22
- Final payment due 8-15-22

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