A HISTORY OF KOREAN CHRISTIANITY

With a third of South Koreans now identifying themselves as Christian, Christian churches play an increasingly prominent role in the social and political events of the Korean peninsula. Sebastian C. H. Kim and Kirsteen Kim’s comprehensive and timely history of different Christian denominations in Korea includes surveys of the Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions as well as new church movements. They examine the Korean Christian diaspora and missionary movements from South Korea and also give cutting-edge insights into North Korea. This book, the first recent one-volume history and analysis of Korean Christianity in English, highlights the challenges faced by the Christian churches in view of Korea’s distinctive and multireligious cultural heritage, South Korea’s rapid rise in global economic power and the precarious state of North Korea, which threatens global peace. This history will be an important resource for all students of world Christianity, Korean studies and mission studies.

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Abbreviations

ACTS Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission
AKCSNA Association of Korean Christian Scholars in North America
BFBS British and Foreign Bible Society
BFMMEC Board of Foreign Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church
CBS Christian Broadcasting System
CCC Campus Crusade for Christ
CCF Choso Christian Federation
CCK Christian Council of Korea
CEMK Christian Ethics Movement of Korea
CPAJ Catholic Priests’ Association for Justice
CPCK Council of Presbyterian Churches in Korea
CPKI Committee for the Preparation of Korean Independence
CRS Catholic Relief Services
CTCCCA Commission on Theological Concerns of the Christian Conference of Asia
CWS Church World Service
DAGA Documentation Centre for Action Groups in Asia
DMZ Demilitarized Zone
FBO Faith-Based Organisation
IBMR International Bulletin of Missionary Research
IHCK Institute of the History of Christianity in Korea
IKCH Institute of Korean Church History
IKCHS Institute of Korean Church History Studies
IMC International Missionary Council
IRM International Review of Mission
JOC Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne
KCIA Korean Central Intelligence Agency
KDF Korea Democracy Foundation
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