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## Gordon-Conwell Institute Fall Forum

### Mental Health in Pastoral Counseling



In October, the Gordon-Conwell Institute Fall Forum: Mental Health in Pastoral Counseling was hosted in partnership with the Pendleton Lectureship, Gordon-Conwell's Master of Arts in Counseling program, and the Hamilton Dean's Office. Rev. Dr. John Huh, dean of chapel and vice president for student life at Princeton Theological Seminary, was the

featured speaker for the event, and he offered two strategic and engaging seminars. The first seminar, "Pastoral Counseling in the Asian American Context and Church," explored mental health issues and creative solutions in the Asian American community. The second seminar, "Caregiving Responses: A Personal Assessment and Tools for Pastors," surveyed multiple methods of interactive caregiving and invited reflective self-care for pastors and practitioners. In addition to online participants, over eighty people attended the event in-person. Various participants offered reflections and positive feedback about personal highlights from the GCI Forum:

*I thought Dr. Huh was a fantastic, creative speaker. His insights into the mental health situation for Asian Americans and his lecture for the DMin segment were tremendously helpful and interesting. It was a very constructive forum topic, and I appreciated the attention given to the Asian American context."*

– Shela Chan, MDiv student

*I liked the different perspective that Dr. Huh gave on his explanation of the parable of the good Samaritan. That the only way we may even begin to love our neighbor is if we place ourselves in the position of the one who fell among robbers, who was stripped, beaten and left half dead. And Jesus as the good Samaritan who saw us, had compassion, sacrificed his resources to care for us and showed us mercy. Until we receive and understand his mercy, we will not be able to go and do likewise."*

– Jorge Paulo, MDiv student

# Gordon-Conwell Institute Centers & Initiatives Updates

## [Center for the Study of Global Christianity](#)

In October, Dr. Todd Johnson, co-director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC), traveled to Istanbul, Turkey for the [World Evangelical Alliance's Future of the Gospel Forum](#), where he gave a plenary talk and shared a strategic vision of the future in which the gospel is for all peoples and from all peoples. Dr. Johnson posed five challenges for attaining this vision, which included identifying Christianity as a global faith rather than a Western one, and he noted that people farthest from Christianity receive the least attention. He highlighted that women do most of the work in global Christianity; however, they are typically excluded from its leadership roles. Dr. Johnson stated that proclamation and demonstration are integral to mission and essential to the gospel, and he pointed out that although most Pentecostals are Evangelicals, their voices have not been represented adequately in global Evangelicalism. According to Dr. Johnson, many people still consider Christianity a Western faith; however, such perspectives should be acknowledged and de-centered in order to make space for active amplification of global voices, which will foster a more accurate representation of the global church.



Dr. Johnson speaking at the World Evangelical Alliance in Istanbul

In a new blog post on [The Occasional](#), facilitated by the Overseas Ministry Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Gina Zurlo, co-director of the CSGC, named the number one question she is asked during her presentations: “Where do you get your numbers?” In response, Dr. Zurlo offered insight into the CSGC’s methodology, which is composed of three major sources for the demographic study of religion. [Learn more](#) about the CSGC’s methodology.

## [J Christy Wilson, Jr. Center for World Missions](#)

The J Christy Wilson, Jr. Center for World Missions and the Gordon-Conwell Institute hosted Dr. Sherwood Lingenfelter as guest speaker for Global Missions Week in October. Dr. Lingenfelter preached at the [Global Missions Chapel](#) on the topic of “The Glory of the Lord in a World of Lament” and then presented at the [Global Missions Luncheon](#) on the topic of “The Wicked Problem of Multinational Teamwork.” Also in October, the Wilson Center and Gordon-Conwell Student Life Services were delighted to host 200 students and their family members at the Dinner for All Nations potluck event.



In November, the Wilson Center welcomed two Singaporean missionaries, Tim Tok and Dolly Wong as they presented on the topic: "Singaporean missionaries – 50+ years of faithful service in Singapore and India: Perceiving God's work in and through our lives Ps 77:19 and Theocentric Evangelism," in which they shared about their life and ministry with Navigators in Singapore and India. Tim and Dolly are current participants in the GSPiR program. Also in November, Dr. Atef Gendy, professor of New Testament at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo and GSPiR participant, shared in chapel about the plight of Christians in the Middle East, who are caught in the crossfire and yet strategically maintain their witness as people of peace.



**Arise Asia: Go Where There is No Gospel** by *Grace Eun-Sun Lee (MDiv '22)*



From left to right: Ting Him Lo (MDiv '23), Sonya Wang (MDiv student), and Grace Eun-Sun Lee (MDiv '22) at Arise Asia Conference.

In July, three delegates (one students and two alumni) from Gordon-Conwell traveled to Bangkok, Thailand to participate in a five-day historic gathering of Asian young people to learn more about Asia's role in fulfilling the Great Commission. [Arise Asia](#) highlighted that 60% of the world's population is in Asia, and most of the unengaged and unreached people groups are based in this continent. Out of the 1,844 attendees, 1,298 were young people between the ages of 15 and 35. A total of 37 countries were represented at the gathering. The Wilson

Center was instrumental in providing opportunity and financial sponsorship for current students to participate in Arise Asia. Through the generosity of the seminary, church communities, and friends, all three delegates experienced full financial provision to cover their registration fees and flights.

During Global Missions Week, the Wilson Center hosted an "Arise Asia Sharing" event at the Retreat House and provided the three delegates an opportunity to share about their experiences. As a current worship and youth leader at his church, Ting Him Lo (MDiv '23) opened the night by sharing through his pastoral perspective. He aims to integrate Eastern and Western



contexts of missions and to empower his youth ministry to partner with God's mission all around the world. Grace Eun-Sun Lee (MDiv '22) provided an alumna perspective, titling her section, "In the Waiting." Knowing that she is called to missions, but has not yet been officially "sent out," Grace shared how Arise Asia helped answer her questions about how to prepare faithfully during the phase in-between seminary and missions. Sonya Wang (MDiv student) concluded the night by reflecting on the Asbury Revival and highlighting the plenary message given by Sarah Breuel, Director of Revive Europe at Arise Asia. Sarah's message challenged Sonya to recall the past 'Hineni'<sup>1</sup> moments in her life and to remember that God empowers those whom He has called.

Since July, other Arise Asia movements have sprouted across Asia. Recently, Arise Siliguri took place in India, and the next Arise Asia movement will take place in Tacloban, Philippines. May God also mobilize an Arise movement at Gordon-Conwell! To God alone be praise!

[1] "Hineni" is a Hebrew word, translated as "Behold me; Here am I." Sarah Breuel shared that Hineni is like answering "yes" to God before we even know what the question is. She referred to the Old Testament stories of Samuel, Abraham, Moses, and Isaiah to illustrate Hineni moments.



## Global Scholars and Practitioners in Residence Program

The [Global Scholars & Practitioners in Residence Program](#) (GSPiR) provides special opportunity for global scholars, missionary practitioners, global church leaders, and their families to enjoy an in-residence sabbatical at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's South Hamilton campus, located on Boston's North Shore. Approved participants are eligible to rent low-cost, furnished apartments on campus and are invited to engage in rest, recreation, research, writing, auditing classes, guest lecturing, and sharing in the campus' rich community life. The program is currently welcoming applicants for 2024 and beyond!

### A Word of Gratitude from Dr. Atef M. Gendy, Professor of New Testament at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, participant in GSPiR:

*“As I am getting close now to the end of my time here, I am indebted with deep gratitude to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary for the Global Scholars and Practitioners in Residence Program, which allowed me to spend a meaningful and refreshing sabbatical. I did enjoy having access to the facilities and resources of the seminary, spending rich informal times of fellowship with faculty and students, worshipping in chapel with the genuine spiritual community of Gordon-Conwell, and lecturing about Christianity in Egypt in Professor Yao's class. Thanks again, and I wish this program would continue and develop, trusting that it serves many Global Scholars and enriching Gordon-Conwell's community.”*



# Upcoming Events in 2024

(times are in ET)

## **Sabbath as Resistance: Mockler Livestream Event**

"Sabbath as Resistance" with Natt Gantt, Mockler Center Visiting Fellow  
Co-hosted by the Mockler Center for Faith and Ethics in the Public Square and Faith in Business  
January 4 | 7:30–8:30 a.m.

## **Sabbath as Reimagination: Mockler Livestream Event**

"Sabbath as Reimagination" with Kara Martin, Mockler Center visiting fellow  
Co-hosted by the Mockler Center for Faith and Ethics in the Public Square and Faith in Business  
February 1 | 7:30–8:30 a.m.

## **Sabbath as Renewal: Mockler Livestream Event**

"Sabbath as Renewal" with Sara Minard, Associate Director of the Mockler Center  
Co-hosted by the Mockler Center for Faith and Ethics in the Public Square and Faith in Business  
March 7 | 7:30–8:30 a.m.

## **Pastor's Conference: The Imperfect Pastor with Zack Eswine**

Hosted by the Haddon Robinson Center for Preaching in conjunction with  
Dean's Forum: Locating Jesus in Our Political Moment  
Gordon-Conwell–Hamilton and online.  
April 9 | 9:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



For more information on upcoming events, visit the [GCI Opportunities](#) page.



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