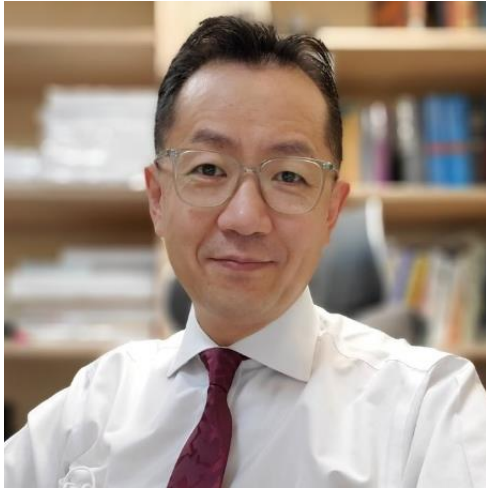


## Alumni Spotlight: Hank Kim (MDiv '13)



**Current title:** CSO, Olive Healthcare Inc.

**Family:** Married for 24 years to Kelly. We have one daughter.

**Favorite professors:** Dr. Carol Kaminski, Dr. Seung Hyun Park

**Favorite class:** Old Testament Exegesis

**Favorite memory:** A one-day retreat as a required assignment for the Spiritual Formation class, taught by retired professor Dr. Schutz. It was a very touching moment that stayed in my heart for a long time.

### **What have you been doing since you left Gordon-Conwell and what are you doing now?**

I did general pastoral church ministry until 2020. Utilizing my personal major and specialty, I mainly worked in church administration and young adult ministry in Boston and New York. In addition to pastoral ministry, I continued to do marketing consulting intermittently for a living. Currently, as a CSO (Chief Strategy Officer) of Olive Healthcare Inc., I design the company's strategy and direction and supervise the business department.

### **What do you love about your work?**

Our company is a digital healthcare company that manufactures and sells a breast cancer diagnosis device, wellness devices, and health management services. It is essentially a ministry-like context in that it liberates people from the suffering of disease and improves their quality of life. Isn't it the greatest advantage to be able to lead someone's life in a healthy way, whether spiritually or physically?

### **What are the joys and challenges of serving in the business/for-profit world in general and/or in your specific context?**

I'm working in the business field, but like a church ministry, a company is a place where people gather, and there are many conflicts, politics, and difficulties within it. The heart of a pastor is still needed to consult with employees and resolve conflicts, and a cool-headed judgment is also needed for the company. Every day I feel that the company and the church are not very different.

### **How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now? How did you come to be doing your current work?**

Gordon-Conwell and my current life are inextricably linked because my current life is still an extension of ministry. As I went through the pandemic, I was able to observe as the unfiltered contradictions and secular aspects in the church where I served were revealed. I also witnessed how there can be excessive concentration of power and political violence in the church. I witnessed clashes in my church that were reminiscent of medieval church history. God still loves the church and works through the church, but political and secular conflicts within the church forced me to leave the ministerial field.

As I prayed for my next ministry, I began to think about the impact of being a Christian that is more meaningful outside the church than inside it. While doing marketing consulting as a part-time job, I received a scouting offer from my current company, and the offer eventually became an answer to my prayers. I also serve a worship community that I've formed with several families who left the church during the pandemic with similar disappointments as mine. There are a few standards that we agreed together while creating a community, and they are as follows. 1) Within the community, we do not make any monetary transactions including offerings or donations. 2) Since the community has no money, we do not hire any positions and do all activities at our own expense. 3) We refrain from activities other than worship and fellowship. Currently, all members work hard during the week, worship and fellowship together on Sunday, and continue to pray for the identity of the community to become clearer.

**How has your Gordon-Conwell education served you in your past and current work?**

Many of the skills I learned in the pastoral counseling class are actually helpful when I need to counsel employees or resolve relationship issues within the company. The process of developing insight when approaching the Bible through various perspectives, background knowledge, interpretation, and exegesis classes maximized my problem-solving skills in the business field. Most powerful of all, the empathy I acquired while earning my MDiv makes me more mature in all areas, both personal and professional.

**What piece of advice would you give to young alumni who are considering serving in the business world?**

As I left the ministry and moved to the business field, there were many internal conflicts within me. However, the word the Lord gave to me at that time was Romans 12:1. I strongly believe that I worship and do ministry by faithfully offering myself to the Lord wherever my body resides. Living the Christian life as a Christian, whether in business or ministry, is why the Lord has called you and me.

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