

Alumni Spotlight: Seth S. Kim (DMin '15)



Current title: Founder and lead pastor of Harvest Mission Community Church

Family: Married to Christina for 27 years, 3 children

Favorite professor: Dr. Timothy Tennent and Dr. Peter Kuzmic

Favorite class: I loved my classes in my cohort

Favorite memory: When our cohort went to Bosnia and Croatia for our classes, and we visited the different sites from the Bosnian war.

What have you been doing since you left Gordon-Conwell and where are you serving now?

My family and I moved to Hong Kong in 2015 to start an international church after spending twenty years in our first church plant. I have been involved with various global movements, including Movement Day, NXT Move Global, Church Planting & Multiplication, and Global Cities Alliance.

What do you love about your work?

I love having a front-row seat in seeing lives being transformed by the Gospel. I also get to connect with some incredible people from around the world in order to partner together for the advancement of God's Kingdom.



What are the particular joys and biggest challenges of planting a church in your context?

I love seeing the next generation experiencing the Gospel for the first time or in a deeper way because in Asia it is all about performance and a works-oriented mentality. This is antithetical to the beauty of God's grace. One challenge is the changing nature of Hong Kong. There has been a lot of civil unrest and we had the hardest COVID restrictions in the world, which made it difficult to do church in the usual way. But the positive thing about this is that there are new creative and fresh expressions of what the Church is supposed to be.

How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?

My dissertation intertwined the topics of church planting, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the diaspora. Therefore, it has helped me to stay focused on my calling

to reach university students in order to send people through the world to plant churches. Also, it has been a joy to meet so many people who have graduated from or have ties to Gordon-Conwell, so it is a privilege to be a part of the global connection.

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



It has helped me to integrate a firm biblical foundation with my passions and my experience so that I can participate and help lead various movements. The connections through the network of Gordon-Conwell graduates have help me to partner and work together for a greater global reach.

What piece of advice would you give to young alumni who are considering church planting outside their own country/culture?

Keep things simple by loving God and loving people as you remain humble and hungry for God's glory—because it is all about Jesus and the Gospel.

Do you have any publications or links to share?

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