

Rev. Jean Kim's Bio

Rev. Jean Kim was born in North Korea in 1935. She escaped to South Korea with her family at 11 (1946). She lived in South Korea for 24 more years and immigrated to the United States at 35, in 1970. Ever since most of her career life in the U.S., she served the homeless people up to until 2018 when her spine bones collapsed and unable to serve the homeless any longer.

Education: She is a graduate of Han Shin Graduate School of Theology, Korea (BD in 1959), Dan Kuk University, Korea (BA in 1960), St. Louis University (MSW in 1977) and San Francisco Theological Seminary (D. Min in 2006). She also studied at the Fuller Seminary 1985-1986.

Career: She is a retired minister and a former staff of (national) Presbyterian Church (USA) for the issue of homelessness. She is also a retired Washington State certified social worker and a certified mental health counselor.



Jean Kim is a founder and/or co-founder of the following 15 mission programs:

- 1) Founder, Olive St. Social Club (a day center for the homeless) - Inactive
- 2) Founder, Cherry St. Social Club (a day center of the homeless) - Inactive
- 3) Founder, the Church of Mary Magdalene/Mary's Place (of homeless women) - Active
- 4) Founder, National Korean American Coalition for the Homeless - Active
- 5) Founder, National Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness - Inactive
- 6) Founder, Northwest Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness - Inactive
- 7) Founder, Seattle Presbytery Network to End Homelessness - Inactive
- 8) Founder, Olympia Presbytery Network to End Homelessness - Inactive
- 9) Founder, Northwest Coast Presbytery Network to End Homelessness - Inactive
- 10) Co-Founder, Nest Mission [for the homeless] in Lynnwood, Washington - Active
- 11) Founder, International Ministry at the University of Washington Campus Ministry- Active.
- 12) Co-founder of the Agape Church for the Homeless, New Haven, CT - Active
- 13) Co-founder of the Korean Community Counseling Center, Seattle - Active
- 14) Founder, the Jean Kim Foundation for the Homeless Education - Active
- 15) Founder, Hope in Color Purple Fund - Active

Awards/Appreciation: She received 25 Community Service Awards including Woman of Faith Award from Presbyterian Church (USA), Medal of Honor from Korean government and 2019 Human Rights Award from Snohomish County, WA. She is an organizer, preacher, lecturer, workshop leader and writer on homelessness, domestic violence, women's issues, and clergy sexual misconduct.

SHE AUTHORED THE FOLLOWING BOOKS

1. Jubilee Manual: Jean Kim's End Homelessness (English,2000). Published by the Hunger Program of PC(USA)
2. Video: Jean Kim's End Homelessness (English,2000). Published by the Hunger Program of PC(USA)
3. Plant the Cross: Reality and Root Causes of homelessness (Korean, 2008). Published by National Korean Presbyterian Church Caucus of PC(USA).
4. Is Women's Leadership Acceptable as is Now (co-authored, Korean, 2009). “ “ “
5. Is Women's Leadership Acceptable as is Now (co-authored, English, 2012) “ “ “
6. CD and DVD *People in Purple* (English, 2015). Published in Korea. (Vision Distance Learning Academy, Jeonju University, Korea.
7. CD and DVD *People in Purple* (Korean, 2015). Published in Korea. (“ “ “)
8. Hope in Color Purple (Korean, 2015). Published in Korea. (W/Jesus Publishing Co. Korea)
9. Hope in the Color Purple (English, 2019). Lanphear Design Publisher, Bellingham, WA.
10. Jubilee Handbook (English, 2020). Lanphear Design Publisher, Bellingham, WA.
11. Marching with the Homeless (English, 2020). Lanphear Design Publisher, Bellingham, WA.
12. Messages of Grace (English, 2020). Lanphear Design Publisher, Bellingham, WA.
13. People in Purple (Korean, 2021). Lanphear Design Publisher, Bellingham, WA.

5 Books, # 9-13 are on sale via Amazon.com NOW.

The entire proceeds from the book sales and special contributions go to “the Hope in Color Purple Fund,” which will be distributed to Homeless missions (the mission grant) that strive to end homelessness.