**Judson Press Book Reveals Trials and Triumphs of Ministry and Life as a Korean American Clergywoman**

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/20/15)—**The topic of women in ministry has been an enduring, controversial subject in many denominations. How does the paradigm change when considering female immigrant clergy in the American Church? [*Here I Am: Faith Stories of Korean American Clergywoman*](http://www.abhms.org/admin/main/EditPressReleaseForm.cfm?release_id=686) unveils a rare perspective of the challenges Korean American women in ministry face, and it endeavors to prompt change in churches, communities, and homes.

*Here I Am* is a unique compilation of theological reflections and stories of faith from Korean American women in various forms of ministry in the church. These contributions provide a window of understanding into the trials of Korean American women in ministry—a window that may serve as a mirror for other women who know what it is to be marginalized, overlooked, or prejudged based on gender, ethnicity, culture, or appearance. Using various genres of expression—from sermons and theological reflections, to poetry and stories of personal journey, the writers add clarity, wisdom, and hope, enriching the overall landscape of literature in this field.

“These chapters are like flowers to the Korean American church, to women, to clergywomen, to the white dominant church. These words are acts of generosity, gifts of honest and loving wisdom.” —Laura Mariko Cheifetz, Executive Director of Church & Public Relations, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

This one-of-a-kind book will encourage, inspire, and affirm Asian American women called to ministry, female clergywomen, and those who support women in ministry.

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