

# SEOUL UNION CHURCH

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SEOUL KOREA

## BACKGROUND OF SEOUL UNION CHURCH, 1886 - 1967

"Held our first stated Sunday service this eve after dinner . . ." wrote Dr. Horace Allen, M.D. in his Diary, June 28, 1885. Dr. and Mrs. Heron, the elder Mrs. Scranton, myself and wife being present." It was the beginning of Seoul Union Church, the oldest organized Protestant church in Korea (July 25, 1886). Services were held in the American Legation upon invitation of the Minister, Captain William H. Parker.

Two missionary pioneers were the first pastors, H. G. Appenzeller, a Methodist, and H. G. Underwood, a Presbyterian. Membership was open to anyone in good standing in an evangelical denomination. For a time the Episcopal order of service was used on alternate Sundays. In 1892, under the pastorate of S. A. Moffett, the hour of service was changed from morning to afternoon to avoid conflict with Korean church services.

For years it was literally a pilgrim church. The pastor changed every year, the preacher every Sunday, and the church location almost as often. In 1888 services moved to the Presbyterian guest house, in 1889 to Pai Chai High School, 1905 to Chung Dong Methodist Church, 1907 to Ewha, 1919 to Pierson Memorial, 1924 to Morris Hall (Seoul Foreign School), and in 1956 to the present location at Tai Hwa Center, 194 Insa Dong, in downtown Seoul.

This church has survived the five wars in which Korea has been involved since 1886, and today effectively serves its congregation which averages about 300 per Sunday.

With the rapid growth of the Korean economy and the expanding diplomatic and economic relations of the ROK Government, increasing numbers of businessmen, diplomats, teachers, and tourists are coming to Korea. In order to provide these people of all nationalities with an English-language Protestant worship service and Sunday School, the Seoul Union Church is to begin holding services each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in July and August, 1967. Beginning September 3, 1967, Sunday worship services will be held in both the morning and afternoon.

In order to meet the new challenges and increased responsibilities confronting it, the Seoul Union Church is proceeding with plans to bring a full-time pastor from the United States. In the meantime, Seoul Union Church's two able part-time pastors, Dr. Stanton R. Wilson, and Reverend Al M. Oliver, will continue their effective ministry.

A new \$10,000 electric organ for the Seoul Union Church, the gift of a friend of this Church in the United States, has arrived in Korea and should be installed in the next few weeks.





## PROGRAM

This church is a center of fellowship bringing together people from business, diplomatic, military, missionary and other groups in the community.

The youth fellowship group, the choir, and other interest groups meet regularly.

### Service

#### July-August, 1967

Sunday School  
(through 3rd grade)  
Worship

9:30 a.m.

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#### Sep., '67-June, '68

Sunday School  
Worship

9:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

### Ministers

#### Stan Wilson

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#### Al Oliver

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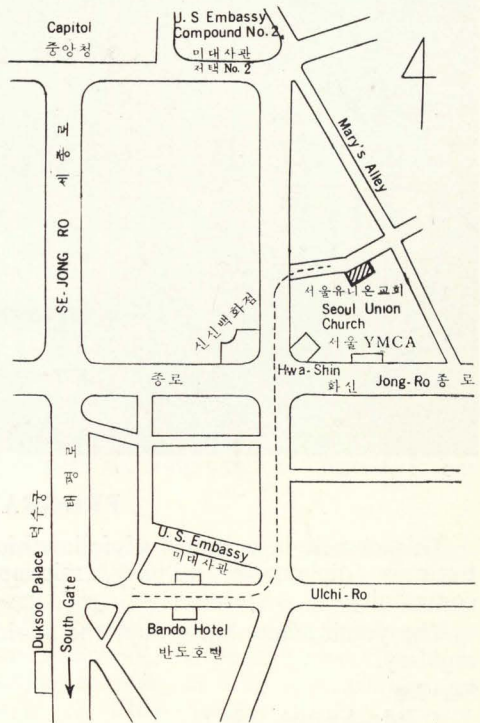
**Chairman of Congregation :** Tel: 32-5639  
 Dr. Ian Robb

**Board of Deacons :**

Harold Voelkel  
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 K. Y. Soon  
 Sam Moffett  
 Morley Howley

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