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## **Pastor Prepares A Generation for a United Korea**

Dr. Young Hoon Lee is a very humble unassuming man. That would not be unusual except for the fact that he is the Senior Pastor of Seoul, South Korea's Yoido Full Gospel Church and follows in the large footsteps of its founding Pastor Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho. The church is located directly opposite the National Assembly of Korea and began its history in May 1958 by Dr. Cho and his mother-in-law Choi Ja-Shil, both of them being Pastors in the Assembly of God denomination. The church is even in the Guinness Book of World Records as it has the world's largest congregation - estimated to be near 1 million people. Of Dr. Cho Dr. Lee says that "I really enjoy Dr. Cho's sermons. They changed my life. You always take insight from his sermons. His message is very powerful about the fullness of the Holy Spirit. These messages changed my plan, my future. That is the reason why I am here as a successor of Dr. Cho. At the beginning I just imitated Dr. Cho's ministry and followed in his footsteps. From time to time God has given me new directions. The most important thing right now is to maintain his ministry because all our congregation were raised by Dr. Cho's messages and spiritual guidance. I have to follow his footsteps but also I have to kneel down before the Lord and listen carefully to what God wants me to do for this church." Dr. Lee wakes at 3:30 every morning for his personal prayer time so that he can then attend the church's 5:00 am prayer meeting - daily.

Dr. Lee was the closing night speaker earlier this year at the "Global Mission Consultation" in Tokyo, Japan. While there this busy Pastor was interviewed on HFC International and OLI Production's new international television programme "Precepts of Leadership" and shared his vision for the future. When asked "What is your hope for the next generation?" the Pastor replied "Korea is the only country divided into two countries. Our next generation must prepare for the unification of our country. Some day God will give us the freedom and North and South will be united as one country - like Germany. In North Korea with twenty million people are Communists and they do not know God and Jesus Christ. We have to prepare to evangelise North Korea. It is a very important thing for us and for the next generation. I have visited there twice. Nobody knows who God is and who Jesus is. They have never heard about God. They only know Kim II-Sung. He is a god in North Korea. They say that he is still alive in their hearts - like Jesus. We must prepare for this unification."

The predecessor of the international TV series "Precepts of Leadership" is a series called "Principles of Leadership" which has featured such well known guests as Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation and the STL bookshops, the former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey and TV minister Lisa Bevere, to name just a few.

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