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APPENDICES

Appendix1: Letter of intent

Dear

Greetings in Christ. My name is James Wonsuk Roh. I am writing my PhD dissertation in the department of practical theology at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. The topic of my research is a reflection upon the loneliness of Korean elderly in family support, from a Christian-pastoral perspective

I am conducting a critical description of interview with the elderly who have adult children and live in Korea as part of my research. The aim of the interview is to hear the stories of the elderly about life, relationships, and conflict in parent care between them and their adult children. I have sought the help of K Y Lee who ministers as a senior pastor in Incheon Second Presbyterian Church, Incheon, South Korea and it is for this reason that he has introduced you to me.

I will present the information provided through the interviewing sessions with you, in my dissertation. It will be used to give crucial relevance and a cornerstone to my research. Therefore, your response through interviewing is very important to this study. I encourage you to be open-minded and display a sincere attitude during the interviewing. I assure you, your response will be kept confidential. No one will be identified by name in my dissertation, and no individual will know the information through interviewing except me. After completing the research, I guarantee, all material concerning interviews will be appropriately disposed of. Please be assured of for that. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully in Christ, Wonsuk James Roh, PhD student
Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Appendix 2: Conversational guide for the elderly

Research Topic:
A reflection upon the loneliness of Korean elderly in family support: A Christian-pastoral perspective

Conversational topic 1: Life frustration

Main question 1: Could you share some stories about the ‘ups and downs’ in your life?

a. Own experience
b. Own thought

Conversational topic 2: Problems and conflicts in intergenerational relationships

Main question 2: Do you have any trouble with your adult children? If you have, would you tell me your problems or conflicts in relation to your roles and responsibilities in the relationships with your adult children?

a. What struggles have you gone through in this regard?
b. How did you feel in case of your struggles / to them?

Conversational topic 3: Expectations of the elderly

Main question 3: You have adult children. What are your expectations of them to your family life, and what would you like to see happen to it?

a. Material and emotional support
b. Making decisions and giving guidance