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SUMMARY

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The aim of this study is to develop a homiletic theory for the upbuilding of the church in transition.

This dissertation investigates the validity of the hypothesis that in order to build up the church in a transition, the theory and practice of preaching must achieve a dynamic relationship with a faithful and relevant ecclesiology. At the same time, the theory and practice of preaching in the Korean church, where these are linked with a dominant accommodated ecclesiology can not form a faithful and relevant ecclesiology.

To test these two hypotheses, this study defines the methodology use in practical theology to develop a homiletic theory (Chapter 1).

The research develops a homiletic theory from a hermeneutic-communicative perspective, which bears a dynamic relationship to a faithful and relevant ecclesiology. Firstly, this study identifies a faithful and relevant ecclesiology from a missional perspective. Secondly, Ricoeur’s model of collective narrative identity is articulated.
From these two understandings, a homiletic theory as a hermeneutic-communicative act is developed. The homiletic theory for forming a faithful and relevant ecclesiology is composed through preaching as an act of translation, an act of exchange, and an act of forgiveness (Chapter 2).

The next aspect of this study is an empirical study. It links the question of the connection of a contemporary homiletic theory of the Korean church with an ecclesiology. The object is to try to explain a preaching praxis that relates to ecclesiology. In this study it is found that the praxis of preaching is closely related to an accommodated ecclesiology (Chapter 3).

This section develops a hermeneutical interaction between the results of the empirical research and those of the literature study. This chapter reflects the interplay of information from the empirical research and information from the literature study. It produces new or modified ideas for a relevant theory of practice that guide and direct preaching praxis. This is a regulative activity that aims to change the current praxis (Chapter 4).

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ABBREVIATIONS

GOCN: Gospel and Our Culture Network
KHC: Korean Holiness Church
KMC: Korean Methodist Church
KNCC: Korean National Christian Council
NAE: National Association of Evangelicals
PCKH: Presbyterian Church in Korea (Hapdong)
PCKK: Presbyterian Church in Korea (Koshin)
PCKT: Presbyterian Church in Korea (Tonghap)
PCROK: Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (Kijang)
WCC: World Council of Churches
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