

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE KOREAN-AMERICAN PASTOR IN THE
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SUMMARY

This study has been undertaken to devise a pastoral approach of pastoral care for Korean-American pastors in the United States of America. Qualitative research and utilizing in-depth interviews were employed with four Korean-American pastors. The practical theological methodology employed is adapted from Don S. Browning's book, *A Fundamental Practical Theology: Descriptive and Strategic Proposals*. He argues that theology as a whole has within it four sub-movements: descriptive theology, historical theology, systematic theology, and strategic practical theology. This thesis has made a procession through the previous four steps.

An examination of Korean-American immigrant history was conducted for the purpose of discovering the significance and necessary information which would lead the reader to understand the Korean-American immigrant church's characteristics and to introduce the Korean-American pastor's roles in chapter 2.

In chapter 3, the ministry-related sufferings and hopes of the Korean-American pastor were examined through their individual narratives. The ministry-related sufferings of Korean-American pastors were identified as the two themes: "We're struggling with authority versus submission" and "We're trying to solve financial problems." The cores of the following themes were also identified and focused around three themes that have been related to their ministry-related hopes: "We hope in God's comfort and encouragement," "We hope in counselors or mentors who help us," and "We hope for appropriate financial assistance."

In chapter 4, the three theological reflections on pastoral care for pastors were examined for the purpose of discovering why the church has to be responsible for pastoral care for the pastor. These theological reflections included all believers as priesthood, a caring church, and we are one body. In the following section, an extensive critical review of the three existing pastoral approaches for the Korean-American pastoral care (The Traditionalist, the Ethno-centrist, and The Adoptionist) was undertaken.

In chapter 5, an alternative approach of Wayne Oates' *The Christian Pastor* for pastoral care for the Korean-American pastor has been suggested through the critical examination of existing pastoral care approaches. I also have revealed how Wayne Oates' model can be used throughout these works, and I have suggested some implications: cultural implications, implications for the pastor's family, congregational and denomination implications, and various therapeutic tools for the pastor.

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