

**Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society
Conference
2012**

Dates: 5 July 5 pm- 7 July 3 pm

Venue: Presbyterian Theological College and Seminary, Seoul

"Preaching and Ministry"

Church fathers were theologians and ministers of Word and Sacraments. They not only articulated theological concepts and interpreted the Bible, but also preached regularly, administered sacraments, composed liturgical hymns and prayers, organized almsgiving to the poor and the needy, and shepherded their congregation. They had an integrated vision of Christian faith and life, and their exegeses and theological endeavours emerged in the pastoral context and out of their pastoral concerns. Preaching and ministry are two major areas of pastoral work, and there exists a vast amount of material related to this topic which the church fathers left for us. Through them we can reconstruct their ministerial and homiletic activities, their congregations and audiences, and interactions between them and their congregations. Furthermore, they will reveal political, economic, and social contexts in which they preached and ministered. It is of great significance to hold the 7th conference of APECSS with the theme "Preaching and Ministry" in Korea where Christianity is growing fast and steadily. Scholarly discussions on preaching and ministry of the church fathers in an atmosphere where the church is alive and where conversions are in process will widen our vision and horizon. Furthermore, a deeper understanding of their preaching and ministry will challenge the Korean church to become more faithful to the word of God and the way of Jesus Christ.

We all give our warmest welcome to anyone who will join this historic conference. Come and see and enjoy fellowship in Christ!

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