

Chungdong First Methodist Church

Chungdong First Methodist Church, Korea's oldest Korean Methodist Church, has maintained a close relationship with CST. Robert Maclay (1824-1907), a missionary based in Japan who made Protestant missions in Korea possible, received permission for his missionary work from Gojong of the Korean Empire. Less than a year later, missionaries Henry G. Appenzeller and Mary Fletcher Benton Scranton arrived in Korea.

The brother of missionary Robert Maclay founded Maclay Theological Seminary (the predecessor of CST), and after completing his missionary work in Japan, Robert Maclay settled in California, where he served as the dean of CST. CST, which has significant ties to Protestant missions in Korea, has attracted Korean students since its relocation to Claremont and has maintained a close relationship with the Korean Methodist denomination. Valuing this historical connection, Chungdong First Methodist Church established the 'Appenzeller-Chungdong First Church Scholarship' several years ago and has donated scholarships to CST every year.



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