

# Anna Scholarship Foundation



(August 17, 2024, Anna Scholarship Award Ceremony, with CST New Students Hae In Lee and Vice President K. Samuel Lee in Attendance)

In 1983, during the Women's Missionary Society's summer retreat at Los Angeles Youngnak Church, over twenty deaconesses established the Anna Mission Group Scholarship. This foundation not only operated Los Angeles Youngnak Church's scholarship program but also established the first independent scholarship foundation in the Korean church community. Celebrating its 41st anniversary in 2024, the Anna Scholarship Foundation was originally founded to nurture capable and well-prepared second-generation Korean leaders. The deaconesses involved in this scholarship have gathered their small savings to send North Korean defector youth to college and have also helped bring young people struggling with drug addiction back into a healthy society.

For 41 years, the love-driven scholarship program, funded by the pocket money given by their children, has continued, extending its reach to LA, North Korea, Korea, China, and Mexico. Scholarships have been sent to institutions such as Princeton Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America, Yanbian University of Science and Technology, Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, Handong Global University in Pohang, and many other schools. In 2024, Claremont School of Theology was included among these institutions for the first time.

In April 2024, President Jeong Sook Jeong, former President Hwa Sun Jeong, and former President In Sook Park visited the newly relocated Claremont School of Theology, guided by Vice President K. Samuel Lee. At that time, it was decided to award \$5,000 each to three students from Claremont School of Theology this year. As a result, Pastor intern Hae In Lee (M.Div.) and Pastor Kyu Won Lee (D.Min.) applied for the scholarship and were awarded \$4,000 on August 17.



(April 2024, Anna Mission Group Scholarship, CST Visit: President Jeong Sook Jeong, In Sook Park, K. Samuel Lee, and Hwa Sun Jeong.)