

President's Author Series: Soong-Chan Rah

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Indiana Wesleyan University - Globe Theatre

Dr. Rah will discuss his book

Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times

as the guest author for the Fall 2017 President's Author Series
at Indiana Wesleyan University

All are welcome to attend the conversation starting at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Soong-Chan Rah is a Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park University. His classes enable students to identify the skills necessary for practicing sociology-cultural analysis, expanding their understanding of the relationship between the church and the urban setting. As an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church, Dr. Rah has seen firsthand the denomination's significant growth in urban areas, and an increasing need for intercultural ministry. He was founding senior pastor of Cambridge Community Fellowship Church, Cambridge, MA, a multi-ethnic, urban ministry-focused church committed to living out the values of racial reconciliation and social justice in the urban context.

Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times (InterVarsity Press, 2015) is an exposition of the book of Lamentations providing a biblical and theological lens for examining the church's relationship with a suffering world. It critiques our success-centered triumphalism, calls us to repent of our hubris, and opens up new ways to encounter the other. Lament is a missing, essential component of Christian faith. It recognizes struggles and suffering, that the world is not as it ought to be, and it challenges the status quo and cries out for justice against existing injustices. Hear the prophet's lament as the necessary corrective for Christianity's future.

"In offering a critical analysis of the book of Lamentations, Soong-Chan Rah leads us beyond a shallow understanding of peace as the absence of conflict and a one-sided understanding of sin that fails to acknowledge the suffering of the victim. In doing so, he prophetically calls us to examine the work of reconciliation between those who live under suffering and those who live in prosperity. Dr. Rah's *Prophetic Lament* is a much-needed addition to the ministry of reconciliation, a refreshing take on the book of Lamentations and the timely call for lament in the American church." (Christena Cleveland)

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