

## ACTUALITATEA BISERICESCĂ ȘI ECUMENICĂ CHURCH AND ECUMENICAL NEWS

### **Rev. Prof. Dr. Jooseop KEUM – Doctor honoris causa of Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania**

Rev. Dr. Jooseop Keum, Professor at the Presbyterian University and at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, was awarded with an honorary doctorate (*doctor honoris causa*) by "Lucian Blaga" University, at the proposal of the Orthodox Theological Faculty "Andrei Saguna," as the decision No 3473 from 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 of the University Senate states it. The awarding ceremony took place at 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Aula Magna of "Lucian Blaga" University and it was followed by the works of the conference *Making Mission after the Model of Christ VII. The Notion of Discipleship Today in Different Christian Traditions: a Historic-Missiological Approach* to whom Dr. Keum and other theologians from several countries presented papers.

*Revista Teologica* publishes here, both in English and in Romanian to following documents related with this event:

- *Laudatio*, authored and presented in the ceremony by V. Rev. Prof. Dr. Aurel Pavel, Vice-Dean of the Orthodox Theological Faculty;
- The acceptance speech of Rev. Dr. Jooseop Keum;

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Rev. Dr. Jooseop Keum, actualmente profesor la Universitatea Presbiteriană și la Seminarul Teologic Presbiterian din Seul, Coreea de Sud a fost distins cu titlul de *doctor honoris causa* de către Universitatea "Lucian Blaga" din Sibiu, la propunerea Facultății de Teologie Ortodoxă "Andrei Saguna," așa cum consemnează decizia nr. 3473 din 26 iulie 2018 a Senatului Universității. Ceremonia decernării a avut loc la 7 noiembrie 2018 în Aula Magna a Universității "Lucian Blaga" și a fost urmată de lucrările conferinței *A face misiune după modelul lui Hristos VII. Noțiunea de ucenicie astăzi în diferite tradiții creștine: o abordare istorico-misionară* în cadrul căreia Dr. Keum și alți teologi din mai multe țări au prezentat referate.

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*Revista Teologică* publică aici, atât în engleză cât și în română, următoarele documente legate de acest eveniment:

- Cuvântarea *Laudatio*, scrisă și prezentată de Pr. Prof. Dr. Aurel Pavel, Prodecan al Facultății de Teologie ;
- Cuvântarea de acceptare a Dr. Jooseop Keum;

**LAUDATIO**  
**Prof. Dr. Jooseop KEUM**

**V. Rev. Prof. Dr. Pavel Aurel**

**Your Eminence Prof. Dr. Laurentiu STREZA, Archbishop of Sibiu and Metropolitan of Transylvania,**

**Your Excellency Prof. Dr. ing. Ioan BONDREA, Rector of “Lucian Blaga” University,**

**Respected members of the Senate of “Lucian Blaga” University,**

**Dear colleagues, students,**

**Honourable guests,**

We are gathered today here to honour Jooseop Keum from South Korea, senior pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Korea, professor and leading figure of missional and ecumenical studies, prominent personality of the ecumenical movement and of global Christianity.

Born in 1967 in Republic of Korea, Prof. Keum studied theology firstly at the Theological Seminary and at the Presbyterian University in Korea, then later at New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he defended his doctoral dissertation in 2002.

He started his professional life as general secretary of the National Youth Association of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. Already as a young student, Prof. Keum was active in the Ecumenical Youth Council and opposed the military dictatorship which ruled in that time South Korea. Because of his leading activity against the totalitarian regime, Prof. Keum`s graduation was delayed with two years.

After a few years of vivid engagement at the leadership of the National Youth Association, Prof. Keum was ecumenical officer of his own church, Presbyterian Church of Korea (1996-1997). In 2003 Prof. Keum started his international engagement in mission. He served between 2003-2007 as Executive Secretary for Mission Program at Council of World Mission in London, UK. In 2007 he started working for the World Council of Churches in Geneva,