

**the South Seoul Presbytery of  
Presbyterian Church  
in the Republic of Korea (PROK)**

# Index



**History**



**Statistical information**



**Vision and Mission**



**Vision of a Global Community**

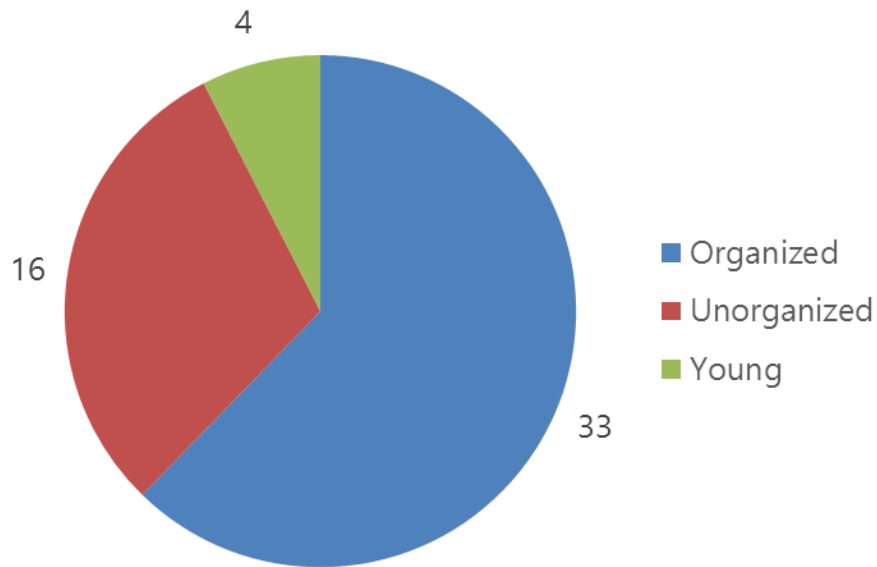
# 1. History

- The South Seoul Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK)  
-> one of the **largest presbyteries of the church.**
- Churches were organized into a new presbytery more than **thirty years** ago.
- The increase in the number of churches due to church growth and evangelization work also led to the organization of the East Seoul Presbytery.

## 2. Statistical information

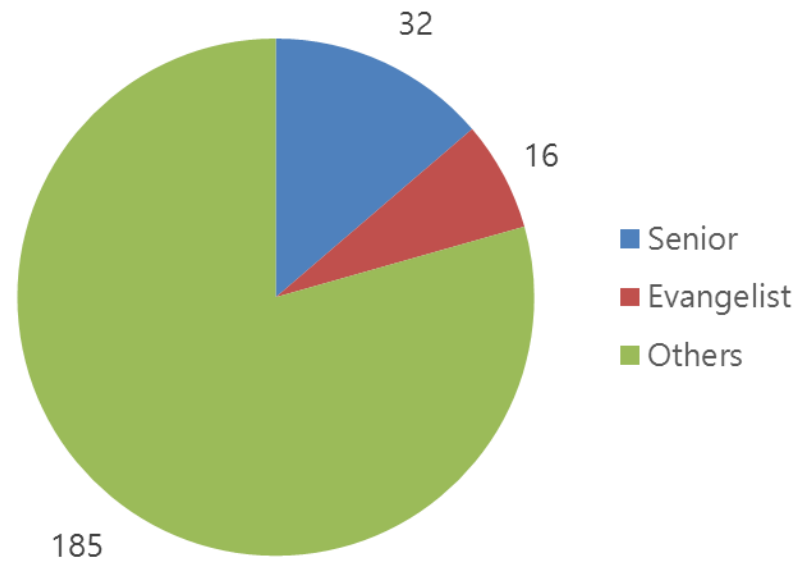
Number of churches

n=53



Ministers/Pastors

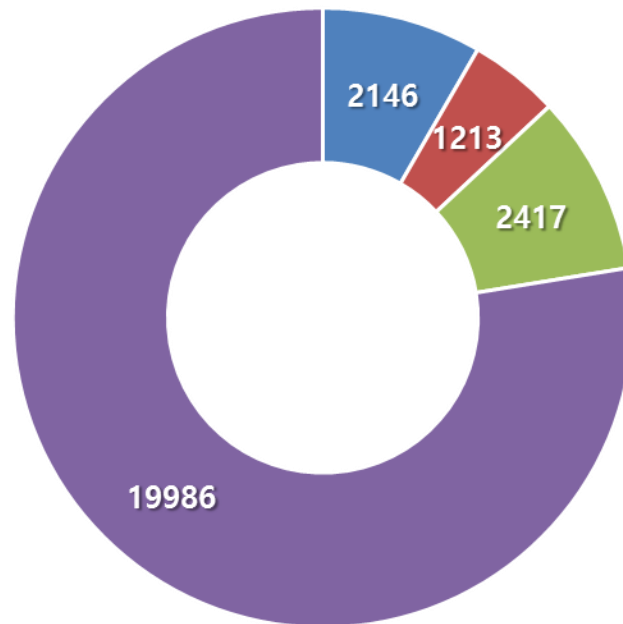
n=185



## 2. Statistical information

### Church Members with or without baptism

N=25,762



■ Young adults ■ Youths ■ Children ■ Adult

# 3. Vision and Mission

- At the presbytery level, there are programs that are being carried out by different groups.
- The **regular programs** of these groups are held on a specified time or season every year.
- Also, there are **ongoing programs** being implemented as part of the varied ministries of the church.

**Annual Praise Music Contest** sponsored by the Church Women's Association of the Presbytery in which the local church women's organization and their youth participate in the contest. The musical contest is judged according to the quality and originality of the music. Also, this serves as the means for fellowship among men, women, and youth to enhance the unity of members.

## **Pastors Retreat and Conference**

Every summer, the presbytery conducts the Annual Pastors Retreat in which the participants include pastors, their families, and church staff. This is the program that provides time for rest, recreation, and spiritual restoration.



## **Domestic and overseas church planting project**

With very strong emphasis on mission and evangelism in the past decades, this has not waned, so churches especially big churches with several hundreds of members use their financial, human, and material resources in church planting both locally and overseas. Overseas mission has allowed church planting in India, Africa, China, the Philippines, Thailand, Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Nepal, and a few other countries.

## **Soccer Tournament for the Laity**

Every year, churches get together for special sports event or else known as the soccer tournament of the laity members of the church. For one whole week, the participating churches join in through their teams in the soccer tournament for the purposes of fellowship and improve their health condition.

## **Annual Presbytery conference in April**

During the annual Presbytery Conference, we elect the Presbytery Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, and other officers. The officers dedicate themselves in serving the Church and meaningfully carry out the planned programs of the Presbytery. They hold prayer time for the mission of the Church and praying like the first Pentecost event in the Bible. Twice a year, the Presbytery officers hold a retreat in January and August to pray for the growth and maturity of the Presbytery in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

## 4. Vision of a Global community

- The church is one institution where the disadvantaged people can seek refuge and find shelter -> Presbytery churches provide welfare programs **for the disadvantaged people** in the community.
- South Korean churches have to deal with the **social integration of foreigners and immigrants** in the local communities.

- The South Seoul Presbytery **provides welfare services to foreign migrant workers, multi-cultural families and resident aliens** through the local churches and church related Non-Government Organizations.
- There are at least **three programs** that cater to the needs of foreign migrant workers, marriage migrants, and resident aliens.

## **Global Sarang Center**

This has a school for children from multi-ethnic and multi-cultural families living around the Southwest districts of Seoul such as Guro and the neighboring districts. It has a Chinese Church, a shelter for foreign residents who are mostly of Chinese origin and from other countries. It has an infirmary for ill migrant workers and offers free medical check-up and secondary health care services. It also operates a government related migrant workers counseling and support center. The Director is Rev. Kim Hae-Sung.

**School for wild flowers** is a school for runaways from home who are either children or youth. This is one place where children and youth can continue their schooling and are taken cared-of by highly trained teacher-counselors. Aside from the regular curricular programs, the school offers a variety of social learning experiences that allow children and youth to grapple with their anxieties and psychological adjustments as they grow and mature in years. The Director is Rev. Kim Hyun-Soo.

**Ministry for the Homeless** is a mission response to the growing number of disadvantaged people in the urbanized communities. The welfare program provides temporary shelter and hot meals for homeless people. It also provides vocational training for those who are still physically and mentally capable of learning new skills so they may get jobs or engage in small scale enterprise to support oneself and family. Soft loans in small amounts are made available for those who will start small business venture. Twice a year during Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, homeless people are invited to musical concert and other festivities where they can share their stories and mingle with other people.



