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ILIFF WELCOMES DR. GIRIM JUNG AS VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGIES AND LOUISVILLE
INSTITUTE POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW

DENVER, CO. – The Iliff School of Theology (www.iliff.edu) is pleased to announce the
appointment of Dr. Girim Jung as Visiting Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion and
Contextual Theologies and Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow, effective October 1.

Dr. Jung, whose appointment is for two academic years, received his doctorate in Comparative
Theology/Philosophy from the Claremont School of Theology, California, in 2019. He is also a
graduate of Rutgers University (Bachelor of Arts) and Yale Divinity School (Master of Divinity).

A second-generation Korean American born in Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Jung was an Adjunct
Assistant Professor at Felician University in New Jersey. At Iliff, he will be teaching courses in
the areas of comparative religion and contextual/constructive theologies.

“Dr. Jung’s appointment further expands our already strong comparative religion course
offerings, and his transoceanic approaches to religious and theological studies with deep
commitment to social and racial justice will be immensely helpful in the leadership formation of
our students,” said Iliff Faculty Dean Rev. Dr. Boyung Lee.

As an academic, Dr. Jung specializes in Comparative Religion and Comparative Philosophy
with a particular focus on East Asian Buddhism, Black Atlantic traditions, and Decolonial
Thought. His Ph.D. research and dissertation focused on the archipelagic thinking to decolonize
comparative religious and cultural studies by taking a transoceanic approach linking the Black
Atlantic to the Asia Pacific. It also looked at Black and Asian political solidarities and the
resonances between Black Atlantic thought and Huayan Buddhist philosophy.

“I am excited to join Iliff as it works towards reframing theological education and realizing a more
diverse community through its 50in5 initiative,” said Dr. Jung.

Dr. Jung has been involved with the NYC DSA’s Afrosocialist & Socialists of Color Caucus and
Religion and Socialism Working Group.

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