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## THE BUDDHIST- CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER IN KOREA:

*For a Dialogical Relationship*

a lecture by

**Dr. Kang-Nam Oh**

Buddhism and Christianity are currently the two most dominant religions in South Korea, with approximately one half of the country's population of 48 million as their adherents. Among these, approximately one half are Buddhists and the other half are Christians. Under such circumstances, it is not difficult for anyone to see that the dialogical and cooperative relationship between these two religions in Korea should be a prerequisite or even imperative for the peaceful and harmonious future of Korean society.

The lecture will briefly survey the historical background of these two religions in Korea, analyze the present situation of Buddhist-Christian relationship in Korea, and explore possible ways of improving the encounter between these two religions in the future. It will be argued that Korean Buddhism and Christianity, realizing what important historical and religious functions they can perform in Korean society, should "work together," and "think together" and "wake up together" for the socio-ethical welfare and spiritual well-being of Korean people.



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**4:30-6:00 pm Tuesday**

**Hagerty Hall 180**

1775 College Rd Columbus, OH

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