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My name is Hyun Sun Oh and I love to be called 'Freeda'.

It includes a meaning 'I love free' in it. I began working as a faculty member at one of 7 seminaries of PCK since 2007. However, I resigned from the seminary in 2018 due to the president infringing on my teaching authority. Around the same time, I was also kicked out of my local church of 9 years for being a queer ally. In support of the "Marys" that are discriminated by Korean society, I opened up Space Elizabeth (Luke Chapter 1), where I serve as an independent theologian. In 2020, after the PCK officially announced their support for LGBTQIA+ discrimination, including me 4 PCK pastors read a letter of reformation and protest in front of the PCK General Assembly building in October of that year(2020). Right after this action, I renounced my membership from the PCK. On April 18, 2022, we founded 'The Korean Yesu Church in Solidarity (KYCS)' setting out on a new path in creating a church for all. We stand together with the LGBTQIA+People. I am currently living as a Christian educator and theologian of feminist and queer theology, working in solidarity with The Rainbow Theological Institute and the Claremont School of Theology as a part-time lecturer. RTI is an independent self-learning group led by young adult Christians and seminarians who want to stand by LGBTQIA+people. And also I am a preaching pastor of a local church. The church accepts my theological perspectives and supports KYCS. One of church members who is close to 80 years old made this stall for me and she asked me to bless all who wants to be blessed. I believes that it is God's calling for me to join the RPF as a representative of KYCS.

In the Korean Buddhist tradition, there is a word called 'Doban'. Doban means a special friendship among friends. They share a vision of life and practice their spirituality together no matter where they live or how often they meet. In that sense, members of RPF are my Doban. I would like to invite all of you to be each other's Doban, celebrating our differences, resisting against discrimination, and working for peace and reconciliation.

Would you be my Doban?