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PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY NAMES PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT

Dallas, Texas – Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, announces the appointment of Dr. Sze-kar Wan as Professor of New Testament effective July 1, 2007.

Dr. Wan comes to Perkins from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts where he was the John Norris Professor of New Testament Interpretation. Wan focuses on reading the New Testament responsibly in a pluralistic, culturally complex world. His research interests include Pauline studies, Second Temple Judaism, early Christianity, and Chinese Protestant hermeneutics.

William B. Lawrence, dean of Perkins School of Theology says, “Sze-kar Wan is both an outstanding New Testament scholar and an extraordinary example of one who combines his academic pursuits with a commitment to the ordained ministry. His global connections to the church, particularly in China, and his knowledge of the ancient world in which the scriptures emerged, make him uniquely equipped to teach the next generation of women and men preparing for the Christian ministry to be leaders within and beyond the faith community. We at Perkins are deeply honored by his decision to become a member of our faculty.”

Wan is the author of *Power in Weakness: Conflict and Rhetoric in Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians*, editor and part translator of a Chinese translation of Philo's *De opificio mundi* and *Legum allegoriae*, and co-editor of *The Bible in Modern China: The*

Literary and Intellectual Impact. He is editing a volume of essays on May Fourth Chinese Protestant writers and working on an introductory text to the New Testament. He is currently working on a monograph on Paul's letter to the Romans.

Wan was awarded a 2005-06 Faculty Grant by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion for the project, "Ethnicity in Interpreting and Teaching the New Testament"; and was selected as a 2001-02 Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology for a project on Paul's letter to the Romans. He is a member of the Boston Chinese Ministry of the Massachusetts Episcopal Diocese, where he is a recently ordained priest.

Perkins School of Theology is one of five University-related official schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. The school was founded in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Church Ministries, Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry degree, as well as the Ph.D. in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

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