Worship Practicum Evaluation

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- A description of their experience working with the group: What was easy? What were the challenges? What skills were acquired in working through those challenges?

While we were in the group, we didn't decide who was the leader. But Jacqueline was at the forefront, organizing all the schedules, continuing to reach out to people who couldn't be reached, and emailing the professor to resolve any uncertainties. Her leadership made our team's decisions and actions easier. I really appreciate her efforts. In the beginning, it was difficult for all members to not be together. In the end, we did it together, but it was hard to decide because we couldn't do it together in reading chants or participating in team meetings. I realized once again that the first meeting is important. It was most important to meet and work together and unite.

- A description of the student’s role in the planning and execution of the chapel itself: What was easy? What were the challenges? What skills were acquired in working through those challenges?

I took the position of the worship leader. Actually, my team's Jacqueline also worked as a music pastor for a long time, and Timothy also knew how to play various instruments, so I just wanted a piano accompanist. But Jacqueline was busy playing the lead role, and Timothy was in charge of the video work. So naturally, I became a worship leader. When I first picked the song, I asked for recommendations because I didn't know much about American praise song. Team members made recommendations. And they suggested that if I was more familiar with Korean singing, I could do Korean singing. It was my first time singing Korean song in English speaking worship, so I was very nervous. However, while preparing for worship, I read the assignment ‘the next worship’, and I gained confidence by seeing scenes of praise in their own language among the contents of the book. I was happy to know that this type of praise is also possible. It was a new experience for me, who was accustomed to worshiping

and praising in the same way. I sent Timothy a recording of only my voice without accompaniment, and he added accompaniment, which is a new experience that can only be experienced in online worship. However, I kept thinking, 'How it would have been nice if we had met together'. In fact, Timothy, who lives in New Jersey, wanted to meet once and record together while preparing the song, but it was a pity that we couldn't meet due to my personal circumstances. It would have been better if we could have met.

- An evaluation of the worship experience itself: What went well? If given another opportunity, what would the student change and how would he or she change it? This should incorporate a biblical, theological, cultural, and practical evaluation.

Every week we had meetings on Zoom, and it wasn't easy to get a say in a quick conversation Zoom meeting because English is my second language and it's still not easy for me. In fact, when we first decided on the form of worship, I wanted to suggest how about doing a ‘worship in a completely new form’. However, I couldn't put it into words nicely, the rest of the team didn't understand, so we ended up creating a worship service in our usual style of worship. Actually, I was thinking of a talk show-style worship service. It is a worship service that has about 4 panelists and prepares 4 different stories that fit the theme. At first, we greeted each other, prayed together, but we thought of a worship service in which the sermon was connected to four stories in a narrative style, and the moderator concluded the topic and threw the topic. If we do it in the in-person worship, it will be like a talk show, but since we work with video, I thought about doing it like a news reporter. But in the end, it stopped with my thoughts, and I thought a lot that I had to improve my English skills in order to serve in the United States and graduate from school in the United States.

I was so happy to hear that my team members shed tears while listening to Korean praise even without subtitles. I thank God for using my praise in this way. Once again, I felt that if

the center goes through, we become one mind.

- A concluding statement that includes the value of the practicum itself for the future ministry of the student.

In fact, the field I am working in is a limited community of immigrant Korean American churches. There are a lot of things on the conservative side. However, even if the contents I practiced this time cannot be used in my field right now, it is worthwhile to experience that a new way of worship is possible. Also, I was grateful that I could worship with people who are far away with one heart.