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PRESS RELEASE

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church Announces 2017 Parramore Preaching Series: Featuring Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Charleston, August 28, 2017: First (Scots) Presbyterian Church will host its annual Parramore Preaching Series on **Saturday** and **Sunday, October 21-22, 2017** and welcome renowned leader and speaker, **Dr. Rodger Nishioka**. The Parramore Preaching Series was established in 1997 in memory of the late Dr. Redden L. Parramore, Jr., a deacon and elder of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, by his family. The stated goal of the Series is to bring annually an outstanding guest preacher to First (Scots) "to glorify God, and to be beneficial to members of First (Scots) Church and the Charleston Community."

Dr. Nishioka is one of the most sought after and inspiring preachers in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He was born in Honolulu, raised in Seattle at the Japanese Presbyterian Church, and is the son of a retired Presbyterian minister. He taught at Columbia Theological Seminary for 15 years, teaching pastors to be leaders in church educational ministry, specializing in particular on youth and young adult ministry. Prior to teaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, Dr. Nishioka was the national coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (USA) (1986-1999) and taught English and Social Sciences at Kurtis Junior High School (1983-1986).

Dr. Nishioka received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Social and Cultural Foundations of Education from Georgia State University. He earned his Master of Arts in Theological Studies with an emphasis in biblical studies and theology from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and a Bachelor of Arts in English with a Minor in History and a Teaching Certificate for Secondary Education (Grades 6-12). Currently, he is the Director of Adult Educational Ministries at the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Dr. Nishioka will be our guest leader four times during this 2017 Parramore Preaching Series:

- He will preach on Sunday morning, October 22, at the 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina, 29401.
- He will host a Church Leaders Luncheon Saturday, October 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at First (Scots) and speak on "Reshaping Christian Education: new Ways of Faith Formation."
- Sunday evening, October 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. he will hold an evening presentation at First (Scots) entitled "21st Century Reformation: Eight Ways Ministry is Changing."

Please RSVP by contacting the church office (jkuznik@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882) for the Saturday Church Leaders Luncheon and for the Sunday Evening Presentation.