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Can Christians be fully loyal to both their country and their faith? What happens when the demands of these two communities clash? This talk examines these questions in the context of the early history of Protestantism in Korea. Christians, whether Korean or not, possess dual membership in a transnational religious community and an earthly political state. Some strive to harmonize these two associations. Others privilege one membership over the other. Regardless, the potential for conflict is always present. Starting with the arrival of the first resident Protestant missionary to Korea in 1884 and ending with the expulsion of missionaries from the peninsula by the Japanese colonial government in 1942, this presentation will show how improperly calibrated communal demands produced conflict and instability among missionaries, Korean Christians, and the state. When they were balanced differently, these demands led to surprisingly stable and long-lasting relations. The price of this stability, however, was often the perpetuation of inequality, for the language of community masked the hierarchy of power embedded in these associations.

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