

Message from the Ecumenical Forum for Peace, Reunification & Development Cooperation on the Korean Peninsula

Seek Peace and Pursue It

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The Ecumenical Forum for Peace, Reunification & Development Cooperation (EFK) met in Geneva, Switzerland, on 22-23 June 2018, in the year of the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches. Delegations from the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) from North Korea and the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK) from South Korea were accompanied by participants representing... churches and ecumenical organizations in countries... in prayerful celebration and gratitude for the recent progress for peace on the Korean Peninsula as God's precious gift and a response to prayer.

In particular, we celebrate and affirm the Panmunjom Declaration as a transformational expression of inter-Korean leadership for peace, prosperity, and reunification of the divided Korean people. We commit ourselves to the 'Panmunjom Process', a new phase in the history of ecumenical engagement for peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula, taking the heritage of the 'Tozanso Process' and building on it in the framework of the Panmunjom Declaration.

In order to enhance the political environment for realization of the commitments made at the Panmunjom Summit and the subsequent DPRK-US Singapore Summit, we appeal for all countries to refrain from the confrontation and militarization in the region. In addition, in order to remove obstacles to development cooperation in the spirit of the Panmunjom Declaration, we call for the economic sanctions against the DPRK to be lifted immediately.

We call upon all churches and all people of good will around the world to join with us in efforts for the realization of the objectives of the Panmunjom Declaration.

We extend an invitation to all churches and ecumenical organizations to consider joining future discussions, initiatives and meetings of the EFK, in order to promote strengthened ecumenical solidarity and support for the people of Korea in the realization of their hopes for peaceful coexistence, reunification, development and co-prosperity.

It is envisaged and proposed that the next EFK meeting should take the form of a peace convocation on the Korean Peninsula.

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