



Christian Conference of Asia

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To:

CCA Member Churches and Council in the Republic of Korea:
Anglican Church in Korea
Korean Evangelical Church
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Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
Salvation Army
National Council of Churches in Korea

Dear Friends,

Greetings of Peace!

It is with a great anxiety and concern that we receive the news these days on the increasing tensions in the Korean peninsula. As this time of uncertainty for an immediate solution to reach the goal of a more peaceful atmosphere in the Korean peninsula, the Asian churches uphold all our brothers and sisters in the Korean peninsula in our prayers. We pray to God almighty for divine intervention in overcoming the tensed situation, the suffering of the people and the threat of war.

Thank you for sending us the Urgent Petition for Peace on the Korean Peninsula issued by the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK), as well as the Statement of the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea (PROK) on the current situation in the Korean peninsula. I am sending these documents which help us to understand the concerns, fears and agonies that you are undergoing, to all CCA members, various committees and ecumenical partners. The ecumenical family in Asia and around the world is with you in your tireless efforts for many years for the attainment of peace and reunification in the Korean peninsula. However, it is more specifically in this time of turmoil and uncertainty that we the Asian churches stand in solidarity with you.

We affirm your statement of faith, which comes out of your deep aspiration for peace and reunification in the Korean peninsula, and at the same time share your frustration and despair when you are confronted by the challenges of various forms of hostility, competition and life-destructive powers. We join you in your prayers, earnestly crying for God's help in the midst of the deteriorating situation and the threat of war.

The Christian Conference of Asia urges the governments of Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to take immediate actions to protect the security and welfare of their people and ensure peaceful existence of all. This will be

achieved neither by the attitudes of prejudice and hostility nor by the acts of confrontation, but only with an open heart and mind to enter into a spirit of dialogue and co-operation. We pray that God's wisdom may inspire the leaders and the people of both nations, so that they may walk in the paths that lead to life, peace and justice.

"May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely..." (1 Thessalonians 4:23)

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henriette Hutabarat Lebang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henriette Hutabarat Lebang
General Secretary