70-Day Prayer Campaign 2020

70th anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War

Pilgrims of the steering group of the Ecumenical Forum for Korea- including delegations from the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) of North Korea and the National Council of Churches in South Korea (NCCK)- met in Shenyang, China, on 2-3 December 2019. We, pilgrims, vowed to continue its efforts for a permanent and solid peace regime and reunification, declaring a formal end to the Korean War and replacing the Armistice Agreement with a peace treaty.

As the year 2020 marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of the Korean War, we ask you to join the “70-Day Prayer Campaign 2020” which is an expression of ecumenical solidarity of all Christians around the world to advocate an end to the 70-year Korea War and yearn for a permanent peace treaty. This would not be 70 consecutive days of prayer, but 70 prayers and stories that would be shared through media from 1 March until 15 August 2020.

As the WCC general secretary, Rev. Dr Olav Tveit commented, “Increasing participation in prayer indicates that many people, from many nations, are choosing to walk together on a path of peace and hope for the Korean Peninsula and the world,” we, pilgrims, are called to walk on the pilgrimage of peace and reunification for the Korean Peninsula.
Pilgrims to South Africa

Pilgrims led by WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit met with the South African president Cyril Ramaphosa and cabinet ministers.

Pilgrims from all over the world, 16 representatives, went to South Africa to address the two critical matters in South Africa: gender-based violence and indigents of violence toward foreign nationals.

The WCC general secretary, Rev. Dr Olav Tveit said: “The meeting with president Cyril Ramaphosa was a unique occasion to raise global issues on the agenda of the World Council of Churches which are also significant challenges for the churches and the society of South Africa today.”

One of the three spiritual dimensions of WCC’s common journey of the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace is “transforming injustices.” It reminds of us the fact that we are called to be instruments of peace and justice. It is a transformative journey that God invites us to in anticipation of the final purpose for the world that the Triune God brings about.

“Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matt 5:9 NRSV)