Worldwide prayer campaign begins to end 70-year Korean War

70 Days of Prayers - Global Prayer Campaign

A global prayer campaign for peace on the Korean Peninsula was announced via live streaming on 6 February at the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Geneva, with similar events the same day in Washington, DC, and earlier in the day in Seoul.

“This year, 2020, marks the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Seventy years! Koreans in the North and South have lived in pain and hatred for a long time,” WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit said in a message at the Geneva launch of the prayer campaign. “During this period of prayer, churches around the world will hear the heartbreaking stories of those who have gone through the suffering from the division. They will also hear about the people who have already lived out lives of reconciliation and peace beyond the division,” Tveit said.

The campaign will last from 1 March to 15 August, during which hundreds of thousands of people worldwide will say: “We Pray, Peace Now, End the War!” Each of us is able to take part from wherever in the world. All of you are able to join the campaign. Prayers and stories are found in: https://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved/light-of-peace/prayers-for-korea."
Pilgrims to Fiji, Pacific
Islands of hope: Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace focuses on Pacific region

Our pilgrimage to Fiji, Pacific, witnessed a strong resilience of the communities of Fiji, who showed us a profound and courageous commitment in celebrating the quality of life and valuing human beings and creation over the consumption of commodity goods. “People” in Fiji hold a deep spirituality that is connected to the earth and water. In the Pacific culture, you should ask for permission to come and leave along with the traditional Fijian kava.

Four pilgrim team visits took place in various parts of Fiji on 16-19 January, focusing on climate-induced displacement, indigenous land rights and extractive industries, gender justice, people with disabilities, interfaith dialogue, climate change, ecological justice, ocean health, and care for creation.

Pilgrims witnessed the irreversible destruction of the ecosystem caused by the extractive projects in the villages of Votua Natalaeira and Namosi. A woman in Votua said, “I’ve getting crab for 30 years, but now there are no more. I have to find other means of income.”

In the midst of suffering, churches in Pacific invite us on board our ecumenical canoe, as we sail and voyage together beyond the fringing reefs and rocks of many issues that affect all of us in the Pacific and globally.

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