

Overture approved by 2018 General Assembly regarding prayer for Korean Peace:

Final text:

In response to Item 09-12, that the 223rd General Assembly (2018) approve the following resolution:

1. Designate September 2018 as a Korean mission month
 - a. to pray for peace in the Korean peninsula and for victims of division and conflict on both sides of the Korean peninsula, and
 - b. to reflect on the past 130 years of Presbyterian mission to Korea including both the positive legacies and also the ways in which mission workers might have contributed to the Korean conflict.
2. Direct the Stated Clerk and the Office of Public Witness to communicate with domestic and international governments and agencies to encourage peaceful resolution of the divisions on the Korean peninsula, which will foster an environment where no party to the historic conflict feels the need to sacrifice civil liberties in the name of security and where refugees and asylum-seekers are treated humanely.
3. Authorize the Presbyterian Mission Agency, through World Mission Ministries and other appropriate Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) bodies and staff, to support and monitor progress toward reconciliation and de-nuclearization in consultation with Korean and other Asian partners, including the following actions:
 - a. Explore, in conjunction with current refugee ministries, caring and support ministries for those displaced from both South and North Korea;
 - b. Share more broadly within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) an understanding of current relationships with the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK);
 - c. Deepen the participation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Ecumenical Forum for Peace, Reconciliation, and Development Cooperation in order to prepare U.S. Christians for reconciliation in Korea by expanding people-to-people exchanges and other forms of trust building.
 - d. Plan events and programs for the Korean mission month and providing informational resources to local councils and congregations.
 - e. Encourage the United States and other governments to lift sanctions on North Korea, as appropriate, to begin genuine steps toward peace and justice and in respectful consultation with regional allies.
 - f. Expand ministries of healing and reconciliation, building on the example of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) peace delegation visit to No Gun Ri in 2017, and including as feasible additional areas in Korea significant to the history of the conflict.