

## To the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the World Council of Churches

In the name of the Lord, the Korean Christian Federation extends its cordial greetings to the ecumenical church representatives and colleagues present in the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly of WCC being held under the special grace of our Lord and the great concern of the ecumenical colleagues in the world.

In view of the peace-summon of the Lord, the World Council of Churches has put forward the issue of Korea reunification as an urgent issue in achieving the sacred cause of justice and peace in the world and conducted vigorously, in close cooperation with its member churches, the ecumenical movement for achieving peace and reunification on the Korean peninsula for decades ever since 1984 and thus manifested clearly that the Korea peaceful reunification is the divine providence of God and the unanimous desire of ecumenical community.

Today the urgency of peace and reunification on the Korean peninsula is intensifying than ever before with each passing day as it is the most important key to achieving justice and peace in the world. In this context, the enthusiastic desire of the ecumenical colleagues for dedicating themselves positively to the peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula is now increasing to fulfill their basic mission befitting to creator and steward of justice and peace.

However, these days too, the large-scale war exercises and hostile moves against the DPRK are ceaselessly waging in and on sea waters off the Korean peninsula, so that the situation of the Korean peninsula is still being aggravated.

The KCF expresses its regret for not being able to participate inevitably in the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly of WCC owing to the constantly-deteriorating situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula.

But KCF believes that the ecumenical church representatives and colleagues present in the Assembly, in the mind of sharing views with KCF which is the same partner church in the Lord, will take positive and practical steps to stop the anti-DPRK hostile moves, understanding correctly that the anti-DPRK hostile moves destroying the atmosphere of peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula are the wrong acts contrary essentially to the peace-commandment of the Lord, and contribute positively to the sacred cause of peaceful reunification on the Korean peninsula.

The KCF expresses the belief that the ecumenical church representatives and colleagues, by doing so, will enable the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly of WCC to be conducive favourably to early terminating the tragedy of division against the desire of God and achieving the reunified prosperity on the Korean peninsula, so as to be a fruitful Assembly encouraging vigorously the ecumenical solidarity movement for restoring an original state of the Korean peninsula created by God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9) as “God of life leads us to justice and peace.”

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