



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings from Hannover!

The 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 witnessed a historic shift in relations between North and South Korea and a de-escalation of tensions in the Korean Peninsula. The Inter-Korean Summit meeting at the “Peace House” at Panmunjeon declared a new era of peace. It specifically called for a complete suspension of all hostile acts and working together to make the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) an actual peace zone. The Panmunjeon declaration further committed to a phased disarmament and working towards the goal of realizing a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula through complete denuclearization.

Peace and Reconciliation efforts in the Korean Peninsula have long been on the agenda of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. The recently concluded General Council in Leipzig received a delegation from the Korean Christian Federation. The General Council also instructed the WCRC to bring together the many ecumenical initiatives working for peace to create an “Ecumenical Accompaniment Process for Healing, Reconciliation and Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula.”

The WCRC remains committed to working with the Ecumenical Forum for Korea and will participate in an ecumenical visit to Pyongyang immediately before our Executive Committee in Seoul in May.

We welcome the Panmunjeon Declaration and affirm its commitment to long lasting peace and reunification in the Korean Peninsula.

We continue to ask for your prayers and support for our peace and reconciliation work in the Korean peninsula.

Yours in Christ,

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