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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA

Christians in both South and North Korea are preparing a 1995 jubilee campaign for peace and reunification to mark the 50th anniversary of Korea's partition. They have declared the Sunday before 15 August a Common Day of Prayer for Peace and Reunification in their divided homeland. It marks the date on which Japan surrendered in 1945 (after ruling Korea from 1910-1945) and the Allies took the first step towards the partition of the country.

The Korean people's dearest wish is the reunification of their divided homeland. Under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, Christians from both North and South have been meeting together to create a forum for peace and reconciliation and to take common action. The call for a Common Day of Prayer is one of the results.

The World Council of Churches has recommended to its member churches to join in prayer with Korean churches by observing this Sunday.

Please pray with Christians in Korea on Sunday 9th August.

O God, source of all life,
you promised that justice
would flow like a river,
that debts would be cancelled,
slaves released and land restored.
Forgive the sins which divide Korea,
separating North from South,
Korean from Korean.
Govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority, that your holy will of
reconciliation, peace and unity, will
come to Korea and to the whole world.
Amen

PROGRESS TOWARDS PROVINCE

The National Synod met in April, and gave its formal and final approval to the proposed Constitution and Canons which would lead to the inauguration of the Province. News of this vote reached the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees of the ACC and the Primates in North Carolina a few days later, and was received with great pleasure.

The substances of the Constitution and Canons had already been agreed between the three dioceses and the Archbishop, and a draft Deed of promulgation is now being considered. When the new Constitution and Canons are promulgated by the Chairman of the National Synod, that will set in train a sequence of events leading to the election of the first Primate. It is expected that on that occasion the Archbishop of Canterbury, acting through a personal representative, will formally transfer his metropolitanical authority to the newly elected Primate.

KOREAN VETERANS AT LINCOLN

Father Davies, Chairman K.M. Committee, preached in Lincoln Cathedral on May 17th and dedicated a new Standard for the Lincolnshire Branch of the British Korean Veteran's Association. There was a congregation of about 1,200, and afterwards some 800 old soldiers of the Korean War (1950-53) marched past and General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, took the Salute, accompanied by the Korean Military Attache from London; the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and the Mayor of Lincoln.

