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Towards a new missionary future

Bishop Francis Park, Primate of Korea, reflects on some of the issues raised at the Lambeth Conference



Seoul Diocesan Mothers' Union Choir after the opening Eucharist at the Lambeth Conference, with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Williams, the Primate of Korea and the Bishop-elect of Seoul.

About 650 Bishops out of a possible 880 from 38 Provinces joined in the historic 14th Lambeth Conference which began with a 3 day retreat in the ancient Canterbury Cathedral. The first Sunday evening of the Conference was unforgettable as the Korean Mothers' Union Choir gave a splendid performance celebrating their longings for peace as the curtainraiser for the Conference. It is impossible to express how beautifully the Choir's colourful national dress (*hanboks*) evoked the feelings of our Korean culture. A deep hush fell over nearly 600 Bishops as they sat listening to the clear, beautiful songs. From beginning to end the Korean Anglican Church's Mothers' Union Concert for Peace was a great success

The next morning in the big tent the Lambeth Conference began with a special opening Eucharist. Graciously it had fallen to me to preside and preach at this service and the Mothers' Union Choir's beautifully peaceful songs, in harmony with their flowing *hanboks*, combined to accentuate the atmosphere of prayer. At this Holy Communion service the Japanese Primate, Bishop Uematsu, asked to lead a special prayer. He prayed for peace and asked that God would forgive the long history of harm and hurt the Japanese had inflicted on Korea and that they would work hard for the opening of a new future relationship between the two churches. Coming at the beginning of the Lambeth conference this prayer for the reconciliation of the Japanese and Korean churches was a deeply moving thing. Many Bishops, especially those from Africa who were still caught up in their deep controversies asked whether such reconciliation was really possible and gave thanks that the Anglican Communion's crisis of separation might have been shown a future way of reconciliation. At that morning's Bible studies this reconciling spirit and the Korean Communion service was very much to the fore in conversations. Some Bishops were so overcome that they were in tears.

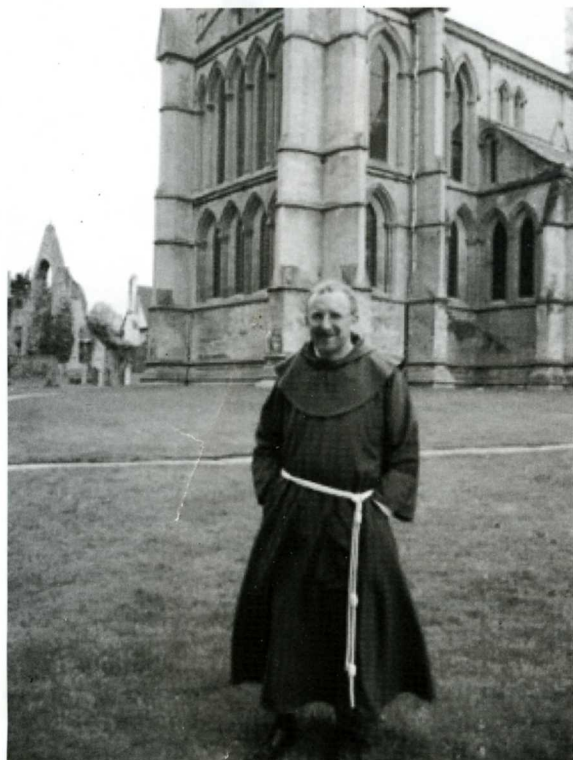
These feelings were continued in the following days as in the early morning Communion services, Bible studies, "indaba" groups, afternoon meetings, evening prayer and special lectures the speakers took up these themes. We discussed Anglican form of government, society peace and social problems, the problem of poverty, relationships with other denominations and other religions, environmental issues, Biblical interpretation and life problems, same-sex relationship problems, the Anglican Communion's Covenant problems - all of these were difficult, inescapable and hard to come to one mind over. We all had different theological outlooks and different ways of interpreting Scripture. Nevertheless to a remarkable degree a growing sense of responsibility for what we called the Anglican Communion began to emerge. One Bishop in response to my expressed outlook opined that even though our theological positions were very different if we met together wouldn't we be able to create a beautiful rainbow church. A rainbow church! Even though we are different, if we draw near and do our best to accept and respect each other would it not be possible to achieve this?

In Jesus' time the many poor people who could not keep the so-called purity laws made by the Jews were judged filthy sinners and expelled from the community. But these who were called sinners and condemned Jesus drew to himself and, eating and drinking with them, led them into the way of salvation. Today we must really think through the meaning to us of Jesus' teaching of this forbearance and love. Especially when it seems we are pushed centre-stage in the harsh realities of our society it is time to ask again of Anglicanism, truly which way are we going? The answer to this must be much the same - we must all work out our faith as we go forward.

After meeting so many people, hearing so many stories, feeling so many emotions the curtain came down on the 14th Lambeth conference with a beautiful and majestic final Holy Communion service while outside Canterbury Cathedral the rain fell in torrents. We all packed our bags and prepared to leave. It had been a great gathering which many fellow Bishops, deeply wounded in heart, had not been able to attend but for us who did attend it became a gathering at which we confirmed again that we did not wish to split apart. Sitting on the bus on our way to the airport I waved goodbye to Canterbury Cathedral as with a full and thankful heart I thought again about the truth of the life that is possible within Anglicanism. As I settled into my seat on the plane back to Korea I was thinking that I believe that our Anglican church is standing at an important point where it must open up a missionary future for our suffering-filled world.

As I think of all my hard-working fellow Korean Bishops, all those who laboured to interpret for us all, all those Bishops throughout the world who care deeply for the difficult aim of Korean peace, the Japanese Christians working hard for TOPIC and to Father Luke Lee of the Korean Mission Partnership and his colleagues in England my heart is filled with a deep sense of thankfulness.

KOREAN FRANCISCAN BROTHERHOOD



Brother Christopher John SSF in the grounds of Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire.

The August issue of the Friary Notes reports on the May meeting of their Chapter. The Bishop of Seoul attended and this was the last meeting at which he would attend as Bishop Protector for KFB because he will be retiring early next year. The next protector will be his successor as Bishop of Seoul, Bishop Paul Kim who has been consecrated as co-adjutor bishop.

The Chapter has re-elected Br Stephen as guardian. Stephen is kept busy running the Seoul Diocesan Retreat House which is situated behind the friary. Br Christopher John says that Stephen's work is very much 'hands on' and involves pretty well everything except cooking. Stephen is also doing a course in spiritual direction.

Br Lawrence continues to help at Chuncheon Church with the Sunday School. He is also teaching ocarina to a group of elementary school students in Namyangju, a city which is part way between Gangchon and Seoul, where the Church provides a considerable social ministry. Part of this ministry is in providing after-school programmes for families who cannot afford the extra classes and activities which everyone in Korea has come to regard as essential. He is also busy looking after the friary's own guests. He was in Australia in August/September to attend the SSF Chapter.

Br Christopher John spent five months away from Korea. He spent a month in Assisi, staying with Br Thomas Anthony SSF, who is the Anglican Chaplain there, en route to Canterbury to continue his work at the Franciscan International Study Centre, where he is pursuing a Master of Arts in Franciscan Studies. The courses he did were on Franciscan Christology and Franciscan Theology and Philosophy of Creation. He found both courses very interesting and learnt a lot which he hopes to be able to use in the future. He very much enjoyed staying at the SSF friary in Canterbury. He then flew to New Zealand for a short holiday with his parents and on to Australia to attend the SSF Australia/New Zealand Provincial Chapter and preaching engagements in Melbourne. He says that it is great to be back in Korea and to the life at the friary in Gangchon.



The Chairman writes...

Dear Friends

It was a great pleasure for the Trustees of the Korean Mission Partnership to welcome Bishop Francis Park the Primate and the Bishop of Seoul, Bishop Solomon Yoon of Busan Diocese, Bishop Michael Kwon of Daejeon Diocese and Bishop Paul Kim the co-adjutor of Seoul Diocese to St Columba's House, Woking in July for a Round Table conference.

The bishops spoke freely about the joys and privileges of their ministry and their visions and concerns for the church in Korea and beyond.

It was wonderful to hear that the Korean Anglican church is now a sending church with clergy and laity serving in Japan, USA, Mongolia, Cyprus and England. The Anglican church has a very good track record with regard to social ministry in Korea which dates back to the time of Bishop Corfe. This is recognized and supported by the government who give some financial support and entrust the Anglican Church to run the Houses of Sharing and Social Welfare Centres. The Church is doing some splendid work among the poor and needy.

The Worldwide Anglican Peace Conference, known as TOPIK (Towards Peace in Korea) was held in Korea last year and a beautiful CD has been produced which was shown at the Lambeth Conference. We are delighted to hear that the Presiding Bishops of Japan and USA and diocesan bishops from all over the world attended the TOPIK meeting at the Lambeth Conference and the Reunification of Korea appears to have been put firmly on the agenda of the Anglican Communion. We have a copy of the CD and will be pleased to lend it to any group interested in seeing it.

We are exploring the possibility of starting a volunteer scheme which will bring Koreans to England to gain valuable experience whilst giving their services in parishes and voluntary organisations. The volunteers will be responsible for providing their travelling expenses to and from England and their English sponsors will provide accommodation, food and pocket money. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of hosting a volunteer, please contact me or one of the KMP trustees.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Lee

The Rt Revd David Young

Bishop David Young, a Vice President of the Korean Mission Partnership, died on August 10. He represented the Church of England at two East Asian Partners in Mission consultations in 1979 and 1983 and took a very keen interest in the Church in Korea. After National Service he went to Balliol College, Oxford and was awarded a First in Mathematics.

He worked as a research mathematician with Plessey, but felt drawn to ordination and in 1957 he entered Wycliffe Hall in Oxford. He was ordained in Liverpool Diocese and after serving his title at Allerton, moved on to London where he served a second curacy in St John's Wood, as well as studying Sanskrit and Pali (the language of the Buddhist scriptures) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, with the intention of working overseas. He served in Sri Lanka from 1963 to 1967.

Then followed four years at Manchester University where he lectured in Buddhist Studies, moving on in 1971 to become a part-time lecturer in Divinity at Cambridge University and a parish priest. He was appointed Archdeacon of Huntingdon in 1975 and became Bishop of Ripon in 1977. For several years the youngest diocesan bishop in the Church of England, he was one of the most intellectually able occupants of the episcopal bench and it was thought that he would move on to one of the senior sees but this did not happen - maybe because of his lack of enthusiasm for General Synod!

His diocese was a mixture of beautiful Yorkshire Dales parishes and West Riding multicultural communities. He quickly immersed himself in both and by his friendly manner he reached the heart of cross cultural relationships, bringing his knowledge of non-Christian faiths to problems posed by multi-racial communities in Leeds in a way that won him wide respect across the whole of the Diocese. He was an evangelical but this did not constrain him in the promotion of inter-faith relations. He was an authority on Buddhism - an interest he developed while serving as a CMS missionary in Sri Lanka. He was the Chairman of the Partnership for World Mission (1978-86) and Chairman of the governing body of SPCK (1979-88). He remained at Ripon until retirement in 1999.

SISTER MARGARET LIN DIN CGS VISITS KOREA

In May, Sister Margaret Lin Din CGS from Sabah, Malaysia, visited the Community of the Holy Cross in Seoul. She writes:-

"My 18 days in the Convent of the Society of the Holy Cross was quite an experience, not having a word of Korean to communicate. Mother Angela and the Sisters have been very kind, making me feel very much at home. They arranged overnight visits to St Anne's Convalescent Home and St Bona's House (for intellectually retarded women) to see more of the Sisters' work besides the work in the Mother House. Only Sister Catherine speaks fluent English; the more senior ones could speak some. Busy as she was, Sister Catherine accompanied me in both the visits. There were 21 of them including two novices. Four and two of them worked in the above mentioned Homes respectively; two helped in the Cathedral just next door to the Convent. There are 60 ladies in St Anne's and 30 intellectually retarded ones at St Bona's. They required much love and attention of the Sisters and the staff there.



Sister Margaret Lin Din CGS

The two visits had to be spaced out, because after the first week with two historical events taking place followed by a visit to St Anne's, I was quite dizzy in bed. Thank God I was in St Anne's where the nurse gave me the right medication and I was able to attend Mass in the chapel and had my breakfast later. The two events were the consecration of the new Bishop of Seoul on 24th May and the ordination of eight priests and four deacons on the 27th. Both of these services were all packed though they were held midweek at 2 pm.

By the grace of God I was able to follow the offices and Communion service in the liturgical order of the Anglican worship in English. Sister Catherine sat with me in chapel when she was not taking the service, for she is an ordained priest. First Sunday I attended the Holy Eucharist in English in the crypt in the Cathedral. I joined the Sisters in their chapel the next Sunday. They had a Korean priest to take the service.

Sister Catherine made sure that I could see as much of Seoul as possible. She had a good friend, Pauline who took me out on Sundays to shopping and places of interest e.g. the National Museum. She gave me a treat by taking me to the theatre one night for a traditional Korean dance performance and the theatre was within walking distance from the convent. Even the British Embassy is just behind the convent and I was invited to the Queen's Birthday garden party together with Revd. Mother and Sister Catherine on 29th May.

The Sisters SHC were quite concerned about CGS and asked whether there will be anyone among the associates who is interested to join in. When I was asked to talk about the community and my present ministry, I couldn't help but compare SHC and CGS. I saw that their Community had the full support of their Bishop who was their founder whereas our Community did not have that privilege. Anyway, I did ask Bishop Vun about the purpose of sending me there! For exposure and contact he said. On our way to Seoul at the airport, I talked to him about the women pastors in the Diocese, whether they could be encouraged to group together with some time for worship together. I told Sister Catherine that I haven't the training to teach them, but she said she is more than willing to help us if we have the people. My prayer while in Korea was to send a group of women. So please continue to pray for us."

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NEWS SNIPPETS

The Rt Revd Robert Ladds will resign the See of Whitby in December and return to parish ministry at St Mary and Christ Church, Hendon in the Diocese of London. He will continue to be a vice president

Sister Pauline SHC, who has been at the Community of St Peter in Woking for most of the year, has now returned to Korea. Sister Catherine has replaced her.

The Bishop of Daejeon has appointed Fr Martin Fletcher and reappointed Fr Roderick Leece to be his Commissaries in England. **Canon John Brown**, a Commissary for the Bishop of Seoul and the KMP Minutes Secretary, resigned from the Committee at the time of his retirement as Vicar of St Michael's Church, Watford. We will miss his friendly presence and involvement in our meetings and wish him a happy retirement in Oxfordshire.

120th Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Corfe to be the first Bishop of Korea. Bishop Corfe was consecrated bishop in Westminster Abbey on All Saints' Day 1889. There will be a special service in the Abbey on Sunday, 1 November 2009. Full details will appear in the next issue of Morning Calm.

Fr Simon Roe has successfully completed his PhD studies at the University of Wales in Cardiff. He and his family returned to the Diocese of Busan in August and he has resumed his work as Mission to Seafarers Chaplain in the Port of Busan.

Fr Jeremiah Yang has been appointed the President of the Anglican University in Seoul in succession to Bishop Simon Kim.

Korean Missionaries Around 16,000 South Koreans work in foreign countries as Christian missionaries. Only the United States of America sends more church workers overseas. Fifty years ago, Christians made up a small proportion of the population - they now number something like 40%. There are 26 Anglican missionary priests and at least one lay missionary working overseas - mainly in Japan and USA but also in Mongolia, Cyprus and England.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will focus on Korea next year (18 to 25 January). The theme, which is based on chapter 37 of the Book of Ezekiel, is "Reconcile your people". The churches in Korea have found that their own sense of sadness as a country divided by war gives them insights to offer and share with Christians worldwide.

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks and pray for

Francis, Primate and Bishop of Seoul, who is due to retire in January
Paul, co-adjutor Bishop of Seoul, as he prepares to take over as Diocesan Bishop
Solomon, Bishop of Busan
Michael, Bishop of Daejeon
Those involved in the election of a new Primate
Sungkonghoe University and Fr Jeremiah Yang, the new President
The Korean Franciscan Brotherhood in Seoul Diocese
The Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul Diocese
The Order of St Benedict in Busan Diocese
The Sisters of St Francis in Busan Diocese
The Seoul Diocesan Mothers' Union Choir, giving thanks for their successful participation at the
Lambeth Conference and their concerts in St Paul's Cathedral, London and Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
Korean clergy and laity serving the Church in foreign lands
The on going follow-up work after the TOPIK Conference
The exploratory work with regard to the Korean Volunteer Scheme in England

R I P

Give thanks for the life and ministry of Bishop David Young, a Vice President of KMP and for those who loved and served the Church in Korea, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time (dates are of service)

December

11 John Kim, p. 1937-41
12 Rose Cooper, missionary. 1934-39
14 Augustine Pak, p. 1929-56
15 Sister Ethel Mary CSP 1931-34
17 Cecil Cooper, 4th Bishop of Korea. 1908-54
22 John Kim, p. 1924-64
26 Ann Barrow, doctor. 1911-40

January

6 Colin Harrison, p. 1988-90
14 John Degwell Thomas, p.
15 Timothy Kim, p. 1977-89
23 Mark Park, p. 1968-94
27 Paul Burrough, bishop. 1951-59

February

2 Austin Masters SSM, p. secretary 1971-93
17 Sister Cecil CSP 1907-20
20 George Morley, p. 1922-31
23 Michael Yip, p. 1918-38
23 Aidan Kang, p. 1949-91

March

3 Sister Faith CSP 1919-41
8 Sister Barbara CSP 1899-1929
9 Paul Hirai, p. 1933-34
9 William Rees, p. 1947-48
13 Henry Fawcett, p. 1946-54
14 Athanasius So, p. 1970-80
15 Sister Margery Noel CSP 1938-40
16 Walter Morse, p. 1922-32
23 Stephen Yu, p. 1940-67

April

2 Elizabeth So 1951-73
3 John Whelan, p. 1954-66
8 Athanasius Kim, p. 1929-50
10 Moses Kim, p. -81
14 Lionel Beere, p. 1924-41
16 Eli Landis, dr. 1890-98
19 Michael Lee
21 Paul Chu, p. 1934-57
21 Cecil Hodges, p. 1910-
22 Thomas Elsam, p. KMP Secretary 1956-71
24 Andrew Yilsaekyukil, p. -44
26 Maurice Davies, p. 1891-
27 Kyongae Hwang, p. 1926-48
28 Basil Simpson, p.
29 Richard Small, p.

May

1 Sister Constance Irene CSP 1908-20
1 Sister Phoebe SHC 1926-90
4 George Dallas, p.
5 Timothy Choi, p. -68
6 Sister Alma CSP 1892-1906
8 Stephen Kim, p. -93
10 Frank Weston, p. 1920-
11 Mark Kim, p. 1915-38
16 Paul Han, p. -87
17 John Park, p. 1964-99
26 John Lee, p. -74
29 Hugh Pearson SSM 1897-1904

THE BISHOPS' VISIT TO ENGLAND

The four Korean Bishops and the Korean Mission Partnership Trustees met together at St Columba's House, Woking immediately before the Lambeth Conference. This gave us an opportunity to get up-to-date news from Korea and discuss partnership issues together, as well as renewing old friendships and making new ones. Fr Luke Lee makes reference to the meeting in "The Chairman writes....."

Bishop Francis Park visited the Peterborough Diocesan Mothers' Union officers - Peterborough MU is linked with the MU in the three Korean dioceses. He also visited the Diocese of Southwark where he met the Bishop of Kingston to discuss ministry matters relating to the very large Korean community living in and around New Malden in Surrey.

Bishop Paul Kim visited the Archdeacon of Charing Cross, the Korean Chaplaincy Centre in London and the Community of St Peter sisters who are at St Mary's Convent and Nursing Home in Chiswick.



Two KMP Trustees, Canon John Brown and Sister Georgina Ruth CSP, at the Round Table meeting.



The Korean Bishops, with some of the KMP Trustees, at the Round Table meeting held at St Columba's House, Woking.

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