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## The Rt Revd Paul Lee 1922 - 2010



Bishop Paul Lee died on 26 March at the age of 87. He was ordained deacon in 1952 and priest in 1953. He was serving in the parish of Sangju, now in Busan diocese, when Bishop John Daly arrived in 1955. Bishop Daly said "At that time, Paul Lee was one of only three Korean clergy who had more than primary school education and he was obviously an outstanding priest so I sent him overseas for further training." He went to St Augustine's College in Canterbury in 1956 and then on to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. This was followed by two years as an assistant priest at St Mary's Church, Wellingborough. After returning to Korea in 1960, he joined the staff at St Michael's Seminary and in 1963 he was appointed Archdeacon of Seoul and Warden of the Catechists' School at Cheongju.

Bishop Lee was the first Korean to be consecrated to the episcopate in the Anglican Church when the Diocese of Korea was divided in May 1965 - he was appointed to the Diocese of Seoul and Bishop Daly to Daejeon. Bishop Daly said that he "became a very strong and magnificent catholic Bishop". The Anglican Church became fully indigenised and grew significantly during the years when he was Bishop of Seoul. At the time of his appointment there were just nine Korean priests and seven parishes in the Diocese.

Bishop Lee was very much involved in ecumenical affairs and was responsible for the formation of the Roman and Anglican Church Unity Committee in 1969. He was Chairman of the National Christian Council of Korea and of the Korean Bible Society. He served on the Board of Yon Sei University, which is a Christian university founded by the Presbyterian Church and he has the distinction of being its longest serving Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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