



Multicultural and Cross-Cultural Ministry National Reference Committee

52 Peace Treaty and Reconciliation between the Republic of Korea (South Korea) and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)

That the Assembly resolve:

- (a) To welcome the peaceful communications between Government leaders of Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), and the Panmunjom Declaration 2018, and to pray for the continued peaceful communication, development of a Peace Treaty and the normalisation of relations between ROK and DPRK.
- (b) To support the engagement of the Korean Christian Federation (KCF) in DPRK through World Council of Church Ecumenical Forum for Korea (EFK) and National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK), and to encourage Uniting World to represent the UCA's interests in this as they are able.
- (c) To support the World Council of Churches in their ongoing involvement in work towards a Peace Treaty between the two Koreas.
- (d) To encourage the Australian Government in their work towards a peaceful Korean Peninsula.
- (e) To write to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to inform them of this resolution.

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Rationale:

On the 27th April 2018, President Moon Jae-In of ROK and Chairman Kim Jong Un of DPRK, met at the border-crossing at Panmunjom village, to rekindle a broken relationship. The resulting Panmunjom Declaration 2018 announced a shared commitment to bring an end to division and distrust and to approach peace and co-prosperity. Like any broken relationship, it will take time and cautious steps to understand and forgive the past, communicate and empathise in the present, and look boldly towards the future. The Uniting Church in Australia, including Korean-speaking congregations, is willing to join with the United Nations, the Governments of the USA, China, Japan, Russia and Australia, to pray for a peaceful settlement and to plan for the aid of the people of the two Koreas.