

A Letter to the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse Stated Meeting, May 6, 2023

A Peace Agreement for Korea

By **unanimous action of the 225th General Assembly**, PC(USA) endorsed the **Korea Peace Appeal (KPA)** signature campaign and asks presbyteries and sessions to do so as well. This action is in direct response to the Overture submitted by the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse. The **KPA signature campaign** seeks to influence world leaders to establish a peace agreement in the Korean Peninsula to replace the armistice signed by the United States, North Korea and China in 1953. The armistice established a ceasefire but no resolution to the conflict and division, and the Korean Peninsula has remained in a war-readiness posture ever since.

The goal for PC(USA) is 30,000 signatures, or approximately 180 signatures per presbytery. For Cayuga-Syracuse that amounts to six (6) signatures from each of our 33 congregations.

I think we can do better than that!

How you can help:

- Educate yourself and others about the Korea situation. For a comprehensive rationale visit <https://koreapeacenow.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Path-to-Peace-WEB.pdf>.
- Ask your session for an opportunity to introduce the KPA. Secure permission to gather signatures.
- Sign the appeal and ask others to sign. Signatures may be submitted on-line or via a special PC(USA) signature sheet. See attached.
- Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/koreapeaceappeal for information and instructions. When submitting online, be sure to indicate PC(USA) in the "Affiliation" line. Signers do not have to be members of a Presbyterian church.
- Gather signatures of friends and colleagues outside of church connections.
- Post the KPA campaign on social media accounts with an invitation to sign the appeal.
- Pray, and include prayers for peace on the Korean Peninsula during worship services.

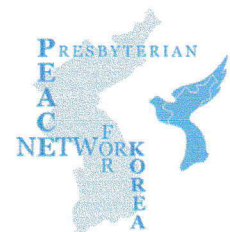
Note:

- For additional information on the KPA visit <https://en.endthekoreanwar.net/>
- See also the attached brochure from the Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea.

Please submit signatures, on-line or mailed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program at the address on the signature sheet, by July 2023.

The current geo-political situation finds North Korea on the one hand, and South Korea and the US on the other, engaging in increasingly provocative actions following increasingly hardline and inflammatory rhetoric. This might seem like a less than optimum time for successful peacemaking efforts. Yet, this is exactly the time that world leaders most need to hear strong voices from grassroots organizations and individuals. Thank you.

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100 Million Signature Campaign to End the Korean War

Korea Peace Appeal

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- End the Korean War and establish a peace agreement.
 - Create a Korean Peninsula and a world free from nuclear weapons and nuclear threat.
 - Resolve the conflict with dialogue and cooperation instead of sanctions and pressure.
 - Break from the vicious cycle of the arms race and invest in human security and environmental sustainability.
- Collected signatures will be delivered to the UN and to the governments of the countries involved in the Korean War including the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United States, and the People's Republic of China.

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Peace Campaign to End the Korean War endthekoreanwar.net

Please send collected signatures to **The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Church (USA),**
100 Witherspoon Street Room 3615, Louisville, KY 40202, or scan to peacemaking@pcusa.org.