

Eighty Years: Division, Reconciliation, and the Challenges that follow.

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The Korean Peninsula remains a divided land.

Next year will mark
the 80th anniversary of Liberation Day,
but it will also signify 80 years of division.



The current conflict and military tensions are escalating.

Importantly,

The Korean Peninsula is still in a state of ceasefire —meaning the war is not officially over

In this context,

I would like to highlight recent reconciliation efforts by civil society organizations, churches, Christian youth, and others.



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signatures

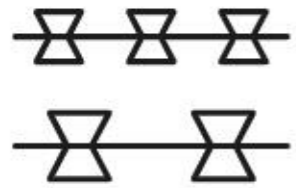
On July 27, 2023
the 70th anniversary
of the Armistice

- ✓ Ceasing hostilities and improving North-South and North-North American relations.
- ✓ Ending the Korean War and signing a peace agreement.
- ✓ Achieving a Korean Peninsula and world free of nuclear weapons and threats.
- ✓ Resolving conflicts through dialogue and cooperation, rather than sanctions and military threats.
- ✓ Ending military cooperation between South Korea and Japan to achieve peaceful coexistence on the Korean Peninsula and in Asia.
- ✓ Breaking the cycle of arms races and investing in citizen safety and environmental protection.

in Korea

Emerged as serious problems.

South-South conflicts



South Korea's National Security Act

state censorship of ideas remains a concern



North Korean defectors in South Korea

refugee and anti-immigrant sentiment



Negative attitudes

aligning with broader 'hate' phenomena seen globally



Peace and Unification Social Dialogue

These programs aimed to bring together conservatives and liberals to share common perspectives on reunification and address North Korean issues.

Attended by 10,000 people

the National
Convention on Peace
and Unification

liberals and conservatives collaborated on
ideas for peace and reunification



A peaceful Korean
Peninsula free of
military threats

Freedom of movement and travel.



the Dozanso Process

In 1981,
church leaders from both sides met
for the first time in Glion, Switzerland

The invisible barriers that had separated the two sides for so long were broken down by the Lord's Supper at the end of the day



Every year

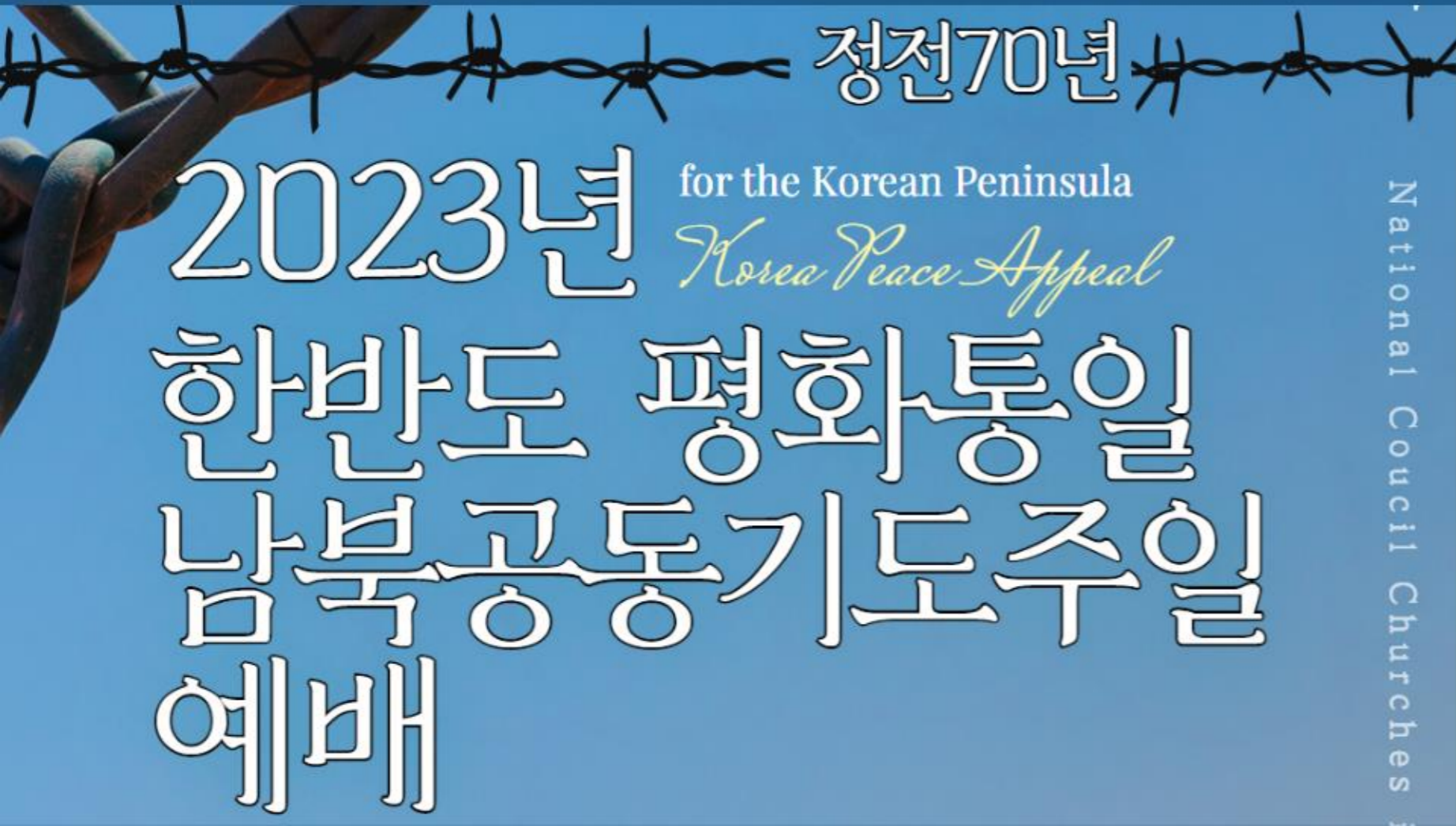
On Easter and Liberation Day

the NCCK and KCF write and share joint prayers

NCCK holds a joint prayer for peace on the Korean Peninsula
with the global church community.

2024 SUNDAY PRAYER WORSHIP FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA

11.AUGUST. 2024



In 1988

88 Declaration

Declaration of the Korean Christian Church
on the Unification and Peace of the Peoples

This declaration aimed to overcome antagonism and recognize
the shared Christian identity, fostering dialogue and reconciliation.

Generational Gap

Many younger people are indifferent to these issues, leading to generational conflict.

Christian Youth Peaceful Reunification Workshops

For three years

Workshops highlighted:

- ✓ Cynicism about reunification and the need for a public approach.
- ✓ Addressing reunification through security and peace discourses.
- ✓ Moving beyond militarism in a military culture

Recognizing 'hostility' & 'dislike' in ourselves & understanding others is crucial for progress.



May God's will be fulfilled on earth.

As the azaleas bloom on the Korean Peninsula during Holy Week, let Easter peace also flourish. Let us reflect on the wounds of the Korean Peninsula and envision a reunified Korea through Easter.

May all churches on the peninsula reconsider the division after Ascension Day. May peace on the Korean Peninsula be realized, as God's will is fulfilled in heaven.

2024 Joint North-South Korea Easter Prayer (Proposed)



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