



# Pax Christi Scotland

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**Nick Mele**



**Bishop William Nolan**



**Sandy Sneddon**



**July 25, 2021 –**

**A vigil in solidarity with Pax Christi Korea – seeking peace & a nuclear free future**

Pax Christi Scotland has been working ecumenically to promote the Korea Peace Appeal (see the link to the international peace petition on our website), and on **Sunday, July 25 at 12 noon** our time, we will host a Zoom vigil to reflect on the



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*dialogue and friendship.*

## **Our speakers:**

**Anselmo Lee**, founder of Pax Christi Korea and Asia Coordinator at Asia Civil Society Partnership for Sustainable Development

**Nick Mele**, who spent many years in Korea as a US diplomat, before retiring to pursue peace outside of government as a faith-based activist with Pax Christi US and Pax Christi International.

**Bishop William Nolan**, Bishop of Galloway. Bishop Nolan is an outspoken anti-nuclear campaigner.

**Sandy Sneddon**, Asia Secretary in the Church of Scotland Faith Impact Forum. Sandy represents Church of Scotland on the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Forum for Korea.

You are invited to our Zoom vigil:

**July 25, 2021 12:00 London time**

Register in advance for this meeting -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/tZYtduySpzKpHdB77le48b4oK9KPYUS07Fiv>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

# Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and Peacemakers in the world,

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening !  
Greetings of peace and solidarity from Seoul,  
Southern part of the Korean peninsula.

My name is Anselmo Lee, one of co-founders and co-representatives of Pax Christi Korea.

First of all, on behalf of PCK members, I would like to wholeheartedly congratulate and thank leaders, members and partners of Pax Christi Scotland and PC international specially USA and all organizers of this historic Vigil today.

The Remarks by Fr John Convery, Mr Nick Mele, Bishop William Nolan and Sandy Sneddon reminded and helped me and members of PCK of how the Korean War has been understood and remembered internationally, specially Christians in Scotland, UK, Europe and USA.





I would like to remember and pay tribute to all veterans and victims of the Korean War, specially those who have lost their lives. According to the historical record, almost 100,000 British troops fought in the Korean War, and more than 1,000 including over 230 Scots have lost their lives, and around 1,000 became prisoners of war (POWs). The total number of the fallen soldiers was about 40,000.



For me and PCK, today's vigil is very significant in 3 aspects.

**Firstly** it is a joint initiative of Pax Christi Scotland and Korea that are the youngest members of Pax Christi International. We both joined the PCI in 2020, only one year ago.

**Secondly**, People in South Korea owe the today's freedom and prosperity to young soldiers who sacrificed their precious lives in the unknown land in Far East in about 7 decades ago. Some of them were your family members or relatives or your friends' children or relatives in Scotland.

I sincerely thank them and apologize for the historical failure by the then governments and people of South and North Korea on the Korean peninsular to prevent the Korean War in 1950.

**Thirdly,** both Scotland and Korea have been physically facing the threat and challenges of the Nuclear Weapons. Both Pax Christi Scotland and Korea have engaged in various international campaigns against the nuclear weapons as member of the PC International.





As you may know, the Korean War has been known with different names, 'The Unknown War' or 'The Forgotten War'.



## The Forgotten War The Unknown War

Korean War  
1950-1953

Some call it 'Civil War' or 'International War'. Historically it is true that it was the first war that the UN joined officially after its establishment in 1945 during the Cold War period.



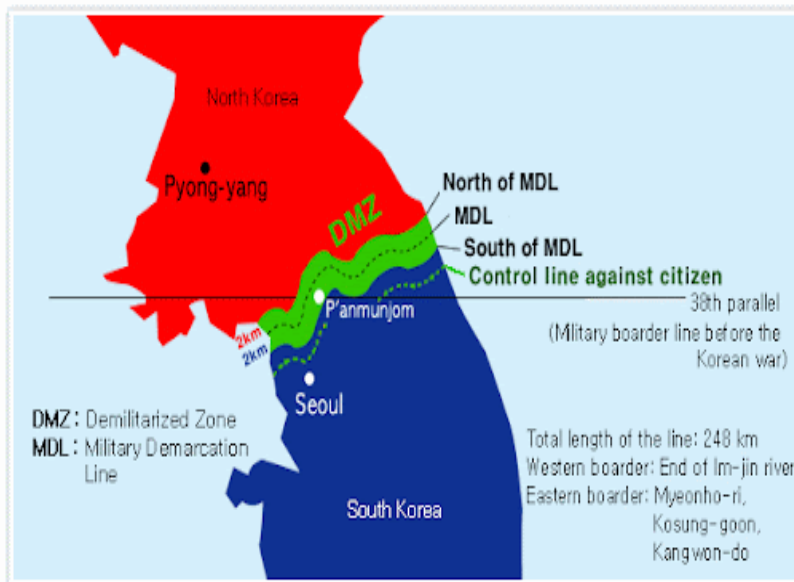


The Korean War also seems strange because here in Korea, both government and people remember and commemorate the day of outbreak – June 25 – more than armistice – July 27.



whoever call or remember it in whatever way, what is for sure today is that the Korean War has not ended, and we are technically at war since 1953.

Furthermore, today nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula is a threat not only to the people on the Korean peninsula but the whole world. This the reason that we are having this international vigil today.



I with you all do sincerely hope  
and pray that we do not  
commemorate the anniversaries  
of outbreak (June 25) and  
armistice (July 27) anymore but  
instead celebrate the peace  
treaty in someday soon.



# 3 Catholic Presidents of South Korea





PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL  
AND  
PAX CHRISTI KOREA  
PRESENT:



## PEACE WEBINAR A TOUR OF ASIA-PACIFIC: KOREA



**Bianca Patoboy**  
Pax Christi Philippines,  
Center for Peace  
Education-Miriam College



**Anselmo Lee**  
Pax Christi Korea



**Doug Hostetter**  
Pax Christi  
International UN  
Representative

**15 October at 16:00  
GMT+9/KST**



Before ending, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce again our campaign to End the Korea War which started last year in 2020 on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of Korean War (25 June 2020) with a hope that a genuine peace treaty will be signed before the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice of the Korean War (27 July 2023).





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# 휴전에서 평화로 End the Korean War

<https://bit.ly/3eX07ZV>



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APPEAL



Dear Members and Friends of Pax Christi in the World,

You are cordially invited to sign the solidarity campaign to  
end the 70 year-long Korean War (25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953)

**Sign Here Now!**

## The Korea Peace Appeal demand to

- 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

Pax Christi Korea (PCK) together with  
the Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People  
of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea (CBCK)  
and other Catholic organizations are committed to the Campaign.

## Enquiry and Contact

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한반도 종전 평화 캠페인, 미국 대선 후보에게 서한 발송  
Letter to the US Presidential Candidates  
to Call for Ending the Korean War for Peace on the Korean Peninsula

# 70 YEARS IS ENOUGH, END THE KOREAN WAR, KOREA PEACE NOW

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Korea Peace Appeal :  
Peace Campaign to End the Korean War







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Thank you

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Dankie Gracias  
Спасибо شكراً  
Merci Takk  
köszönjük Terima kasih  
azie Dziękujemy Dėkojame  
kujeme Vielen Dank Paldies  
Kiitos Tänname teid 谢谢  
**Thank You** Tak  
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ας Ευχαριστούμ 감사합니다  
ඔබටත Bedankt Děkujeme vám  
ありがとうございます  
Tack



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