



# Pax Christi Scotland

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## **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 Korean situation and to pray for peace.

This is in the spirit of Pope Francis's prayer intention for July – *'We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.'*

In July 1953, North Korea, China and the United Nations signed an armistice agreement ending open hostilities on the Korean peninsula. The following year, China proposed a conference to negotiate a peace treaty, but 68 years later, there is no such negotiation. Since the end of the Cold War and the democratisation of South Korea, pressure from citizens has grown to negotiate and sign a peace treaty. Faith-based groups such as the Korean National Council of Churches & Pax Christi Korea have drafted at least one possible text for a treaty.

**Pax Christi Scotland hopes that in this *'political situation of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of 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/meeting/register/tZYtduyspzkpHdB77le48b4oK9KPYUSO7FiV](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtduyspzkpHdB77le48b4oK9KPYUSO7FiV)

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