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Worldwide Anglican Peace Conference Seoul 2007

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May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

As you are already aware, The Anglican Church of Korea is organizing a "Worldwide Anglican Peace Conference, Seoul 2007" in accordance with the resolution on peace in North East Asia and Peace and Unity on the Korean Peninsula, made at the Thirteenth Anglican Consultative Council Meeting.

The Peace conference will take place from November 14th to 21st and will open in Seoul, Korea. The Conference has been organized to take place in two parts. The first part of the Conference will include a visit to North Korea from November 14th to 16th and then will be followed by the Worldwide Anglican Peace Forum to be held from November 17th to 21st in Paju City which is located north of Seoul.

The visit to North Korea is highly dependent on political considerations. Currently we are in a process of consultation with the authorities in North Korea. If we do not receive any response concerning visa issues and safety concerns by July 14th, and then the planned visit to North Korea will be cancelled.

Regardless of the outcome regarding the visit to North Korea, the worldwide Anglican Peace Forum will take place as planned. The location of the conference and accommodation for participants has been confirmed. Included with this letter is an outline of the program for the Forum and further details are available on the Conference website.

Because we believe that peace and unity on the Korean Peninsula are vital elements in creating a peaceful situation throughout North East Asia, this Conference seeks to explore the role that Anglican churches in the region and in those countries related to Korea can play in this vital task. Also, from the perspective of the Anglican Church of Korea, this conference represents an important starting point in outlining its missionary vision for North Korean Society. The Archbishop of Canterbury has promised to strongly support the worldwide Anglican Peace Conference and this letter comes with the

Archbishop of Canterbury's recommendation.

A Registration Form for participants at the Worldwide Anglican Peace Conference, Seoul 2007 is enclosed with this letter. If you intend to attend the Conference, please send us the completed form by e-mail or Fax as indicated. At present we are constructing a website dedicated to the conference and in the meantime basic matters concerning the conference can be confirmed on the conference blog at www.topik2007.blogspot.com.

Regarding expenses for the Conference, the Conference Organizing Committee will cover the costs of accommodation, transport and food while in Korea but will not cover the costs of travel to and from Korea for participants. However, participants from less developed world countries will receive a subvention for air fare.

Finally, we earnestly seek the fervent prayers and support of our sister churches for this Conference and the peace of North East Asia.

Yours sincerely,

The Most Rev. Francis K Park

Primate Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea