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Dear brothers and sisters in our Anglican Communion,

May the Peace of the Lord be with you!

Most of all, we thank you for having been interested in humanitarian assistance to North Korea in this year continuously. Although each church has financial difficulties due to global recession, brother churches has prayed for and supported TOPIK so that it could keep carrying out missions toward peace on Korean peninsula.

Recently, relationship between South and North Korea is confronting with serious situation. The North experimented upon second nuclear weapon and thus the South joined in PSI (Proliferation Security Initiative) so that the relationship is getting worse. Kaesung Industrial complex, which has been conducted as cooperation business between South and North Korea, is on crisis for its being. It is worried that reliable relationship organized between South and North Korea for last decade would disappear. It is time that pray of brother's churches, which are called peacemaker in the world, is necessary.

In spite of frozen relationship between South and North Korea, non-governmental organizations are conducting humanitarian assistance to the North. However, all humanitarian aid to North Korea are deferred, all churches and non-governmental organizations are making an effort to carry out humanitarian aid to North Korea at non-governmental level which can be called crucial communication structure. On May 26, TOPIK also tried to send 50,000 pieces of briquettes for North Korea but South Korea's unification ministry suddenly cancelled permission to go to North Korea because of their nuclear experiment on May 25 so that sending briquettes for them was deferred. Currently, TOPIK is waiting for permission to go to North Korea and requesting keeping humanitarian aid to North Korea.



TOPIK has considered various ways regarding humanitarian aid to North Korea, responding to holding difficulty of relationship between South and North Korea. Three members of TOPIK looked around border between China and North Korea last month. Although they did not go into North Korea, they witnessed how North Korea's economy situation is serious, seeing ruined mountain of North Korea from the border. There are many Chinese-Koreans living in the border who freely can go and come to North Korea. TOPIK's members realized something by

having conversation with them. When TOPIK carry out humanitarian aid to North Korea, Chinese Koreans' role is necessary. TOPIK will construct the route of humanitarian aid through reliable organizations in the Chinese Korean Society.

Currently, TOPIK is continuously doing fundraising campaign for TOPIK's projects including humanitarian aid to North Korea in order to carry out them smoothly. During the Lent, TOPIK collected donations by giving saving boxes to Anglican churches' all members. For this year and last year, ERD actively has supported TOPIK. Also, TOPIK requested Anglican Church of Japan (NSKK) to cooperate humanitarian aid to North Korea and then NSKK collected over 100,000 JPY. It seems to be difficult to collect money due to Korea economy's difficulty by global recession. However, TOPIK will continuously make an effort to actualize humanitarian aid to North Korea.



TOPIK is preparing for basis to do various projects and expansion of its organization by recruiting members who are interested in reunification and peace on the Korean peninsula. TOPIK hopes that brother churches would pray, care and support for our missions on reunification and peace in the Korean peninsula.

In peace

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