2018 Travel Study Seminar

South Korea
November 5–17, 2018

The Conflict in Korea: History, Hopes, and Challenges for Peace

The Republic of Korea (South) is a land of majestic mountain ranges, plentiful rice fields, and 50 million people. Technological advances have brought the country alongside many top world economies, but a continuous threat of war since the 1953 Korean War armistice casts a shadow over the country and its economic development.

This Travel Study Seminar will explore Korea’s culture and beauty and teach participants about the historic role that U.S. missionaries played on the Peninsula leading up to the 1950 conflict. We will be accompanied by, and meet with, mission coworkers and partners who are working for reconciliation and peace today. We’ll learn from our church partners in the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK) who are building on decades of peacemaking work, and the recent Olympic Truce, with Christians in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK North). We’ll visit with visionary leaders who created a Border Peace School on the DMZ border with North Korea, soon to become a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer site.

The seminar will create a community learning experience giving participants space to connect personally to the issues and then consider meaningful action that can be taken following the seminar. By gaining a better understanding of the conflict’s history and context, participants will be better equipped to return home as advocates for a peaceful resolution to the Korean Peninsula conflict.
Accommodations
The seminar will last 11 days, including two nights on Jeju Island, one night at No Gun Ri, and the rest of the stay in Seoul. Participants will be away for one Sunday unless they choose to extend their stay on their own following the Travel Study Seminar. Rooms are double-occupancy. Some single-occupancy rooms may be available for an additional charge.

Cost
The $2,295 cost is per person, double-occupancy and includes all seminar expenses (including all meals, accommodations, programs, tips, tours and in-country transportation). International airline travel from the U.S. is not included.

Applications are due by July 1, 2018.
After that date, applications will be considered as space remains available.

For more information
A sample itinerary and online application form are available on the Peacemaking Program’s Travel Study Seminar webpage, presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/travel-study, or by calling 888-728-7228, ext. 5805.