



September 01, 2017

Grace and peace to you in the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ!

**1. Journey Toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> MCSK Assembly:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mennonite Church South Korea Assembly is approaching very fast. We are going to gather together from September 15-17, 2017. The first gathering was held in February 2016 on Jeju island. At that time, we witnessed the formation of a new Mennonite church in South Korea, called Mennonite Church South Korea. A few days ago, the preparation committee members gathered together in Busan to check the schedule and details of the annual assembly.

### 2017 MCSK 컨퍼런스



- ▶ 기간 2017년 9월 15(금) ~ 17(일) 2박 3일
- ▶ 장소 원주 오르벨리 숙소와 교회
- ▶ 주최 한국 메노나이트 교회연합(MCSK)
- ▶ 주관 메노나이트 예수마음교회

- 9/15(금) 17-18 : 등록  
19:30-10 : 예배
- 9/16(토) 9-9:30 : 오리엔테이션  
10-11 : 영는 예배  
11-12 : 교회별 소개  
13-14:40 : 워크숍(이전)  
15-17 : 교회별 주제발표  
19-20 : 여성모임 / 청소년모임  
20:30-12 : 송회
- 9/17(일) 8:30-12 : 일관교제, 신학 함득기도  
13-14:30 : 예배(찬수, 성찬)

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discuss and celebrate together. We hope and pray that MCSK can keep continuing its holy and beautiful journey through these assemblies.

**2. Bock Ki Kim** has been very busy for the last couple of months. He has been involved in church planting meetings in Seoul as well as a preparation committee for the MCSK assembly; writing essays, lectures and presentations, and Anabaptist material in Korean; acting as the KAC interim director; and creating a peace theology discussion group. Since May, he has also lead a small Bible study group in Seoul on the gospel of John. He hopes to see the development of a worshipping community from this small group in the future. So far, there are only 3 brothers who gather together, though they occasionally have several visitors.

During the last 18 months, the committee members had many meetings to develop MCSK's structure, contact each other, discuss business for the national church body, register as a charitable organization, charter the constituency and bylaws, and prepare for the 2<sup>nd</sup> assembly. As the delegate of each congregation, they visited each church wanting to join MCSK in the future. Now, MCSK is considered an associated member of MWC. These leaders have dedicated themselves to being part of the larger church in South Korea. They are going to ordain two pastors during the 2<sup>nd</sup> assembly. Each time the assembly takes place, one of the member churches will take a turn hosting the committee meeting in their city: Chuncheon, Nonsan, Jinhae and Jeju. Members are now eager to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> assembly.

The theme for the assembly is DISCIPLESHIP. About 50 people registered to join in the gathering to sing, worship, learn,



Bock Ki leads a seminar titled <Conflict Transformation and Peace in Daily Lives >. About 50 participants shared their experiences and stories about the conflict they face.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. - 1 Cor. 3:11

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Though it will be a long journey from its conception to its establishment, Bock Ki has seen hope for a Korean Mennonite Church in Seoul.



*Monthly activity in the last Friday of the month*

**3. Sook Kyoung Park** has been running an English home study program since September 2015. There are now 16 elementary school students every afternoon from Monday to Thursday. In Korean schools, all students have a strong passion to study, and are even highly competitive. It means that children do not have enough time to play freely. Most students go to many different programs after school to study more after school has finished. Oftentimes, students feel tired from catching up in English, math,

science, music, art, and gym. Sook Kyoung often sees students exhausted from living such a busy life. Her program is unique because she takes good care of these children emphasizing important values such as respect, responsibility, empathy, honesty, bravery, creativity, integrity, patience, etc. It is typically unusual for children to willingly come to home study programs. However, children who are a part of Sook Kyoung's program express happiness in being able to take part. Sook Kyoung wishes and expects that these children feel the loving care of God through her program.

**4. Peace in the Korean Peninsula** is a key issue in broadcasting these days. The North Korean missile project bothers USA and many other neighbour countries. It is time to pray for God's peace in the Korean Peninsula.

#### \* Our Prayer Requests

- 1) The 2<sup>nd</sup> MSCK Annual Assembly: the meeting will be held from September 15~17 in Oak Valley, Wonju. Four churches will gather together and celebrate it: Jesus Heart Church, Jubilee, Peace and Joy, and God's Family church. About 50+ people will gather together to sing, worship, discuss and have fellowship together. Two leaders will be licensed as pastors. Please pray for this assembly.
- 2) Pray for Bock Ki's ministries - writing, translating, presenting and carrying forth KAC work – as well as Sook Kyoung's English program, which she uses as a tool for bringing God's peace to each child she meets on a daily basis.
- 3) BK-SK's 2<sup>nd</sup> term will be finished next year. Please pray for their next steps so they may discern it with wisdom.
- 4) Our daughter, Jin Sol is going to start her first semester of Ph.D at the University of Waterloo, while our son, Daniel is going to study in the counselling program at Columbia Bible College in BC. Please keep our children in your prayers.
- 5) Pray for peace in the Korean Peninsula.

Blessings in God's Shalom,

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