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Dear Rev Dr. Lee,

First of all, let me thank you for your letter inviting PCT to participate in your celebration of the 100th anniversary of your church. We give thanks to God for this special event and offer you our heartiest congratulations. We are delighted that our Vice-Moderator, Rev. Sudu Tada and our Associate General Secretary for Ecumenical Relations, Prof. Victor Hsu, will participate in your events in September.

Secondly, I also wish to thank you for your kind invitation to our church to join with you in worship and prayer because this year is, as you indicated, a “rather ambivalent meaning to Koreans and peoples in Northeast Asia”. We know that while it is the 70th anniversary of the liberation of East Asian countries, including Taiwan, from Japanese colonization it is also the beginning of the division of the Korean Peninsula by the two super-powers, U.S.A and the former USSR.

We recognize that that this division led to the Korean War in 1950. This unresolved war caused 5.5 million casualties, fixed the division structure on the basis of the Cold War. It created a 70 year-long unfulfilled aspiration for the Korean people who have been longing for healing, reconciliation and peaceful reunification.

We are grateful that the PCK has published worship resources which include an order for worship service, a sermon script and the 70 prayer topics in English.

Be assured that the PCT will remember with you this 70th anniversary of the unfulfilled liberation of the Korean peninsula due to the division, and join in your special prayer movement for the Healing, Reconciliation and Peaceful Reunification of the Korean nation.

Yours in Christ,

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