**GREETINGS FROM PROK MODERATOR REV CHOI PU-OCK**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Warmest of greetings to PCT from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. Our churches have had a very close relationship for many years, and it is a joy for the Executive of the PROK to have this opportunity to visit Taiwan and get to know a bit more about our friends, neighbours and partners.

2016 has already been a significant year for this beautiful country. On January 16 the Taiwanese people elected their first woman president, Dr. Tsai Ing-Wen, with a Democratic Progressive Party government. Our congratulations go to you all at this new beginning and opportunity, and especially that the PCT promises to remain faithful to continue its mission in Taiwan by serving the people in humility and being a sign of hope to the nation, as expressed in the PCT statement issued following the election on Jan. 19. We pray for President Tsai and the people in the months ahead.

From the very exhilarating to the very sorrowful. On the 16th of Feb., we heard of the 4.6 magnitude earthquake striking your island. Our support and prayers have been with you in this terrible crisis. We pray for the dead, the injured, and the fearful.

These two stark realities of the world in which Christians live and minister remind us of the need for each one to continually use the gifts God has given in service to others.

We from the PROK Executive thank you for your kindness and hospitality to us this week, as we learn ways in which we share the Gospel history, and more about how we can support one another. This time is a reminder to us, and a challenge to us that as we live in God’s world, we are not alone, but we have a family that extends beyond national boundaries.

May God’s abiding presence be with you in PCT now and always.

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