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Dear Rev. Dr. Jae-Cheon Lee,
Dear Rev. Euijun Kang,
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalm 147,3)

With this verse from the Book of Psalms I greet you as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. Your Partners in the EKHN are in solidarity with you on your pilgrimage for healing and unification and we pray for a successful campaign for a peace treaty.

We appreciate that this initiative is people centred, taking up the aspirations of the people of Korea for reconciliation, peace, and unity. Indeed, it was the people of East Germany, who led the successful non-violent movement for the reunification of Germany.

On this occasion we also remember the victims of the Korean War, one of the most destructive conflicts of modern history costing up to three million lives including many civilians. We remember the widespread destruction on both sides of Korea, leaving people hungry and homeless. We remember the many thousands of the victims of torture and massacre on both sides because of ideological differences.

Our hope and prayer are that God may heal the wounds caused by the war and ideological differences and bring together the people separated by the same. May God bless your efforts for a peace treaty on the Korean peninsula and for a peaceful reunification of Korea. Be assured of our prayers.

With Prayerful Greetings

Reverend Detlev Knoche