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Rev. Kim Young Ju
General Secretary
The National Council of Churches in Korea

Dear Rev. Kim:

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ who came that all may have life and have it abundantly.

On behalf of The United Church of Canada, I write to send a message of love and solidarity and to convey our continued prayer and concern for The National Council of Churches in Korea. We have heard of the public reaction to efforts of the NCCCK to foster dialogue related to understanding, tolerance and full inclusion of LGBT brothers and sisters. It is extremely distressing to learn that some of the negative reaction has been from other Christians, and has been directed even personally to NCCCK staff and committee members.

We continue to be inspired by the courageous witness of colleagues at the NCCCK in the face of hateful reaction. Courage, faith and wisdom to you and colleagues as you live out Christian unity, witness, and service in God's world, and work in solidarity with those who are oppressed and discriminated. The United Church of Canada stands in partnership with you and the NCCCK.

Be assured of our continued prayer for NCCCK colleagues, you in your leadership and all those who speak about love, acceptance, and inclusion. We pray for safety of all persons, for respect and tolerance, for genuine dialogue.

In your witness to fullness of life, and your stand for justice ... you are not alone.

We treasure the deep partnership, mutual solidarity and accompaniment between the NCCCK and our church. We offer prayers for the journey ahead, and loving solidarity.

Blessings and peace to you.

The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell
Moderator
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