Korean War has not officially ended. Since the Armistice Agreement in 1953, the Korean peninsula is at its truce which technically is preventing North Korea and the US - along with its ally South Korea - resuming war. Over 60 years of truce, the tensions within the peninsula always existed, but it has never been at its extreme as the recent days. The escalating war of words between the US and North Korea caused by the multiple launchings of nuclear missiles of North Korea are bringing serious concern of the possible military collision in the peninsula again.

In the midst of this possible conflict, YWCA of Korea is launching the Peace pilgrimage yearning for peace for Korean peninsula. Starting from the Jeju, the island of peace,’ we are taking our peace journey to our holy mountain, mount Baekdu. As the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are here to bear his cross of the war threats in the peninsula and to carry on his peaceful path in life.

Without peace, life cannot exist for peace and life are inseparable. 80 million civilians of the North and South Korea are not just numbers, but they are creation created by the image of Jesus Christ. War can never be justified in taking away these precious innocent human lives. Peace in Korean peninsula is the primary key to maintaining the world peace. Hence, this is the time to act and strongly work towards the peaceful conclusion of the Korean War with a peace agreement as promised under the 1953 Armistice Agreement.

Therefore as we, YWCA Women Peace Pilgrims, start our peace journey of ‘from Halla to Baekdu,’ we hope and pray for our declaration below will come to its reality:

1) We call to stop all forms of warfare and military activities in Korean peninsula!
2) We call to strongly urge the four great powers surrounding the peninsula to sign the peace treaty to build the Peace System on the Korean Peninsula!
3) We call to urge the United States and North Korea to stop the war provocation and start the peace talk immediately!

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