



# World Council of Churches

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With deep sadness, I write to express condolences on behalf of the World Council of Churches (WCC) at the passing of Rev. Prof. Dr Yong-Bock Kim. The fellowship of WCC member churches grieves together with his bereaved family, Presbyterian Church of Korea, and the National Council of Churches in Korea.

Dr Kim was a committed ecumenist who served the ecumenical movement tirelessly and faithfully. As one of the prominent minjung theologians in Korea, Dr Kim's contribution to ecumenical education was crucial in developing the idea of holding theological institutes for young students.

The WCC had the privilege of working very closely with him over the past several decades. He served as vice-moderator of the WCC's Commission for the Churches' Participation in Development. He also played a key role in organizing the WCC's convocation on "Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation" in 1990 in Seoul.

As one of the drafters of the NCCK's 88 Declaration, we also deeply appreciate his contribution to peace and reunification on the Korean Peninsula. We thank God for the life and witness of Rev. Prof. Dr Yong-Bock Kim as he played a crucial role in the peace process of the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK).

May our common Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and resurrection, give rest to his faithful and beloved servant Rev. Prof. Dr Yong-Bock Kim.

May his soul rest in peace, and may we all find comfort and confidence in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Saucă  
Acting General Secretary