Report on the visit of the German delegation to Korea from 22-30 September for the celebration and thanks giving worship for 45 years of EMS partnership with PROK and 40 years of PCK partnership with EMS, 104 General Assembly of PCK & PROK and a partnership consultation on 28.09 in Seoul.

A German delegation of 7 members from EMS secretariat and member churches in partnership with Korean churches journeyed to Korea. This year we celebrate the 45 years partnership between PROK and EMS and 40 years of relationship between PCK and EMS. To commemorate this there were special thanks giving worship and a partnership consultation to share how we could find common space and network to step forward.

EMS celebrates its mission with many global partners and member churches around the world. The mission works with 4 mission societies and extends the mission engagement through purposeful and meaningful encounters and learning.

EMS works with the churches in Korea both PCK (Presbyterian Church in Korea), PROK (Presbyterian Church in Republic of Korea and through them with NCCK (National council of churches of Korea.

An invitation from both PROK and PCK to EMS Presidium, Officiating General Secretary, Liaison Secretary for East Asia and India and Direct partner churches within German EMS member churches, to the 104 General Assembly of both PROK and PCK. Then to hold a partnership consultation, with PCK, PROK and NCCK providing an opportunity to revile, reflect and relook the expression of partnership and discuss ways of moving forward with meaningful engagement and learning outcomes.

The list of the German delegation visiting Korea for the 45 years and 40 years celebration.

The following delegation members were present at all the activities of the 45 and 40 years of partnership celebration.

1. Kauls Rieth (EMS Präsidium)
2. Kerstin Neumann (EMS Offciating Gen.Sec)
3. Solomon Samuel (EMS Liaison Secretary East Asia)
4. Heidrun Peron (Pfalz)
5. Rainer Lamotte (Pfalz)
6. Johny Thonipara (EKHN)
7. Irmgard Münzer (EKHN)

And it was unfortunate that both Rev. Bettina Furrmann of EKIBA and also Lutz Drescher DOAM and former East Asian Liaison and missionary in Korea dropped out in the last moment due to ill health. We missed them both so dearly.
Partnership existing between EMS member Churches of Germany and Korea

The following German churches have direct partnership with Korean churches.

- Weingarten church in Baden with Jumin church PROK
- EKHN Church with the Kwangju Presbyterian Church
- Pfalz/ Palatinate with The Church of Galilee and Young-Dong-Po-Presbytery PCK
- Ludwigsburg Church with PCK Pyong Yang Presbytery
- Lütselsachsen Church with PROK
- EMS and Sisterhood Diakonia, Mokpo
- Württemberg Diakonia and PCK University

104 PCK General Assembly, Pohang, Korea.

The GA of the OCK gathered almost 2000 members and began with a worship and thanks giving including Eucharist. It was a sight to watch how efficiently they managed the participants serving communion.

The worship was led by the Moderator and the dy. Moderator who takes over as the Moderator preached a sermon.

EMS Delegates Recognized at the 104 PCK-GA. With a special status.

The delegation of 5 people who were attending the 104 PCK-GA from Germany were invited to the front seating and was given the honour to bring greetings at the beginning of the Business session.

For the first time EMS brings greetings at the PCK-GA business session.

Both the outgoing PCK Moderato and Rev. BYUN Chang-Bae created a space for EMS to bring greetings commemorating 40 years of partnership with PCK. Dr. Kerstin Neumann, Officiating Gen.Sec EMS, brought greetings and she presented a silver coin commemorating 30 years of German Unification. This message of Peace, and EMS prayers and wish for Korean unification just as the way it happened in Germany was received with uproar and claps of appreciation. This is also the first time at a Business session of PCK a women delegate brought greetings EMS Kerstin reminded the journey of partnership and appreciated the many missionaries and ecumenical co-Workers both from Germany to Korea and also from Korea to Germany, which strengthens this bonding and ties of relationship between PCK and EMS.
Seminar at Youngnam Theological University & Seminary on 24.09

There was an ecumenical Madang / Seminar on ‘The role of Korean and Global Churches for the Peace and Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula’ held at the PCK Youngman University. The students and faculty participated which began with a worship where Dr. Kerstin Neumann brought introduction and Dekan. Rainer Lamotte brought greetings.

A theme paper was presented by Rev. Dr. Song Won Park, president of the Kyoungan Theological seminary, where he addressed the historical events of breach of trust between the Korean North and South, with two political ideologies and two vested interested global players. He also shared on the hope and eschatology of hope for a united Korea.

This presentation was responded by 4 participants.

Rev. Solomon Benjamin, EMS Liaison secretary for East Asia and India, shared on the work of EMS, in writing letters to the Defense minister of USS, to stop the deployment of missiles, a signature campaign carried out by EMS and EKHN and sent to the United Nations and to the defense secretary of USA. The hosting of campaign for peace Treaty. The EMS seminars focused on Peace at Korea and visit to Rev. SHIN Min Seoung of NCCK, address media and offering programme on peace, the global partners meeting with the Minister for Unification in the blue house and at the parliament. The many projects supported by EMS Pro-Pro for the groups PCMC, NCCK, programs of prayer at DMZ zone and area. The priority set by the church.
The other respondents were, Rev. Abus Takisvilainan, Dy. Moderator PCT, Rev. Toru Akiyama, Gen. Sec UCCJ, Kyodon and Rev. Moongil cho- PCUSA.

104 PROK General Assembly Iksan Korea.

The PROK General Assembly gathered around 900 members and a special thanks giving Worship was planned by Dr. LEE Jae-Cheon, Gen. Sec of PROK and member fo the EMS Mission council. After the business meeting on 25.09, all the international participants were welcomes and offered an exceptional place at the stage as a sign of honour.

What was even more special was the special place given to EMS amidst the partners celebrating 45 years of partnership between PROK and EMS. There was a special procession coming through the gathering on to the stage, with music drums and dances. Was an unusual expression.

The 6-member delegation from EMS Germany were invited to the stage and were honored with Stoll and words of welcome by Dr. LEE and also the Moderator of PROK. Dr. Kerstin Neumann brought greetings and also shared the silver coin commemorating the 30 year Unification in Germany. The worship laid a landmark participation of the entire PROK Gen. Assembly participating in the service of thanksgiving for 45 years of Partnership between PROK and EMS.

Signing the Multi-lateral partnership agreement on Project support for ELIM Home.

In the presence of the entire PROK Gen. Assembly participants, the stage was set for the event to sign the Multi-lateral partnership agreement between PROK and MCSA and
facilitation signature by EMS, on project support for ELIM Home for special children in ELIM,

This was another historical moment of signing the agreement to support the mission of MCSA home for special children ELIM Home.

**Visit to Daegu city**

A Visit was organized to Daegu city where the First Presbyterian Church was started in Daegu city and stands as an affirmation of Church witness and presence.

This city is also the place where the **March first Movement for Freedom and peace** originated as a protest against militarization and bringing in initiatives for peace in 1919. And this year this historical movement where both churches and civil societies joined as a protest group and held demonstration for Peace celebrated 100 years of this movement, where Dr. Jürgen Moltmann gave the key note address.

The first PCK Church

Visit to DMZ area a memorial and promise of hope to come for peace.

A trip was organised to visit the DMZ area, as the trip to Panmunjom could not take place. The visit focused primarily on the memory of separation of both North and South Korea. This is a constant reminder of the times that came to separate through destruction and will remain as a monument for the times to come as the history shall not be repeated. There will be hope for the future and the generation to come and the present will not suffer from the victimisation of war, hatred and global destruction.
The train remains as a sign of sadness and a hope for a new tomorrow for peace between both North and south Korea. The tunnel one could go through is also a sense of how hardship due to war could be and how lives didn’t matter when it comes to nationalism.

We visited DMZ along with Rev.Klaus Rieth, EMS Presidium, Dr. Kerstin Neumann and Anika the EMS volunteer in PCK guided by Yuki.

**The War Memoriam in DMZ**

**PROK-EMS-PCK Partnership Consultation**

There was a special event of partnership bringing all the partners of EMS with PCK, PROK and NCCK gathered to discuss the actual events and partnership journey for many years of purposeful membership and relationship.

The consultation began with greetings from the leadership of EMS and partner churches.
The participants gathered for the Partnership consultation of EMS-PROK-PCK and NCCK at Hotel Atrium, Seoul on 28.09.2019

The Partnership seminar had 3 sessions

1. Greetings from the Partner leadership
2. Discussion on sharing by Member churches of EMS
3. Further steps by Rev. Klaus Rieth and Dr. Kerstin Neumann.

Devotion by Prof. Hun sun HO, Member of the EMS Mission Council.

Prof. HO began her devotion with a moment of silence to initiate a process of reflection. Reflecting our mission and our testimony in present-day context.

Reflecting on the biblical passage from Malachi.1, 7-14 text on offering and the kind of animals, and those offering unhealthy and blemish. She called on the expression of Please close the doors of the temple.

While Congratulating 45 and 40 of the partnership of Korean churches and EMS she invited all for a self-examination and reflection on our mission and its relevance to today’s context. Inviting the churches for a mission realistic and questioned if our churches are not gender sensitive and the average age of the participants were 62 and have no space for young people. She asked if we worship mammon of money and power missing our very focus on Mission.

Church has called us to serve the poor and the weak. We are also weak but we are strong in Christ.

She expressed on the verse ‘Close the doors of the church. To view this in the light of the recent decisions of our Gen. Assembly and we need to relook at our mission.

She gratefully expressed that ‘I have learnt a lot from EMS and its mission council. Transparency, governance, and also gender concern and Gender sensitive’.
We are united within our differences and we learn a lot from EMS and to follow Christ in the light of God’s teaching for our times.

With a strong demonstration of a dramatic ribbon chain as a sign of solidarity with rainbow ribbons of accepting diverse groups and variety.

Greetings of the leaders of Member Churches.

Rev. Klaus Rieth President EMS.

Recognizing and appreciating the purposeful relationship and membership of PROK and PCK with EMS he thanked the church leaders for journeying together in common mission of life.

He expressed saying ‘Standing on the beautiful landscape of the observatory. Looking at the man-made division and the looking through the binoculars, one person said I see human on the other side. Yes there are human on both sides, and asked the participating churches leaders as what could we do, to make people celebrate freedom. He said, Peace and freedom are the heart of EMS mission.

He said, we often speak of the world torn apart in peacelessness but we need to talk about Korean peninsula and to make this a global priority and how could the churches claim this mission of peace. What is our USP in these issues?

Rev. Rieth capturing his visit to North Korea, said, that he saw the old people crying and young agonised over the separation. We as German have experienced this separation and division in Germany. Many thought this border would be there always, I assure you that we never gave up, we never walked alone, and God is a co-journeier with us. If we focus on this. We could become stronger and stronger. It was a basic peaceful revolution, the people said, we need to get to peace slowly and build up hope, and we need to work on every day for peace. Myself as a pastor we need to ask ourselves what is our theology. Theology of hope and Theology of freedom need to have political spirituality, where we are coming back to our roots, to be with the poor with a preferential option to identify with the needy. We ask ourselves who is our lord and where are our roots, and then build on political issues.
He invited saying we as missional churches have an offer in this context and to bring peace in a peaceless world, and hope to the hopeless world. Again, I greet you from EMS and glad to go here to bring this message of hope.

**Rev.Soonjong Yong, Moderator PROK.**

Rev. Yong appreciated and thanked the partnership between PROK and EMS.

He addressed dear Brothers and sisters in Christ. The long cherished Partnership of PROK and EMS has along historical connection. He said when a minister is consecrated; the oil poured out on you and in faith, we trust this as a sign of pouring down from God.

We are commissioned to work and stand together as we are part of the bigger family and treasure this partnership. In addition, we have come together more as friends and partners in gods and peoples mission and not just as members in EMS.

My dream for the partnership is that we know each Rev. other, we know God as one who journeys with us, and we know for sure God knows us. God bless all.

**Rev.Dr.LEE Jae-Cheon, Gen.Sec. PROK, member of the EMS Mission council.**

Dr. LEE who has worked on the partnership consultation jointly with Gen.Sec of PCK, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to EMS for the journeying together as a dear partner and co-sojourner.

Dr.LEE expressed ‘Thank you for inviting me to this partnership meeting. I am also a member of the MC. We are at the foundation of the Missio-Deo united by a special calling to be a partner.

He said for EMS and PROK it is a 45 years of journeying in faith. PROK is one of the first partners of EMS, after 2 years of starting of the EMS.

EMS supported Korean church during the dark ages of Korea, and stood as a strong partner in our need and struggle.

PROK, PCK are not just church connection but they also engaged with the military struggle and in our liberative engagement to prove our identity’ as a Korean church. EMS journeyed with us in this continuous struggle, it is a trusted relationship and engaged consistently as mission co-workers and to build bridges for the churches to grow and move forward. The possibilities of exchanges and north-south and south-north, brought the relationship to EMS and PROK churches.

Project support, help functioned as trusted relationship between Germans and Koreans. EMS provided platform to support this relationship. Direct relationship with EKHN and direct partnership with the churches brought bonding in faith.
The mutual continued struggle and journey for 45 years trickled down to the congregational level and grass root church and it is surprising that EMS is well known and accepted in the very grass root level and this proves the value of relationship and how the partnership has grown to be spiritual bonding thus far. We look forward to many new forms of ecumenical partnership and new initiatives that we provide mission in partnership. Triangle relationship, multi-lateral relationship. These multi-laterals are new forms of relationship and we see new hope in connecting the south-North, and south-south relationship.

In our partnership remains, god, faith and trust, moving together, working together and praying together. Greetings and thank you very much.

Rev.BYUN Chang-Bae, Gen.Sec.PCK

As Gen.Sec of one of the larger congregations in the EMS family, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the wonderful possibility of bringing the Ecumenical co-workers of the past, present, and young volunteers together at the Partnership consultation.

He expressed, EMS, has significant meaning in my mind. He captured his first visit in 1987 when he stayed in EMS Stuttgart. 40 years of treasure and valued relationship. This has supported us to be humble, valued, and grateful to god. It was a different for EMS at the last 104 Gen. Assembly, when she had the possibility to bring greetings commemorating the 40 years of partnership and gods faithfulness in our mission. He said there were 28 partners who participated in the Assembly keeps our church and partners connected globally on common mission in Christ.

The partnership has gone into congregational level. In addition, many grass root congregation knows the values of this relationship.

When we were in depression, challenges, and political struggle, the EMS stood with us as a strong partner and gave us impetus and for the first time, the EMS brought greetings and the 30 years commemoration of German Unification silver coin brought new energy to the assembly assuring hope in our partnership to carry forward.

Korea fought 6 wars, we were small to fight this nation. Japanese dominance of colonialization.

The rising of the Korean people for an identity. All dark movements changed into hope. Like the 1 March movement for freedom and independence, helped to develop more vibrant Korean community emerged, with no more war and pain of division. The subject of colonialism slowly vanished and effort of newness in the hope of partnership has bloomed

We endured the history and our partnership with EMS helped us to journey amidst all these challenging movements. And would journey further with Gods strength.

Dr.LEE Yung Jong, Gen.Sec.NCCK.

Dr LEE had involved in the process of internationalisation of EMS for many years and has associated with the writing of the new constitution of EMS, as ecumenical and International society.
He shared his reflective opinion on the consultation and journeying in partnership mission. I saw the programme, and glad to be here.

He welcomed all the delegates and ems staff team, for the 45 and 40 years of partnership celebration and consultation.

To participate in an inter-contextual pilgrimage within the context of the marginalised.

Peace in Korean peninsula is the top priority of the churches in the Korea and ems.

Panmonjom mandate inter-Korean summit, DPRK in Singapore in June 2018 for inter/state relationship.

Protest and endurance has evolved as new perspectives in Korean peace peninsula.

US is gaining Korean peace as political agenda for their next election. We say that USA should not use Korea for their personal gains and political initiative.

De- nuclarisation does not mean only on nuclear front but mainly on the security of human beings and the 30,000 solders.

1945 the division is a painful event for the humanity. The deviation is not more visible but let strongly and it reminds, us the very trust of god on us and to be agents of change and creators of the new hope.

We have seen the peace process and gods terrain. EMS thank you for joining us ion this struggle and historical opening of the new chapter of negotiation for peace.

He quoted what Jesus said, as I love you, you too love one another. We are intermediates of the peace consciousness for a new world and new hope and new creations.

We are in a god’s grace, pilgrimage of god’s presence towards desired global peace through Korean peninsula peace.

For me ems, is an ecumenical incubator, since 1998, my engagement with EMS, I dare to propose to from post-colonial change into a new colonial era, asking renaming EMS as to new name, for a mission of equality and sharing among EMS family members. To change to be a meaningful mission organisation that being project agency and this helped to challenge to change your transformative wheels toward the peace and ecumenism.

Session 2.

Greetings from Rev. Dr.Kerstin Neumann, Officiating General Secretary EMS.

Dr.Neumann, expressed her appreciation to all the former Ecumenical colleagues both from Germany and from Korea who shared their commitment and richness of engagement in both the cultures and churches.
She also appreciated all the young volunteers, both North-South and South-North who shared their experiences and work engagement in both context that strengthened the partnership relationship.

She also appreciated the role of the direct partnership shared between the EMS and also both PCK and PROK.

- Sharing and enhancing life, the sharing of joy and sharing of pain helped to enhance the life of partnership.
- We remain united in common solution for just world and vision for new workers.
- The forerunners where the ones who made the life of partnership meaningful.

She encouraged the participants that we need to find new ways in which we take practical steps into posterity.

She thanked the partner churches as EMS has learnt a volume of truth and partnership meanings from the Korean churches, which enhanced the life of the partnership. She also commented that the challenges of the partner churches like the critical need for peace in Korea has helped form the agenda of the EMS MC and Gen. Assemblies.

She said that new forms and models of ecumenical exchange is possible. What is applicable and realistic need to discern?

She expressed the desire of the MC of EMS that EMS secretariat could reflect the character of an International office with regional presence and to help ecumenical representations for moving forward in weaving the web of life.

We need to begin this process in order to find our space in the global church.

She opined that there is a strong need to be issue based and engage in transformative process for a just and a world of equality. The churches and missions are catalysts in making this happen for possibly creating an alternate world of caring and sharing.

The other speakers from the partner churches are as follows.

1. Rev.Dr.Kang Hee Han- PROK
2. Rev.Dr.Seung-youl LEE – PCK
3. Rev.Dr.Johny Thonipara – EKHN
4. Rev.Heidrun Perron – Pfalz

Some of the EMS programmes were presented through PowerPoint.

a. Kinder program, You and Me- by Prof. Hun Sun Ho
b. Bible sharing through the eyes of another – Solomon Benjamin
c. Indo-Korean Mission Council in India- Solomon Benjamin
Session 3

Moderated by Rev. Klaus Rieth and Dr. Kerstin Neumann on the theme of further steps on partnership into future.

Inviting reflection and discussion on the partnership thus far and to foresee a new vision of meaningful engagement into further steps in strengthening relationship. It was also to find how the global concern of peace could also become a reality in the Korean peninsula.

Many suggestions came up.

a. PCMC project and role of NCCK in peace treaty campaign.

Rev. Seung-min SHIN of NCCK along with the Peace committee members of the PROK, PCK, and NCCK, Hun-Sam LEE, Ra Haek Jib, and others pointed to the role of EMS and member churches of EMS on their engagement in the area of peace work in Korea. They shared about the peace work. Their concern was on the need of further support for the peace work of the PROK, PCK and NCCK. The future action of peace initiatives by the PCMC committee highlighted the two new programmes envisioned for next year.

b. PROK has a peace centre that promotes peace work. This project continues to receive support from EMS through ProPro committee. There are also prayers for peace on the occasion of Liberation Day (March) and Independence Day (August) which are shared with EMS and these prayers are translated into German and sent to all the member churches of EMS and also shared with direct partners to hold these prayers in their churches.

c. The NCCK proposed two significant programmes on Peace for 2020.

1. 70 Anniversary of the Korean War and no gun Ri-incident 2020; Peace conference & Ecumenical workshop for healing and Restoration in July.

The year 2020 marks the 70 years anniversary of the Korean War. With the 3 year long Korean war from 1950-1953, more than 6 million people were killed and the entire country was completely destroyed.

Therefore, the No Gun Ri foundation, in cooperation with NCCK and NCCUSA, is seeking to hold a three-day event that includes a worship service in Washington, DC in June 2020 to mark the 70 anniversary of the incident and beginning of the Korean war.

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of war memorial. A peace treaty campaign as 5th year in continuation by NCCK will hold a conference in Korea from 13-17 July 2020. This conference will articulate the recapture the 70 years of war, express the theological vision, and hope for peace making on global level.

d. Rev. HunSam LEE of the Jumin church sharing direct partnership with the Weingarten church, EKIBA, shared his initiative for work with North Korean Children in Seung Nam Presbytery.

e. This was a timely project inspiring EMS that this project identified as the project of the month and to raise funds for realising this programme, which is imperative for transforming the lives of the children.

f. To initiate the possibility as suggested by the Indo-Korean Mission Council to form EMS Asia Regional Forum of EMS member churches as per the EMS constitutional provision.

Meeting of Rev.Klaus Rieth, Dr.Kerstin Neuman, Dr.LEE Jae-Cheon, Rev. BYUN Chang-Bae and Rev.Solomon at the office of Dr.LEE, Gen.Sec PROK, on EMS-Korea Liaison officer, based at Korea.

A meeting among the above mentioned took place to discuss possibility of appointing EMS-Korea Liaison Officer based at Korea among the Korean Churches. The team discussed the following criteria for the appointment. Both PCK and PROK agreed on principle to appoint a EMS-Korea Liaison Officer based at Korea.

Criteria agreed for this position.

1. We agreed mutually to appoint a EMS-Korea Liaison and facilitate this position before the EMS mission council in November 20-23, 2019.
2. A sample of the agreement made with CSI, and with liaison to be made available to facilitate this position which helps to know the purpose and roles.
3. EMS offered to pay 15,000 Euros as 50% contribution and salary of the EMS-Korea Liaison officer based in Korea.
4. It was also suggested that this person need not be even ordained but with theological background. However, being ordained is beneficial.
5. This person could be a woman, keeping in line with the Gender policy of EMS.
6. It was suggested that this person, if appointed from PCK, could have an office in PROK or if from PROK could also have an office in PCK as a sign of mutuality and network.

Priorities set for further partnership at the consultation discussion.

1. Climate justice
2. Inter-religious Dialogue
3. Gender concern
4. Kinder Programme-EMS you and me
5. Peace initiative
6. Peace Treaty Campaign
7. EMS-ASIA Regional Forum
7. This position is only 50% for EMS and other 50% the staff works for Korean Church. What and how is the discretion and decision of the leadership of PCK and PROK.

8. The EMS-Korea Liaison Officer is appointed in mutual agreement of PROK and PCK and could also network with NCCK and Mopko sisterhood as some of their projects are supported by EMS.

9. The other 50% position on the EMS-Korea Liaison Officer is determined by both the PROK and PCK churches in sharing the 50% cost of the position appointment with 50% job description.

10. There is a procedure EMS follows in such appointments.

   a. The host member church for this case combined PCK and PROK, prepares the announcement draft for this portion and shares with EMS for mutual consent.
   b. The announcement on the position is made in the PROK and PCK church web and channels.
   c. Applications are invited for the announced position.
   d. These applications are shared with EMS for joint scrutiny.
   e. The mutually shortlisted ones are invited for an interview in Korea.
   f. One of the representatives of EMS, either Personnel head or Liaison representing EMS will be part of the panel for interview to make a joint decision.
   g. The Korean Church offers a work contract for the staff appointed and one from EMS for the 50% positon as EMS-Korea Liaison Officer.
   h. The staff appointed is also partly EMS staff and will be invited to EMS for an orientation and get to know the organization.
   i. Will also meet with the partner churches and direct partnership and will be formally introduced.

11. Since the days are running down, we could begin this process with mutual content.

12. It was suggested that these information discussed is shared with the ecumenical officers of PCK and PROK in facilitating this process of appointment in consultation with both the Gen.Sec of PCK and PROK.

   **Frau.Irmgard Munser recognised for her missionary partnership work from EKHN by partner church Kwangju.**

   At the partnership consultation, Frau.Irmgard Munster recognised with a plague and citation for her long-standing partnership contribution between EKHN and Kwangju Presbytery, the partner church in direct partnership. A special moment of partnership appreciation.
The significance of the Korea visit for jubilee celebration experienced by the German delegation.

There are 6 significant things that happened in Korea visit by the German delegation.

1. For the first time EMS had the opportunity to bring greetings at the 104 PCK Business session of the General assembly.
2. The sharing of silver coin commemorating 30 years of unification of Germany was a promissory note and a prophetic assurance of EMS prayers and solidarity for peace in Korean peninsula.
3. The special worship of thanksgiving at the 104 PROK GA was an exclusive programme of celebration of partnership. Where the German delegation was duly honoured and respected for partnership and 45 years of missional engagement along with mutual enrichment of spiritual ethos and covenantal journey.
4. The signing of the Multi-lateral agreement between PROK and MCSA for project support and South-South partnership on Elim, facilitated and co-signed by EMS, was another highlight. Your presence added value to the event on EMS facilitating signature.
5. The partnership consultation also brought forth many essential elements of partnership, on Volunteers, Bible sharing, Children programme, Indo-Korean mission council and the desire of the council for initiating EMS Asia Regional Forum for sharing and journeying to celebrate diversity and solidarity. The need for 70 years of war remembrance and prayer for unification by NCCK, work with Children from North Korea from Jumin church, PCMC and other projects supported becomes very significant for actualising the peace mission in local context.
6. The meeting with the EMS President, Officiating Ge.Sec EMS, Liaison Secretary East Asia and India EMS along with the Gen.Sec of PROK and PCK over the discussion of EMS-Korea Liaison officer based in Korea was another highlight and would soon be a reality as assured by the leadership. There are lots to compromise and agree by both the churches mutually and we hope this will happen soon.

Thank you to the preparatory team for the celebration of the 45 years of Partnership with PROK and 40 years of partnership with PCK, partnership consultation and various other events of significance.

With thanks and appreciation
Solomon Benjamin, EMS Liaison Secretary East Asia and India. October 2019.