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Fearing War, Women Call for Peace Talks

May 2017 Newsletter



Fearing Korean Nuclear War, Women of 40 Nations Urge Trump to Seek Peace

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By CHOË SANG-HUN APRIL 26, 2017

A South Korea-United States joint military drill in Pocheon, South Korea, last week. The countries are stepping up their military readiness amid signs that the North is preparing to test a nuclear device. Kim Hong-Ji/Reuters

Dear Friends:

On the eve of President Trump's White House briefing on North Korea with 100 Senators, WCDMZ sent a [letter signed by more than 200 women](#) from over 40 countries—including North and South Korea—urging diplomacy to resolve the threat of war on the Korean Peninsula. This is the first time that women from both sides of the DMZ, together with international women leaders, appealed for peace to the president of the United States.

Our letter received immediate, worldwide media coverage including in [The New York Times](#) and the [Associated Press](#), and a short Facebook video by [NowThis Her](#), prompting more women from all corners of the globe to add their names to the growing list calling for diplomacy to resolve the dangerous impasse. We were greatly heartened by similar initiatives calling for a peaceful solution with North Korea, including the [Women Peacemaker Program](#), [Code Pink](#), [American Friends Service Committee](#), and [World Beyond War](#).

Central to our work is educating the public through community events, including recent talks in Honolulu at the Friends House and the Trinity United Methodist Church, and through the media. In the past month we succeeded in vastly expanding our media outreach on the urgent need for peace. We were on television and radio, including [Al-Jazeera](#), KPFA's [Flashpoints](#), the [Thom Hartmann](#) show, the Nation Institute's [Politics and Reality Radio](#), and many more. My article in [Truthout](#) provided critical historical context on the longstanding Korean conflict, and a shorter piece in [Foreign Policy In Focus](#) explained how Trump's diplomacy with North Korea could be a real benchmark for success.

Upcoming Events

[A New South Korean President International Webinar](#)

Prospects for Peace on the Korean Peninsula
May 10, 2017
8:00PM EST
[Register Now!](#)

[2017 Peace Walk and Symposium](#)

May 24, 2017
Seoul, South Korea

[2015 Peace Walk Commemoration](#)

May 27, 2017
South Korea

[Korea Peace Network Conference](#)

Off Ramps to War: Paths to Building Peace with N. Korea
June 13, 2017
George Washington University

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In The News

[The New York Times](#)



[Associated Press](#)



[NowThis Her: Video](#)



Last month over 50 participants tuned into our first webinar on the "Costs of the Korean War: Impacts on Women's Peace and Security". On May 10th, WCDMZ and the Fellowship of Reconciliation will co-host a [Webinar](#) with leading Korea policy experts on the upcoming South Korean presidential election and prospects for peace on the Korean Peninsula. [RSVP Here!](#)

On May 27th five WCDMZ delegates will travel to South Korea to walk with thousands of women and men along the southern border of the DMZ to commemorate our 2015 Peace Walk and reiterate our commitment to peace and reconciliation on the peninsula. Over 30 South Korean women's organizations are planning this year's Peace Walk and May 24th Symposium in Seoul. We are all greatly inspired by the prospects of a new South Korean president committed to diplomacy and engagement with North Korea.

On June 13th WCDMZ and the Korea Peace Network will host a conference at George Washington University, "[Off-Ramps to War: Paths to Building Peace with North Korea](#)" featuring former US Defense Secretary William J. Perry and University of Chicago historian Bruce Cumings as keynote speakers. The conference will present the voices of those families of US servicemen who served in the Korean War, and thousands of Korean-Americans still separated from their relatives in North Korea. It will also include unique insights from on-the-ground humanitarian aid and development experts working with North Koreans.

As always, our ability to keep urging our leaders to pursue peace instead of saber-rattling, and educating the world through local events and the media, depends on the steadfast support of friends like you. Please stay with us, help us enlist more friends, and consider making a donation today.

In Peace and Gratitude,



Christine Ahn
International Coordinator
Women Cross DMZ

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[KPFA's Flashpoints](#)



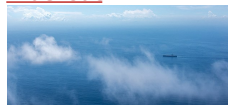
[Thomas Hartman Show](#)



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[Truthout](#)



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Past Events

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April 18, 2017

[Women's Voices Women Speak:](#)

From Kaua'i to Korea:
Women Resisting
Militarization and War
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