

## **Stop the Evil of War! Pursue the Way of Peace!**

*Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)*

We, the Peace Committee of the Korean Association of the United Methodist Church, deplore the evil of war that President Putin and Russia needlessly and inhumanely commits against the people of Ukraine.

We call President Putin and Russia to immediately stop the evil of war and turn to the way of peace for the sake of humanity and the future of human race. The people of the Korean Peninsula have witnessed the deadly cost of the evil of the Korean War that claimed more than three million lives and separated more than ten million families, most of whom died without meeting their families again.

War is never an answer and only begets more suffering and deeper hostility. As people carrying the scars of war, we stand with all Ukrainians in solidarity and join their desperate and courageous plea to end the war and pursue the way of peace.

As the followers of Jesus Christ whose resurrection broke down the walls of hostility among all people, we join praying hearts and hands in Ukraine and all over the world in calling for aggressors to stop all acts of hostility and a restoration of peace in Ukraine.

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