

**MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF MINISTRIES**  
**WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**  
**DUCC National Gathering Responses**  
**May 2015**

Affirmations:

- Benefit to women in ministry and young, unmarried male ministers who cannot find a call in Korea
- Enrich both churches with fresh theology
- Ministry personnel from Korea could minister to Koreans in Canada (growing population)
- Continuing relationship between PROK and UCC of sending personnel. This is a next step as overseas personnel leave available and sent
- Service built relationships between churches

Concerns:

- Will Diaconal Ministers be regarded as ordered ministry rather than equivalents to staff associates (chondosan) sp?
- Things items need clarification:
  - Priority was given in past to Masters of Divinity
  - What about celebrating sacraments?

Questions:

- Will there need to be provision for language training? (Two years to work in Korean)
- In past relationships built upon responding to denominational requests, is this a continuing value and if so, how will it be maintained?
- How will the Canada to Korea work, i.e., Will there be any opportunities? Will they need or want English speaking ordained ministers? Diaconal Ministers?
- Will Diaconal Ministers be regarded as ordered ministry rather than equivalents to staff associates?
- Will there be problems with how men and women are viewed? Differences in expectations of ministers? Concern re: cultural orientation and what will be effective.
- What is the passion behind this?