

Relationship between the General Council and Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea – Seoul Presbytery (PROK)

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The relationship between the PROK and the United Church of Canada is lived out in various ways – locally, regionally and nationally.

Here are some ways that the partnership has been living out in the past year:

- Delegations from Toronto Conference and Seoul Presbytery, BC Conference and South Gyeonggi Presbytery, have visited each other's contexts to live into relationship building;
- Deepened relationship between Riverbend Presbytery and Incheon Presbytery;
- A Global Learning Community was developed among young adults leading up to and including RendezVous – among other Canadian and Global Partner young adults, Seoul, South Gyeonggi and Incheon Presbyteries sent delegates, who were able to connect with young adults from Riverbend Presbytery;
- Catherine Christie has been sharing her experience as Overseas Personnel in local communities of faith Canada wide since March;
- College Street United is hosting a panel discussion: "Beyond the Headlines" November 15th with Catherine Christie, returned overseas personnel, Jeon Dawit, from the PROK, and Rev. Sarah Chapman, who attended the 2016 Peace Treaty workshop in Korea.

Patti Talbot, Team Leader, Church In Partnership, and North east Asia Partnerships animates and supports the partner relationship with the PROK, with People in Partnership supporting the people-to-people exchanges through (among other things) resource sharing, orientation and debriefing support.

I hope that this clarification helps paint a broader picture of the living relationship between the UCC and PROK.

The discussion re global guests at GC43 is ongoing, to my knowledge.