

Diocese of Peterborough

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Learning with South Korean friends

It is almost a year now since the Dioceses of Peterborough and Seoul committed themselves to making a companion link. Liz Cowley, our link officer who has just returned from a visit to the Seoul, reports.

Central to our link with the Diocese of Seoul are specific plans to learn from each others' ministries in different fields. My recent trip to Korea with Robert Hill (Diocesan Mission in Society Officer) and Liz Holdsworth (Diocesan Adult Education Co-ordinator) aimed to develop that learning from and with each other in three areas.

Firstly, Seoul particularly wanted to learn more about our training of lay ministers. Secondly, we wanted to know more about their involvement in the support of the elderly, disabled, homeless and young people and, thirdly, we wanted to share the possibilities for clergy and others to spend periods of time such as sabbaticals in each others' parishes and places of work, learning more of cultural differences in ministry and mission.

During this visit, we had time to find out more about the current political situation between North and South Korea and learn something of the historical

dimensions of a part of the world which is not usually a part of the teaching here in the UK – and come to a recognition of how little we really know about this particular part of the Far East!

This year we are focussing on Lay Ministry, and shortly six people will be coming from Seoul to find out a little more about the way we do it here! Next year, our prime focus will be on what the clergy can learn from each other. We plan to take some interested clergy to Seoul in Spring 2013, and they will bring a reciprocal group in late June of the same year.



Liz Holdsworth, Liz Cowley and Robert Hill (from left) with the Revd Columba Lee and children at Shalom House, Namyangju, a support centre for migrant workers.

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