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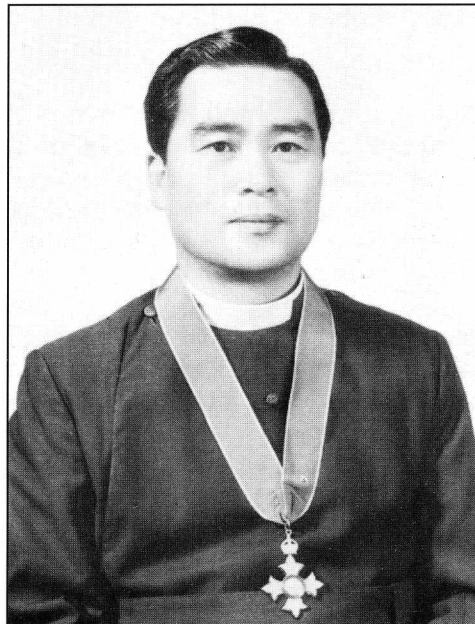
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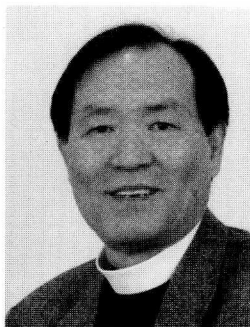
The Rt Revd Paul Lee 1922 - 2010



Bishop Paul Lee died on 26 March at the age of 87. He was ordained deacon in 1952 and priest in 1953. He was serving in the parish of Sangju, now in Busan diocese, when Bishop John Daly arrived in 1955. Bishop Daly said "At that time, Paul Lee was one of only three Korean clergy who had more than primary school education and he was obviously an outstanding priest so I sent him overseas for further training." He went to St Augustine's College in Canterbury in 1956 and then on to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. This was followed by two years as an assistant priest at St Mary's Church, Wellingborough. After returning to Korea in 1960, he joined the staff at St Michael's Seminary and in 1963 he was appointed Archdeacon of Seoul and Warden of the Catechists' School at Cheongju.

Bishop Lee was the first Korean to be consecrated to the episcopate in the Anglican Church when the Diocese of Korea was divided in May 1965 - he was appointed to the Diocese of Seoul and Bishop Daly to Daejeon. Bishop Daly said that he "became a very strong and magnificent catholic Bishop". The Anglican Church became fully indigenised and grew significantly during the years when he was Bishop of Seoul. At the time of his appointment there were just nine Korean priests and seven parishes in the Diocese.

Bishop Lee was very much involved in ecumenical affairs and was responsible for the formation of the Roman and Anglican Church Unity Committee in 1969. He was Chairman of the National Christian Council of Korea and of the Korean Bible Society. He served on the Board of Yon Sei University, which is a Christian university founded by the Presbyterian Church and he has the distinction of being its longest serving Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



The Chairman writes...

Dear Friends

THE ANGLICAN UNIVERSITY, SEOUL

Many of you will know that Sungkonghoe University in Seoul started life as St Michael's Monastery (generally known as St Michael's College) as a training institution for Anglican ordinands, by Bishop Mark Trollope in 1914. The first college was built on Kangwha Island and moved several times over the years before settling down in its present location in Seoul. The college received full accreditation from the Korean government in 1993 and on the completion of new buildings in 1994, it was granted university status. Sungkonghoe is the name of the Anglican Church in Korea and means Holy Catholic Church.

The University is led by the President, the Revd Dr Jeremiah Yang, who gained his Ph. D at Birmingham University. There are more than 2500 students and a teaching and administrative staff of 200 with a wide variety of courses on offer. These include:- Theology, English, Japanese Studies, Chinese Studies, Social Welfare, Media and Communications, Distribution and Information Science, Digital Contents, Multimedia Systems Engineering, Software Engineering, Global IT, Information and Communication. Social Science, Arts in Inter-Asia NGO Studies. The University has graduate courses for Masters and Doctoral degrees. It is very lively and bubbling with life.

The ordinands study for a degree of Master of Divinity at the Graduate School. In such a large institution it is important that they have a separate place to prepare for ministry and I was very excited to see such a place being built when I visited in May. They will be housed at the top of a new eight story building and the facilities will include seminar rooms, a common room, bedrooms, etc. This is an important step forward and it is an act of faith because there are not yet have sufficient funds to pay all costs. The KMP will be happy to receive donations from anyone who would like to help. Our Treasurer, Mr Edwin Ward, will be attending the consecration of the new building in October.

Congratulations to Mrs Sue Tringham on her appointment as a Commissary for the Bishop of Seoul and a Trustee of KMP. Mrs Tringham has been involved with the Church in Korea for many years through the link between the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Peterborough and the Province of Korea.

With warm regards and good wishes.

Luke Lee

PEACE - HEAVEN

Peace - Heaven is the name of the residence at Woking where two Korean sisters are living. Sister Angela SHC and Sister Lucy Edward SHC are members of the Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul. This community, which was established in 1925, was nurtured by the English Community of St Peter, whose members had been working in Korea since 1892. There has always been a very strong bond between the two communities with sisters enjoying exchange visits, etc.

In 2007 the two communities agreed to explore new possibilities and a small joint community house was opened at Worcester Park in Surrey. The purpose of this venture was, whilst continuing to live the traditional religious life, to explore new models for the future. Please remember us in your prayers and contact us if you would like to know more about this venture.

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