

2018 KCRP Projects

1. Interfaith Harmony Festival

1) Interfaith Stay

- It offers interfaith experience to the general public.
- Participants stay for 2 nights and 3 days at religious places and learn about neighbor religions.
- Theme: “Difference is Also Beautiful!”
- Participants: 282
- Schedule
 - July 27-29
 - Confucianism: Cheongju Hyanggyo
 - Chondogyo: Yongdam Sudowon, Gyeongju
 - August 3-5
 - Protestantism: Gwangju and Suncheon
 - Won-Buddhism: Yeongsan Sacred Place
 - Catholicism: Waegwan Abbey
 - August 10-12
 - Association for Native Korean Religions: Seon’gyo Gukjojeon, Yeongdong
 - Buddhism: Bongseon-sa, Namyangju

2) National Interfaith Harmony Gathering

From November 15-16, the National Interfaith Harmony Gathering was held in Gyeongju. About 400 people from all across the nation participated to celebrate the event. Interfaith activities were offered

3) Local KCRP and Committee Projects

KCRP offers interfaith programs to local KCRP members and committees to enhance religious harmony.

2. Religious Youth Peace Camp

From January 8 – 11, 2019, 40 religious youth members from KCRP visited religio-cultural heritage places in Busan and Tsusima, Japan, to reflect on history and culture under the theme of “Youth Speak about Local Religion and History.”

3. Monthly Korean Newspaper *Joggyo wa Pyenong’hwa*

KCRP publishes a monthly newspaper *Jonggyo wa Pyeong’hwa* that covers issues related to religion.

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1. Interfaith Seminar on Islam and Interfaith Exchanges

IPCR held its annual interfaith seminar on Islam in three parts. First, its seminar for the general public was held on June 5, 2018 at the Central Mosque in Seoul. It is geared toward enhancing the public understanding of Islam. A lecture on Ramadan was offered and the participants had a chance to share iftar food with Muslims and learn to write Arabic calligraphy. Second, an expert seminar was held on August 14 at the Koreana Hotel in Seoul. Participants discussed issues related to Yemen Muslim refugees. Third, in December, KCRP delegation led by Archbishop Kim Hee-joong visited Iran, continuing an annual friendly interfaith meeting with the Center for Interreligious Dialogue at ICRO.

2. Northeast Asia Seminar

2018 Northeast Asia Seminar was held from August 27-30 in Seoul. It aims to delve into issues related peace in the Northeast Asia.

3. Korea-Japan Religious Leaders’ Meetings

Religious leaders of Korea and Japan met to enhance friendship between the two countries from October 23-26 in Sapporo, Japan. They discussed the roles of religious people in returning to Korea the remains of the dead forced laborers.

4. Support for Myanmar

IPCR donated 14 computers to Entaigong Highschool in Pantano, Myanmar.

5. Quarterly Magazine *Religion & Peace*

IPCR publishes a quarterly English magazine Religion & Peace. It covers various issues on religion both in and beyond Korea.