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Organizational Profiles

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW), founded in 1960, is a national organization of women working for peace throughout Canada. An accredited NGO to the United Nations, affiliated to the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In 2015, VOW was among the international group of thirty peace women who crossed the DMZ between North and South Korea.

The **Nobel Women's Initiative** uses the prestige of the Nobel Peace Prize and six courageous women peace laureates to magnify the power and visibility of women's movements working in countries around the world for peace, justice and equality. The Nobel Women's Initiative works to strengthen and expand feminist efforts to promote nonviolent solutions to war, violence and militarism.

The United Church of Canada (UCC) is Canada's largest Protestant denomination. The United Church came together in 1925, through a union of Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, and other Christian churches – one of the first ecumenical unions in the world to bring together major Christian denominations into one body. It works with over 100 partners around the world -- national churches, ecumenical organizations, Christian councils, and church agencies. The United Church's engagement in Korea spans well over 100 years, as a global faith-based call for dialogue to reduce tensions and renew international efforts to promote peace and reconciliation in Korea.

Women Cross DMZ is a global movement of women mobilizing to end the Korean War, reunite families, and ensure women's leadership in peace-building. Since their historic crossing of the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ) in 2015, they have continued their journey to mobilize women globally for peace in Korea by 1) Raising global awareness about the urgent need for peace in Korea; 2) Expanding and deepening relationships among women leaders and organizations 3) Promoting women's leadership in peace- building processes on the Korean peninsula and region; and 4) Building capacity and partnerships for greater impact and sustainability.

The **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)** was founded in 1915, during World War I as a non-profit non-governmental organization working to bring together women of different political views and philosophical and religious backgrounds determined to study and make known the causes of war and work for a permanent peace and to unite women worldwide who oppose oppression and exploitation. WILPF has national sections in 37 countries. WILPF is a member of the ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) international steering group and played a leading role in campaigning for the Treaty, which was adopted by 122 governments in July 2017. ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2017.