

# A New Era for Peace

WOMEN CROSS DMZ ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



MOBILIZING WOMEN  
FOR PEACE IN KOREA  
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## From the Executive Director

### Dear Friends,

Despite all the challenges during this pandemic, Women Cross DMZ has persevered and grown, in both capacity and spirit.

We expanded our board, built new partnerships, and launched new initiatives such as our Feminist Korea Peace Fellowship to build the bench of the next generation of young Korea peace leaders. We strengthened our Feminist Peace Initiative with MADRE and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance to advance a movement-driven US foreign policy away from endless wars. And with two new board members Professors Ji-Yeon Yuh at Northwestern University and Marie Berry at University of Denver, we devised a two-year strategic plan to become a more robust, powerful organization.



I was honored to receive the 2020 US Peace Prize by the US Peace Memorial Foundation.

We started the year welcoming the Biden administration with the Korea Peace Now! campaign’s groundbreaking report, *Path to Peace: The Case for a Peace Agreement to End the Korean War*, which explores how a peace-first approach can help advance denuclearization and improved human rights. And we sent a letter signed by 71 prominent Korean American leaders to President Biden urging him to end the Korean War with a peace agreement.

So far, however, the Biden administration’s approach has been all talk and no action. The US is willing to meet with North Korea “anywhere, anytime,” says Sung Kim, Biden’s North Korea envoy. But the US continues its crippling sanctions, stages provocative joint military exercises with South Korea, and prohibits Americans from traveling to North Korea.

We remain undeterred. Our vision is clear: The old approach is only fueling a never-ending arms race and endangering people’s lives. It’s time for a new, peace-first approach to bring closure to America’s longest conflict abroad.

Our systemic, holistic approach to ending the 71-year Korean War has produced two narrative-changing reports, mobilized hundreds of multi-generational

On the cover:  
North Korean and international women embrace in Pyongyang during a peace symposium in 2015. Photo by David Guttenfelder

activists to engage their members of Congress, and launched campaigns to challenge the US-ROK war games and the US travel ban to North Korea. Our work has been covered in *The Washington Post*, NPR, NBC, MSNBC, *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, and other media.

All this is vitally important as we continue to gain more traction and visibility, and become unfortunate targets of those who oppose our vision for peace and women leading the way forward.

Op-eds by Cold War relics who want to maintain this forever war have framed our calls for a peace-first approach as “absurd” and “destructive” instead of seeing the dangerous nuclear standoff as a threat to all humanity. As Gandhi said, “First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.” I’d say we’re somewhere in the third stage.

But to realize our vision of peace, we need an all-hands-on-deck approach that includes our broad and diverse ecosystem of activists, advisors, and supporters like you. Ending a seven-decade war is no small feat.

Our exciting plans for growing the movement and reaching new audiences include nationwide screenings of the new documentary film *Crossings* about our transnational feminist movement for Korea peace. Stay tuned.

Our vision — driven by empathy, understanding, and hope — is leading the way to a brighter future for all. To make it shine farther and broader, please continue to walk with us and support us.

With gratitude,



**CHRISTINE AHN**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WOMEN CROSS DMZ



# Our Achievements in 2020-21

## The ‘Path to Peace’ Report

To counter hawkish voices and explain how a peace-first approach can resolve the security crisis on the Korean Peninsula, Women Cross DMZ and members of the Korea Peace Now! campaign spent much of 2020 working on a groundbreaking report, *Path to Peace: The Case for a Peace Agreement to End the Korean War*. Released in early February 2021 and written by an international team of experts, the report explains how a peace agreement would lower tensions and make room for progress on issues such as improved human rights and denuclearization. It also argues for women’s engagement in the peace process.

The report was the collective effort of more than a dozen people who invested months of writing, research, and discussion. It also includes external contributions from leading Korea experts supporting a peace-first approach, including Jessica Lee of the Quincy Institute, Lt. Col. Daniel Davis of Defense Priorities, Hazel Smith of SOAS, University of London, and Adam Mount of the Federation of American Scientists.

To launch the report, we held a virtual press conference with authors of the report

(moderated by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Charles Hanley); a virtual event for Hill staff; a public-facing online event, which took place on the sidelines of the UN’s 65th Commission on the Status of Women; and a virtual event for the Canadian launch, hosted by Women Peace and Security Network-Canada (WPSN-C).

## Congressional Support for Peace in Korea

In 2021, our main legislative vehicle for building the political will for peace in Korea has been H.R.3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, which calls for a binding peace agreement to formally end the Korean War, negotiations to establish liaison offices in each country’s capital, and a review of the travel restrictions to North Korea. Following the success of House Resolution 152 during the last Congress, we worked with California Rep. Brad Sherman to provide input on this bill, which was introduced in May and has 22 co-sponsors (as of this writing), including, notably, a lone Republican, Andy Biggs of Arizona. This growing bipartisan consensus for peace is mainly due to the collective work of a coalition of national peace and justice organizations and a large network of grassroots activists.



The 2021 Feminist Korea Peace Fellows (clockwise): Julie Sunyoung Chung, Stella Soyoung Chung, Carol Li, d. haejin bang, Giboom Park, Ben Kim, Eju Ro, Jae Hwan Lim, Beka Yang, Oscar Escobar, and Hannah Lee

We deepened Congressional engagement by cultivating champions to do and say more on the issue. In addition to Rep. Brad Sherman, our “Korea Peace Champions” in Congress include Reps. Ro Khanna (D-CA), Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), who have spoken at our events this year in support of peace in Korea and lifting the travel ban. In April 2021 Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA) led a letter to the Biden administration urging a new approach that prioritizes peace. Furthermore, in July 2021 we successfully advocated for House Foreign Affairs Committee members to vote “no” on an amendment on maximum pressure on North Korea in H.R. 3524, the Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement (EAGLE) Act.

In July, Women Cross DMZ collaborated with the Korea Peace Network, Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network, and Peace Treaty Now to organize a virtual “Korea Peace Advocacy Week” for nationally coordinated online advocacy. More than 170 people from 31 states participated and met virtually with 100 Congressional offices to advocate for a formal end to the Korean War, the reunion of separated families, and enhanced humanitarian assistance to North Korea. As a result of this work, the Korean War Divided Families Reunification Act, introduced by Rep.

### Several members of Congress voiced their support for our Path to Peace report. Here’s what they said:

“Korea Peace Now’s new report makes a powerful case for the urgent need to formalize the end of the Korean War. The benefits to human rights, denuclearization, and national security are clear. I look forward to continuing our work together to finally bring the war to a formal end.”

— Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN)

“It is clearer than ever — in the face of a pandemic, global recession, and worsening security crisis on the Korean Peninsula — we need a fair, binding, and peaceful resolution to the Korean War now. And as Korea Peace Now! finds in their comprehensive report, when women influence peace processes, the resulting peace is more likely to last. The global community must demand that women are meaningfully included at all levels of the Korea peace process to ensure that any final agreement is sustainable.”

— Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)

“It’s long past time for Congress to formally end the Korean War. Keeping this conflict on a hair trigger has left diplomatic efforts vulnerable to mistrust and miscalculation. This report outlines how a negotiated agreement can reduce the risk of war, and allow Koreans and Americans to build a more peaceful and prosperous future. I will keep working in Congress with allies like Women Cross DMZ to make that a reality.”

— Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)

### And from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Charles Hanley:

“The expert authors of Path to Peace have presented us with a clear, highly detailed and persuasive approach to ending generations of failure on the Korean peninsula, based on a simple principle, ‘peace now, peace first.’ And they argue convincingly that the greater the involvement of women in the process, the greater the chance for success. Let us hope this groundbreaking work helps foster new attitudes toward Korea, particularly in Washington.”

— Charles Hanley, reporter for Associated Press for over 40 years, Pulitzer Prize winner, co-author of the book *The Bridge at No Gun Ri*, with Choe Sang Hun and Martha Mendoza, and author of a new history of the Korean War titled *Ghost Flames: Life and Death in a Hidden War*



Women Cross DMZ advanced the Feminist Peace Initiative with our partners MADRE and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance. Graphic designed by Ramon Mejia

Grace Meng (D-NY), passed unanimously through the House, and Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) introduced the Senate version of the bill. In the House, Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI), Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (D-IL), Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA), and Rep. Barbara Lee co-sponsored H.R.3446; and Rep. Mark Pocan and Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia co-sponsored the Enhancing North Korea Humanitarian Assistance Act (H.R.1504).

### Feminist Peace Initiative

With our partners MADRE and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Women Cross DMZ advanced the Feminist Peace Initiative (FPI) through the release of our framework document, webinars, and targeted outreach to US-based allies. We engaged diverse audiences, from the Peace and Security Funders Group, to the Rising Majority, about the need for a movement-driven US foreign policy that centers the voices and experiences of those most impacted by US wars and militarism.

In the wake of the 2020 US presidential election, the FPI held a webinar with CODEPINK, “Biden, Foreign Policy, and the Role of Feminists: A Conversation with Five Leading Feminists,” to assess the outcome of the election and the role of feminist movements to advance a US foreign policy grounded in feminism, internationalism, and peace. Our timely discussion drew more than 500 viewers.

In September, following the US military withdrawal from Afghanistan, the FPI organized a discussion titled “Grassroots Feminist Visions: A Way Forward from the War on Terror” with feminist voices from Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Korea, and the United States. We challenged the myth that US militarism and wars have improved conditions for women

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throughout the Middle East and in North Korea, and made linkages between post-9/11 wars with increased border patrol and policing that have made BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities vulnerable to arrest, detention, and imprisonment.

In the coming year, we will continue to conduct outreach and education to democratize US foreign policy and engage with progressive policymakers to advance a peace-first foreign policy.

### The Next Generation of Korea Peace Activists

This year Women Cross DMZ launched our inaugural Feminist Korea Peace Fellowship. The Fellowship offered young people (under age 30) the opportunity to hone their organizing skills and deepen their knowledge of various issues pertaining to Korea peace. Nearly 200 people applied from all over the world for 11 slots.

We were floored by the exceptional and diverse group of young people who became our first cohort, many of whom were already engaged with, and dedicated to, the issue of Korea peace. For six months we met to discuss the Korean War, Congressional advocacy, grassroots

organizing, feminist analysis, and op-ed writing from longtime organizers, scholars, and advocates in our movement.

Here's some of what our Fellows had to say about the experience:

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“I really truly deeply appreciated connecting with everyone from WCDMZ, the speakers, as well as the other Fellows. It is ongoing work with so many ways to move it forward (diversity in tactics) that will last a lifetime and I'm feeling so blessed to have planted the seeds with many others through this summer. It makes me hopeful that we will get to see an end to the Korean War (at minimum) and I dream for more — real liberation and freedom and peace for all people. I know we will stay connected and intersect again in new ways that we can't predict yet.”

We hope to continue the Fellowship next year to empower the next generation of Korea peace activists.

### **The Korea Peace Partnership**

Women Cross DMZ was central to organizing the Korea Peace Partnership (KPP), which brings together key networks dedicated to Korea Peace. KPP includes the Korea Peace Network, Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network, and Peace Treaty Now—and encompasses more than 100 national and local organizations that advocate for lasting peace on the Korean



Peninsula. Together, the partnership organized the national Korea Peace Advocacy Week in July to press for legislation that promotes peace on the Korean Peninsula.

### **Launched the LIFT Campaign**

This year Women Cross DMZ anchored a new campaign to lift the ban that prohibits US citizens from traveling to, in, or through North



Korea. Imposed by the Trump administration in 2017, the travel ban prevents Korean Americans from visiting family members in North Korea, hinders humanitarian organizations from delivering critical assistance, and prohibits US citizens from engaging in essential people-to-people exchanges and peace-building efforts.

The LIFT (Let Individuals Freely Travel) campaign — a joint initiative of the Korea

Choon Lim (standing, holding child) with his family in North Korea. Choon, a member of our LIFT campaign, has been cut off from his family since 2017 due to the US travel ban on North Korea. Photo courtesy of Choon Lim

Peace Partnership — launched in June with a webinar featuring leading humanitarian activists Joy Yoon and Kee Park, as well as Choon Lim, now totally cut off from his family in North Korea due to the travel ban. To highlight the stories of people affected



Women Cross DMZ's Hyun Lee, Hye-Jung Park, and Claire Yoo protest the US-ROK war drills.

by the travel ban, we launched a webpage introducing the campaign, and LIFT members were featured in NPR, *The Washington Post*, and NK News.

The campaign sent a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and met with Biden administration officials in August to urge lifting the ban. Although the administration decided to renew the Trump-era travel ban, LIFT members are resolved to expand the campaign and redouble our efforts.

**Protested the US-ROK Military Exercises**

In spring 2021 Women Cross DMZ partnered with Veterans for Peace, About Face, and civil society organizations in South Korea to call for an end to the annual US-ROK combined military exercises (war drills), which cost US taxpayers millions of dollars each year and exacerbate tensions on the Korean Peninsula. The coalition organized a webinar featuring leading antiwar activists Jeong Wook-sik, Jovanni Reyes, and Catherine Killough. Close to 400 organizations

around the world signed a joint statement calling for an end to the costly war drills.

In August the Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network partnered with Peace Treaty Now and the South Korean Committee on June 15th Joint Declaration, and joined their international campaign to collect 100,000 selfies and 10,000 signatures to end the annual military war drills. Three hundred forty-four selfies were gathered in six days and sent to South Korea. The selfies were used to create a huge banner for the live August 15th Rally for Independent Peaceful Reunification held in South Korea and broadcast online.

### Growing Our Grassroots Network

Our Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network now includes 11 regional chapters across the country: Washington DC; New England (Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire); New York/New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Georgia; Midwest (Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin); Southwest (Colorado and Nevada); Southern California; San Francisco Bay Area; Pacific Northwest; and Hawaii.

We also created three new groups: Generation Peace (under 35 crowd); only-Korean-speaking Group; and Christian Caucus.

The DC chapter held 11 rallies at the White House in February and March demanding the cancellation of the spring US-ROK joint military exercises. Another rally on July 24 commemorated the 68th year of the Korean Armistice and called for ending the summer US-ROK joint war drills.

Twenty students from Northwestern University interned for the Korea Peace Now! Grassroots

Network for seven weeks as part of the class on Legacies of the Korean War taught by Professor (and WCDMZ board member) Ji-Yeon Yuh in the Asian American Studies Program. They also produced an audio recording of the *Path to Peace* report.

Women Cross DMZ also anchors an ongoing study group of Korea peace activists who meet monthly for study and discussion on topics such as the origin and history of the UN Command, the history of US national security strategy, and the role of science and technology in North Korea's economic development.

Meanwhile, the Philadelphia, San Francisco Bay Area, and Midwest chapters studied the *Path to Peace* report and brainstormed ways to promote its educational and universal value.

### The Korea Peace Bridge

In order to reconnect our community during a year in which our advocacy work faced new challenges amid the coronavirus pandemic and physical distancing, we launched the Korea Peace Bridge, a collaborative video dialogue featuring members of the Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network.

Members and guests were invited to reflect on the 70th anniversary of the Korean War. Using a method known as "Question Bridge" inspired by the artist Chris Johnson, we facilitated an anonymous question-answer exchange with participants across age, place, and identity.

Questions included "Why did you get involved in the Korean peace movement?" and "How can we heal divisions within the overseas Korean community?" Please watch these videos at [KoreaPeaceNow.org](http://KoreaPeaceNow.org).

# What People Are Saying About Women Cross DMZ

"I am a part of Women Cross DMZ because we are a collective of transformational feminists who are in it to win it! Peace on the Korean Peninsula is critical for ending militarism and occupation throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including for my Guahan people."

— **Lisa Natividad, Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice and Professor, University of Guam**



"The path to true human security on the Korean Peninsula requires the meaningful, direct participation of women, especially those who are calling for peace."

— **Jacqueline O'Neill, Ambassador for Women, Peace, and Security, Government of Canada**



"The tireless, courageous work of Women Cross DMZ enables us to envision that peace is possible on the Korean Peninsula, that the endless war and separation of families must end. Women Cross DMZ is an essential bridge for the two Koreas, leading us to a peaceful future."

— **Don Mee Choi, winner of 2020 National Book Award for Poetry**



"I express my thanks to Women Cross DMZ for the tremendous work it has done and continues to do to bring about peace on the Korean peninsula and to promote the role of women in the peace process. It is an honor for our law firm, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, to have the opportunity to support Christine Ahn, Hyun Lee, and their colleagues, in this mission. I admire the sustained commitment that WCDMZ has made to these very important goals, which serve the interests of the Korean people, of the region, and of the broader global community. Despite obstacles and conditions that can seem intractable, WCDMZ has persevered with indomitable spirit to bring about needed change. And it has done so with energy, education, thought leadership, and determination, all of which serve as a model for others to follow."

— **Edward Krauland, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP**



“It has been inspiring to watch the birth and growth of Women Cross DMZ. This remarkable group has challenged all of us to think beyond traditional boundaries, from the militarized borders between North and South Korea to upending the imperial and patriarchal definitions of ‘national security.’ Deeply grounded in collaborative, intersectional analysis, and cross-sector movement building, Women Cross DMZ does not merely seek to end the longest lasting US war still ongoing in Korea, but is actively feminizing, demilitarizing, and democratizing US foreign policy across the board.”

— **Kavita N. Ramdas, President and CEO of the Nathan Cummings Foundation and former President and CEO, Global Fund for Women**



“In 2019, I introduced H.Res. 152 calling for the end to the war, and replacing the Armistice Agreement with a binding peace. That year, thanks to the incredible work of many grassroots activists from Women Cross DMZ and many other groups, the House of Representatives passed this as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act.”

— **US Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA)**



“Women Cross DMZ is an extraordinary group of courageous and visionary activists who believe that peace is achievable on the Korean Peninsula and have the experience and the political savvy to make it a reality. We need this to happen sooner rather than later. If we stand with them, the 21st century can tip in the direction of peace.”

— **Anne Delaney artist and philanthropist**



“Women Cross DMZ knows the importance of centering the voices of diaspora communities who have been first-hand impacted by war. Their work centers diaspora and grassroots movements so they can be in the frontline of reshaping the ‘traditional’ peace movement. In our collaboration with Women Cross DMZ and MADRE on cofounding the Feminist Peace Initiative, it has given our members a way to bring our grassroots feminist and racial justice articulation to the anti-militarization struggle and vice versa. Women Cross DMZ has played a crucial role in helping break the binary between domestic and foreign policy.”

— **Cindy Wiesner, Executive Director, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance**



## Events We Participated In

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| 11.11.20 | <b>"Biden, Foreign Policy, and the Role of Feminists: A Conversation with Christine Ahn, Medea Benjamin, Diana Duarte, Gloria Steinem, and Cindy Wiesner" hosted by CODEPINK and Women Cross DMZ</b> | 2.4.21  | <b>"Peace to Peace" Report Hill Briefing</b>  |
| 11.12.20 | <b>"Is Permanent Peace Possible on the Korean Peninsula?" hosted by Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa</b>   | 2.17.21 | <b>"Feminist Leadership in Disarmament," hosted by SCRAP Weapons</b>  |
| 11.19.20 | <b>Georgetown THiNK (Georgetown University Truth and Human Rights in North Korea)</b>  | 2.18.21 | <b>"For Peace in Korea, No More War Drills," hosted by Veterans for Peace, Korea Peace Now!, and Women Cross DMZ</b>  |
| 11.27.20 | <b>Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cambodia</b>   | 2.24.21 | <b>Organizations in Solidarity Conference: Standing Together in 2021, hosted by Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security</b>   |
| 11.30.20 | <b>'What a new US President Means for Relations with China, Russia and Korea,' Hosted by Massachusetts Peace Action</b>  | 3.3.21  | <b>"Korean Peninsula Peace Forum," hosted by Korean Peace Now Southern California</b>   |
| 12.2.20  | <b>"After the US Presidential Election: The Role of Korean Americans for Peace on the Korean Peninsula," hosted by Philadelphia Saesamo</b>  | 3.10.21 | <b>"Taps for America's Empire of Bases? Reducing the U.S. Global Footprint," hosted by the Quincy Institute</b>   |
| 12.14.20 | <b>"Militarization, Killer Robots, and the Korean Peninsula: The Case for Peace" hosted by Korea Peace Now!</b>  | 3.18.21 | <b>"The Feminist Case for a Peace Agreement to End the Korean War," hosted by Korea Peace Now!</b>  |
| 12.27.20 | <b>"2020 Civil Organization Forum for Ending the Korean War with Peaceful Settlement," hosted by the Washington DC Chapter of the National Unification Advisory Council</b>                          | 4.8.21  | <b>"APA Women: Hate, Gender, and Race," hosted by California Asian Pacific American Bar Association (Cal-APABA)</b>   |
| 1.14.21  | <b>Northeast Asia Women's Roundtables I</b>  | 4.9.21  | <b>"625 Essay Contest" hosted by League of Korean Americans (LOKA), sponsored by the Washington DC Chapter of the National Unification Advisory Council</b>                                 |
| 2.4-5.21 | <b>Northeast Asia Women's Roundtables II</b>   | 4.13.21 | <b>"Tuesday Capitol Calling Party: Closing US Military Bases Abroad," hosted by CODEPINK</b>  |
| 2.2.21   | <b>"Path to Peace" Report Press Conference</b>   | 4.17.21 | <b>"Transforming the DMZ into a Peace Zone: The Need for a Peace Agreement and the Role of Korean Americans," hosted by the Boston Chapter of the National Unification Advisory Council</b> |

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- 4.22.21 **“Why We Must Urge Peace with China and North Korea,”** hosted by Root Action
- 4.27.21 **Rotary International Conference**
- 4.27.21 **“US Building Nuclear Power Plants in North Korea: Lessons Learned from KEDO,”** hosted by Korea Peace Now! Grassroots Network Midwest Chapter
- 5.6.21 **Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellows**
- 5.17.21 **Peace and Security Funders Group Annual Meeting**
- 5.22.21 **“From Grassroots to International Solidarity: Women’s Peacebuilding Initiatives and Recommendations,”** DMZ Forum
- 5.27.21 **2021 Women Leaders Conference for Peace/민주평화통일자문회의 여성평화회의**
- 6.9.21 **“Biden’s Foreign Policy: Challenges, Stakes, Opportunities,”** hosted by Humanity Rising
- 6.10.21 **“Dismantling Militarism in the Bay Area: A Briefing for Organizers and Activists,”** hosted by Center for Political Education
- 6.15.21 **“Aligning Canada’s Korea Policy with Its Feminist Vision,”** Canadian Launch of “Path to Peace” Report, hosted by WPSN-C and Korea Peace Now!
- 6.21.21 **“Pathways to Peace,”** hosted by Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy
- 6.21.21 **International Conference on Peace and Development on the Korean Peninsula,** hosted by the Korean Sharing Movement
- 6.23.21 **“LIFT for Peace: End the US Travel Ban to North Korea”** hosted by the LIFT Campaign
- 6.24.21 **Korea Peace Forum: “Ending the Korean War, Entering the Era of Peace,”** hosted by NUAC DC Chapter
- 6.24.21 **“Ending America’s Forever War in Korea,”** hosted by World Beyond War
- 7.7.21 **“Korea Peace Amid US-China Competition,”** hosted by Korea Peace Appeal
- 8.15.21 **“Dangerous Military Actions in Asia and the Pacific”** part of VFP 2021 Annual Conference
- 9.1.21 **“Womven Peace and Security - CSIS Indo-Pacific Forum”**
- 9.9.21 **New Zealand Coalition for Inter-Korean Peace**
- 9.20.21 **“The Women Peacemakers Initiative - A Look Back at a PDF Success Story,”** hosted by Peace Development Fund
- 9.21.21 **“Grassroots Feminist Visions: A Way Forward from the War on Terror,”** hosted by Women Cross DMZ, MADRE, and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

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## Media Coverage of Our Work

**Asia Times**

**Common Dreams**

**Counterpunch**

**CounterSpin**

**Critical State**

**Fellow Travelers Blog**

**Flux Magazine**

**Forbes**

**Hankyoreh  
The Hill**

**In These Times**

**Inkstick**

**Just Security**

**KBS World Radio**

**KPFA Radio**

**Ms. Magazine**

**The Nation**

**The National Interest**

**NBC News**

**Newsweek**

**NK News**

**NPR**

**Politico**

**Press the Button Podcast**

**SOFREP News**

**South China Morning Post**

**Sputnik News**

**Truthout**

**VOA Korea**

**The Washington Post**

**Yonhap News**

“There has never been a more pressing time to democratize U.S. foreign policy-making by centering the voices and leadership of those most impacted by it, as well as prioritizing powerful feminist movements and their visions.”

— Christine Ahn, Yifat Susskind and Cindy Wiesner  
op-ed in *Newsweek*, November 17, 2020

“Instead of focusing on how to get North Korea to give up its nukes, asking how to reach permanent peace in Korea may lead to a different and more fundamental set of answers. All parties — not just North Korea — have a responsibility to take steps toward mutual arms reduction.”

— Hyun Lee  
op-ed in *Truthout*, December 28, 2020

“If we are to successfully stop anti-Asian hatred here in the United States, we must recognize how US foreign policy perpetuates it and end US militarism and wars throughout the Asia-Pacific region.”

— Christine Ahn, Terry K Park and Kathleen Richards  
op-ed in *The Nation*, March 19, 2021

“For Korean Americans like myself, ending this forever war will not only help reunite families and stop the endless arms race, it will also be an important step toward healing the division within our own community. War has divided us for too long. It’s time we come together in the name of peace.”

— Echo (Hyunsook Elizabeth Cho)  
op-ed in *Common Dreams*, July 12, 2021

# Our Financial Health

## REVENUES

In Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1-June 30) our revenues totaled \$564,739 and expenses totaled \$562,864.

We raised \$428,763.74 from 161 gifts, and an additional \$21,784 in speaking fees. Our revenues were supplemented by a no-cost extension from the NoVo Foundation of \$90,600 remaining from our 2018-2020 \$2 million award from NoVo’s Radical Hope grant.

Thus, Fiscal Year 2021 ended with a healthy \$289,437 balance, leaving us on a good footing to pursue our goals into Fiscal Year 2022.

<b>The Compton Foundation</b>	\$75,000 (second of three-year \$225,000 grant)
<b>The Channel Foundation</b>	\$50,000
<b>Open Society Foundation</b>	\$25,000
<b>Rockefeller Brothers Fund</b>	\$145,000 (for the Feminist Peace Policy Initiative)
<b>Stewart Mott Foundation</b>	\$10,000
<b>Ploughshares Fund</b>	\$60,000

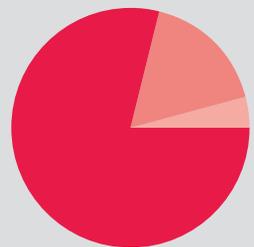
Individual gifts ranged from \$5 to \$20,000. Every gift supports our work to bring peace to Korea and to the wider world.

## EXPENSES

Ninety-six percent of the funds we raise goes directly to support education, advocacy, and organizing expenses. The majority of this is committed to wage and consulting fees for our team of activists. Due to COVID-19, all activities were held virtually, eliminating most travel expenses. Education and advocacy expenses reflect the costs of video and media production and stipend paid to our first class of Feminist Korea Peace Fellows, to nurture the next generation of Korean American peace activists.

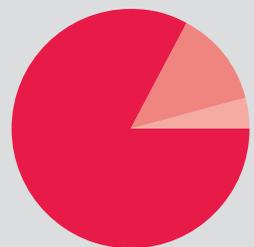
*\*Grant numbers reflect the total award, before fiscal sponsorship fees are subtracted. Numbers shown for total revenues reflect amounts available to WCDMZ, after fees are subtracted.*

## REVENUES



- **79%** Foundations
- **17%** Individuals
- **4%** Speaking Fees

## EXPENSES



- **83%** Wages & Consulting Fees
- **13%** Education & Advocacy
- **4%** Administrative Costs

## Who We Are

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Christine Ahn and Gloria Steinem at Panmunjom in 2015. Photo by David Guttenfelder

### In the coming year, Women Cross DMZ will continue to:

- Urge the Biden administration and Congress to pursue a peace-first approach on the Korean Peninsula, by building and leading coalitions, directing the advocacy work with national organizations, cultivating Korea peace champions, and building the political space for peace through Congressional resolutions such as H.R.3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act.
- Strengthen solidarity among feminist peace movements, from the Korea Peace Now! transnational feminist campaign to the Feminist Peace Initiative with MADRE and Grassroots Global Justice Alliance.
- Cultivate younger generations of activists to become Korea peace champions, by establishing Korea Peace Now! chapters in colleges and universities.
- Convene a national strategy meeting with key leaders and allies to develop a roadmap for organizing and advocacy for Korea peace during the Biden administration.
- Organize nationwide screenings of the documentary film *Crossings* by Deann Borshay Liem about our transnational feminist movement for Korea peace.