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Abbreviations

ACTS	Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission
AKSNA	Association of Korean Christian Scholars in North America
BFBS	British and Foreign Bible Society
BFMMEC	Board of Foreign Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church
CBS	Christian Broadcasting System
CCC	Campus Crusade for Christ
CCF	Chosŏn Christian Federation
CCK	Christian Council of Korea
CEMK	Christian Ethics Movement of Korea
CPAJ	Catholic Priests' Association for Justice
CPCK	Council of Presbyterian Churches in Korea
CPKI	Committee for the Preparation of Korean Independence
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CTCCCA	Commission on Theological Concerns of the Christian Conference of Asia
CWS	Church World Service
DAGA	Documentation Centre for Action Groups in Asia
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone
FBO	Faith-Based Organisation
<i>IBMR</i>	<i>International Bulletin of Missionary Research</i>
IHCK	Institute of the History of Christianity in Korea
IKCH	Institute of Korean Church History
IKCHS	Institute of Korean Church History Studies
IMC	International Missionary Council
<i>IRM</i>	<i>International Review of Mission</i>
JOC	Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne
KCIA	Korean Central Intelligence Agency
KDF	Korea Democracy Foundation

KDP	Korean Democratic Party
<i>KMF</i>	<i>Korea Mission Field</i>
KPPS	Korean Products Promotion Society
KPR	Korean People's Republic
KSCF	Korean Student Christian Fellowship
KSCM	Korean Student Christian Movement
KWMA	Korea World Missions Association
MEP	Paris Foreign Mission (Société des Missions Étrangères de Paris)
NAA	National Association of Evangelicals
NCKC	National Council of Churches in Korea
NFDYS	National Federation of Democratic Youth and Students
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
NKRPC	North Korean Refugees Presbyterian Commissioners
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OMS	Oriental Missionary Society
PCUSA	Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
POW	Prisoner of War
RFKCH	Research Foundation of Korean Church History
ROK	Republic of Korea
SCKCM	Special Committee of Korean Christian Ministers
SPG	Society for the Propagation of the Gospel
SVM	Student Volunteer Movement
TEAM	The Evangelical Alliance Mission
UIM	Urban and Industrial Mission
WCC	World Council of Churches
WMC	World Missionary Conference
YFGC	Yoido Full Gospel Church
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

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