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The capital of the state of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis is on Brazil's Atlantic coast and is a popular tourist destination. The Roanoke-Florianópolis committee (established in 1995) supports medical exchanges with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and virtual educational exchanges with a school in the region. The committee continues its longtime help of Love's Little Nest orphanage and is working on further educational, artistic and environmental collaboration with its Brazilian counterparts.

Wonju, South Korea



Wonju, a dynamic, modern city (population 311,000), is proud of its history and culture. It became Roanoke's first sister city in 1964, and its beautiful landscape is quite similar to Roanoke's Blue Ridge. Over the years we have seen medical, cultural, government and educational delegations and exchanges. The Yonsei University - Wonju Severance Medical Center now has a growing relationship with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine for exchange of medical students.

Opole, Poland



Roanoke County has partnered with Opole, Poland, since 1995. With a population similar to Roanoke's, Opole is rich in history and culture. Multiple music, medical and art exchanges have enriched both communities. Sister City-sponsored educational films and lectures about Opole and events in Poland help educate the Southwest Virginia public about the contributions throughout history of Poland and the Polish American community to Virginia and the world.



Pskov, Russia

Kisumu, Kenya



Working with its African counterparts to support projects such as Support Aid Ministry and God's Little Angels Children's School, the Roanoke-Kisumu committee (established in 1976) has also partnered with the City of Kisumu Urban Area Association to promote better business practices and added a tree planting project in Kisumu. In Roanoke, the committee participates annually in the Local Colors festival and collaborates with the Harrison Museum of African American Culture.

Pskov, Russia



Pskov, southwest of St. Petersburg, Russia, has a population similar to the Roanoke Valley's. Established in October 1992, the Roanoke-Pskov committee has been involved in numerous humanitarian, educational and medical initiatives. Since 1993, an exchange agreement between Ferrum College and Pskov State University has provided dozens of Russian students a chance to spend a semester at Ferrum and has occasionally sent Ferrum students to study in Pskov.

Lijiang, China



Lijiang is a magically beautiful and ancient city in China's Yunnan province. It attracts thousands of visitors to experience the colorful folk customs and the mysterious culture. Lijiang is both a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site and World Natural Heritage site, and is home to the Ancient Dongba Literary Manuscripts, included in the Memory of the World Register. The Roanoke-Lijiang committee (established in 1996) organizes a variety of cultural exchange programs with Lijiang to learn and to celebrate Chinese culture.

Saint-Lô, France



Saint-Lô is a town of 20,000 in Lower Normandy. Here the past is present: Two medieval towers provide a view of the Vire Valley and its river. Crossing the Vire River in downtown is a bridge, the Pont de Roanoke, dedicated in 1999. Our Sister City relationship was forged by a Roanoke D-Day veteran, Bob Slaughter, in 1998. Educational, artistic, business and medical student exchanges are realizations of his and other veterans' visions for our young people.

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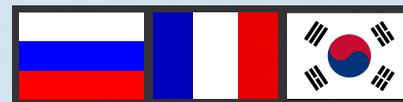


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MISSION STATEMENT

Roanoke Valley Sister Cities is committed to promoting mutual understanding, friendship and peace through cultural, medical, economic, educational and professional exchanges among the people of the Roanoke Valley and the citizens of our seven sister cities on four continents.

Roanoke Valley Sister Cities, Inc., was established in 1964 with the formation of our alliance with Wonju, South Korea. This relationship was prompted by Dr. Robert Roth, a one-time medical missionary in Korea. RVSCI is committed to carrying on the mission of Sister Cities International, which was created in 1956 at President Eisenhower's White House summit on citizen diplomacy. Sister cities champion peace and prosperity by promoting bonds among people from around the world.

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