

## Family Fed Sanctuary Dedication Ceremony in Gyeongsang Bukdo, Gyeongju

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### **[Herald] Family Federation Dedication Ceremony for the Gyeongsang Bukdo HQ New Sanctuary in Gyeongju**

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Family Federation / FFWPU) completed the construction of its new sanctuary building for the Gyeongsang Bukdo Headquarters in Gyeongju, and held the dedication ceremony on the 23rd.

The building for the new Headquarters of Gyeongsang Bukdo was purchased in June of 2013. It is a three-story building once used as the Shilla Vocational School, located at Sajeongro 21 in Gyeongju City. After undergoing one year and five months of renovations, the new building was ready for use. The building stands on 3105 m<sup>2</sup> of land, and has three stories above ground level. The facility includes a Grand Hall of 1000 m<sup>2</sup>, seminar rooms, a café, cafeteria and other amenities. This building will be used for various seminars, as well as a venue for Peace Ambassadors, multicultural families and local residents to come together in peaceful harmony and communication.

More than 500 people of political and religious backgrounds attended the dedication ceremony, including President Kyeong-Seuk Lu, the Korean President of the FFWPU. The congratulatory remarks were given by Monk Seongta, who is the leading Buddhist monk of Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju and Mayor Yang-Shik Choi of Gyeongju City.

FFWPU Korea President Kyeong-Seuk Lu gave words of encouragement, asking that the Gyeongbuk HQ will diligently fulfill its purpose. He said, "Gyeongju has been the center of the 1,000- year reign of Shilla, which unified the Three Kingdoms. Buddhism flourished here from early on, and the founders of Donghak, Suon and Choi Jewoo, as well as many other religious leaders, came from Gyeongju. This is also a historical location of prosperous religious and cultural exchange and international trade at the time of the Silk Road."

Great Monk Seongta said in his congratulatory remarks that he strongly agrees with the spirit of the FFWPU in highlighting the importance of family. He said, "Religion must not suppress man and cause conflict. I pray for further progress through today's dedication ceremony."

The Family Federation was founded by Rev. and Mrs. Moon in a family residence in Bukhakkdong of Seongdonggu, Seoul, on May 1, 1954. The movement has since grown into a worldwide religious organization with three million followers in 194 countries.....

**[Gyeongbuk newspaper] Gyeongju Family Church True Family Couple Award - Gyeongbuk District Headquarters Building Dedication Ceremony**



**Mayor Yang-Shik Choi and several representatives from various fields attended.**

**Purchase of Shilla Vocational School and completion of the construction**

“Let Us Become True Owners of Cheon Il Guk who Practice True Love in Resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent.”

On the 23rd, at 2:30 pm in Sajeongdong of Gyeongju City, the dedication ceremony of the Family Federation for World Peace Gyeongbuk District HQ Gyeongju Family Church was held, along with the opening ceremony of the Culture of Heart Peace and Unity Center. 500 representatives of various fields attended, including Mayor Yang-Shik Choi, the Head Buddhist Monk of Bulguksa, heads of several facilities and FFWPU Korea President Kyeong-Seuk Lu.

District leader Rev. Jang-Jin Jin lead the ceremony as the host, Rev. Yusu Park, gave the representative prayer, followed by an introduction of guests of honor, a report on the construction by Suyeol Kim, the leader of the Church Committee, congratulatory remarks from Seongta, Head Monk of Bulguksa and Mayor Yang-Shik Choi of Bulguksa, and closed with a benediction by FFWPU Korea President Kyeong-Seuk Lu.

After the inauguration of Rev. Yohan Lee as the first district leader from January 1, 1958, the regional headquarters was first located in Youngcheon, and then in Pohang. Afterwards, the HQ moved to Gyeongju City in 2012.

The former Shilla Vocational School, which has a 1852㎡ ground floor area (3 floors), and stands on 3105㎡ of land, was purchased and the exterior was renovated. The interior construction was completed, along with the inauguration of the 19th district leader, Rev. Jang-Jin Jin. Upon receiving approval for use from the city, the dedication ceremony was held.

Meanwhile, eight True Family couples were awarded the Church President’s Award and District Leader’s Award and Shinwon Construction Co., Ltd and Peace Ambassadors Jeyeon Park and Changran Lee received plaques of recognition and gratitude....

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**The Completion and Dedication Ceremony for the New Church Building at the Gyeongbuk Church Headquarters...**

#### **Resolution to Spread the Gospel through Communication and Harmony**

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) offered a dedication ceremony for the completion of the new church building at the Gyeongbuk Church Headquarters in Sajong-ro, Gyeongju City at 2 pm on August 23.

On that day, over 500 leaders from all walks of life attended, including Rev. Kyeong-Seuk Lu, President of FFWPU Korea; Venerable Seongta, Head Buddhist Monk of the Bulguk Temple; Mr. Yang-Shik Choi, Mayor of Gyeongju, etc.

The dedication ceremony was opened by Rev. Jang-Jin Jin (FFWPU Gyeongbuk District Church Leader) as the emcee, followed by progress reports, a presentation of awards for distinguished service, a congratulatory address by the Venerable Seonta and Mayor Yang-Shik Choi, a congratulatory song by the True Love Choir and the benediction by Rev. Kyeong-Seuk Lu.

The new church building of the FFWPU Gyeongbuk Church Headquarters is a third-floor building with the plot size of 3105m<sup>2</sup> and a gross floor area of 1852m<sup>2</sup>.

This building will be used as a center of harmony and communication by providing various seminars for Ambassadors for Peace, multicultural families and local citizens. It includes various religious facilities and amenities, including the Main Hall that contains 300 seats, conference rooms, a coffee shop and cafeteria, etc.

Rev. Kyeong-Seuk Lu gave some words of encouragement, saying, "I would like to ask all of you to faithfully use this place as the Gyeongbuk District Church Headquarters, in which the dedication ceremony of this new building in Gyeongju, the historical place where the exchange of religion and culture prospered, will serve as a foundation upon which to spread God's kingdom and His culture to the ends of the earth." ...

**[Newsis] FFWPU, The Dedication Ceremony of the New Church Building of the Gyeongbuk District Church Headquarters in Gyeongju, Gyeongbuk Province was held on August 23.**

On August 23, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) held the dedication ceremony for the new Gyeongbuk District Church Headquarters building at 21 Sajong-ro, Gyeongju City, Gyeongbuk Province from 2 pm.

On this day, around 500 local politicians, religious leaders and media representatives, including the

Venerable Seongta (the Head Buddhist Monk of the Bulguk Temple) and Mr. Yang-Shik Choi (the Mayor of Gyeongju), attended and supported this dedication ceremony.

Rev. Kyeong-Seuk Lu (President of FFWPU Korea) gave his words of encouragement, "The Gyeongju region is a historic city of the Silla Dynasty for its role in achieving the unification of the Three Kingdoms, which prospered early with Buddhism, and produced many religious leaders, including Su-un Choe Je-u (the founder of Donghak, "Eastern Learning"). This is a deeply historical place where the exchange of religions and cultures prospered and international trade flourished through the Silk Road. I would like to ask all of you to faithfully utilize this place as the Gyeongbuk District Church Headquarters, in which the dedication ceremony of this new building in Gyeongju, the historical place where religious and cultural exchange prospered, will serve as a foundation upon which to spread God's kingdom and His culture to the ends of the earth."

The FFWPU purchased the old building of the Silla Vocational Training Institute previously in June, 2013, and finally reached its completion after one year and five months of renovations.

This third-floor building has a plot size of 3105 m<sup>2</sup> and a gross floor area of 1852 m<sup>2</sup>. It includes various religious facilities and amenities that include the Main Chapel (300 seats), conference rooms, coffee shop, cafeteria, etc.

The FFWPU plans to hold various seminars in this new building, as well as to provide a place for harmony and communication between the Ambassadors for Peace, multicultural families and local citizens, etc...