

Family Federation Korean President Kyeng Seuk Lu: Becoming a Church that Responds to the World's Requests

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Kyeng Seuk Lu becomes the first child of a Mass Wedding Couple to be appointed President of the Unification Church in Korea

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Korean President Kyeng Seuk Lu stated on December 17, the Family Federation will be renewed as a religious movement that stands stable and strong, with volunteer forces that can respond to what the world asks for.

President Lu, who was installed as president this past October, spoke at a press conference at Gwanghwamun, Seoul, stating that the Family Federation, under the guidance of Hak Jan Han, will not stop moving forward following the passing of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

President Lu showed the collective determination of the federation when he stated that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation members of the Family Federation would join forces in forging a new identity as a community church that will pursue true family and witnessing activities.

President Lu himself is a 2nd generation member, the child of a couple who participated in one of the mass wedding ceremonies that Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han have been presiding over since 1961.

Analyzing the situation, some have speculated that Lu was named president in preparation for the 60th anniversary of the federation, which will be celebrated in 2014.

But the most likely looking candidates from the 2nd generation to inherit the leadership of the Tongil Foundation and the Unification Church would seem to be Moon's 4th son Kook Jin and 7th son Hyung Jin, who have retreated one step and are living in the United States.



In relation to this question, President Lu explained that Kook Jin and Hyung Jin may become major leaders after studying business and ministry in the United States for three years, as advised by Hak Ja Han.

Regarding the Family Federation's business relations with North Korea, Lu said, our business with the North is transparent and clean, with no bribery or hidden stories where trouble can brew. He stated that that business relations between with North Korea remain positive, explaining that at the time that management of Pyeonghwa Motors and the Potong River Hotel were handed over to North Korea, they had received in return the joint management of a large scale shopping mart in Pyongyang.

Lu also reported that Hak Ja Han had stated her decision to maintain the practice of formal mourning rituals for a period of a full three years following the death of her husband, Sun Myung Moon.

Before being named president of the Korean Family Federation Kyeng Seuk Lu had held a number of important responsibilities in the Family Federation, including missionary work in the CIS, regional leader for the Guro-gu, Seoul region, director of the 2nd generation office in the Korean headquarters, director of the planning department and a number of other posts. He also served in the Tongil Foundation as the director of the public affairs department and managing director of the Universal Peace Federation and Family Federation headquarters offices, and had been in the post of vice president of the Family Federation since March of this year.

In other areas, it was announced that the Family Federation will hold a first anniversary commemoration for the announcement of Foundation Day on February 12 of next year, including an International Marriage Blessing Ceremony.

Also, beginning in 2015, the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation will award a Peace Prize modeled after the Nobel Peace Prize.

"Realizing a Peaceful Society by Becoming a People's Church" Family Federation for World Peace Korean President Kyeng Seuk Lu

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Korean President Kyeng Seuk Lu (49), in his December 17 New Year's message stated "In 2014, the Family Federation will become a peoples' church, in order to realize a peaceful society."

President Kyeng Seuk Lu, the first 2nd generation member born to a family that participated in a mass wedding officiated by Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han to be named to the top post in the Korean Family Federation for World Peace and Unification stated in his 2014 New Year's message that the Family Federation is moving forward without stopping, under the leadership of Moon and Han in spirit and truth. He stated that in order to develop and be renewed as a people's church, the Federation would work to build ties of common determination between the 1st generation, 2nd generation and 3rd generation members.



After taking the post as Federation president, Lu increased the number of regions in the nationwide church from 18 to 21. After his extensive experience in various positions of church leadership, he is leading the church to focus on local activities. And as the federation moves toward its 60th anniversary, he is increasing the focus on the 2nd generation members.

Earlier this year on January 13 by the lunar calendar, the Family Federation proclaimed Foundation Day, the starting day of a world of peace. Currently the Federation is preparing for the first anniversary of Foundation Day, to be marked on February 12, 2014.



Events included in the commemoration include an International Marriage Blessing Ceremony to be held on the anniversary date, February 12. On February 9, events will include the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation's scholarship award ceremony for the upcoming school year, an intercultural family one heart festival, a sharing love festival. The schedule for February 11 includes an ILC International conference,

Cheon Seong Gyeong reading rally, Divine Principle lecture contest. On February 13 the inauguration of the Lifetime Museum Recommendation Committee (unofficial name) and the World Carp Convention will be held, and on February 14, Family Federation leaders from around the world will hold an international meeting.



What changes have you made since being appointed as president of the Family Federation in November?

One of the biggest changes is moving the focus from the headquarters to the local churches. The headquarters is leaner and more simple, for stronger management, and more of the responsibility has been shifted to the local areas. More energy is being focused on cultural recovery and rebuilding communities. Many of the major changes in policy will be officially instituted beginning on the first anniversary of Foundation Day next year. In upcoming years, the Foundation Day Anniversary, along with the Anniversary of Rev. Moon's passing will be the two major occasions for Family Federation events each year, including our core event, the Marriage Blessing, as well as events for creating internal unity among members and other festival events for the citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Together with this, the anniversary of Rev. Moon's Seonghwa will be the opportunity to show the world the work and accomplishments of Rev. Moon and Hak Ja Han throughout the world. Next year in particular, the focus will be on missionary activities in North and South America. I also was a missionary, working in the former Soviet Union for three years, so I am eager to show the world what Rev. and Mrs. Moon have accomplished.

What is the meaning connected with being the first 2nd generation member to be appointed as president of the Korean Family Federation.

Hak Ja Han has initiated a special education program called "Top Gun" for 40 young leaders to prepare them to lead the next generation. This means that it is not one 2nd generation member who has been appointed, but 40 leaders bound as one who have been appointed to leadership. The 2nd generation is working to inherit the foundation that the 1st generation has built up, and their mission is to develop the tradition, culture and history, and pass it on to the 3rd generation through action. Han called the 40 young leaders to become Top Guns, and personally assigned their missions. By instituting the Top Gun training for young leaders, the transformation will spread throughout the entire Family Federation, bringing a new generation of leadership starting from this time on.

What is your plan of action for 2014?

The year 2013 has been an amazing year for the Family Federation. We celebrated Foundation Day, the starting day for the "One Family Under God". It was also the year when Hak Ja Han announced the Vision 2020 campaign. 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sun Myung Moon, and Hak Ja Han's 77th birthday, as well as the 60th anniversary of their Holy Wedding. The Family Federation views 2020 as a very important year. By 2020, the Republic of Korea will also have gained considerable international recognition. The Family Federation has divided the seven year period until 2020 into two segments, the first three years for making a strong internal foundation, and the following four years for

expanding an external foundation. Next year, 2014, is the 2nd year of the first three-year segment, and the focus will be, first, to expand the internal foundation, inheriting True Parents' tradition and realm of heart; secondly, to gain strength by witnessing and inviting people to receive the Blessing, and thirdly, to build unity between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd generations to make a culture of heart, as well as moving firmly into society, to provide community service and support where it is needed, become a peoples' religion.

What do you mean when you say a "peoples' religion?"

Being a peoples' religion is the direction that the Family Federation is heading. At the beginning of this year, our former president, Dr. Chang Shik Yang declared the federation was working on becoming a life centered religion, a peoples' religion. The Family Federation is working toward evolving to a peoples' religion. A peoples' religion is one that focuses not only on the development of the church, but on peoples' needs, and how to provide help to meet those needs. Starting from Foundation Day early this year, the Family Federation shifted its focus toward becoming a peoples' religion, a life centered religion. As the federation moves into the future the focus is on peoples' needs and becoming a religion that can help people with what they need.

How is Hak Ja Han's health?

The passing of Reverend Moon last year was a big blow to Hak Ja Han, and her health was not good for a time after he passed, but as time has gone by, she has become more and more energetic. As the leader of the movement in Korea, I meet her almost every day to give her reports, and receive new direction from her. She appears strong and healthy at our morning meetings, and she has been working energetically, making her speaking tour to Japan in October, and leading a rally of leaders from around the world, calling for the reunification of Korea and peace in Northeast Asia.

President of Family Federation Korea Kyeng Seuk Lu "Becoming a Religion that Responds to The World's Requests"

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (Unification Church - Family Federation) Kyeng Seuk Lu (50) Korea President held a press conference on December 17 at Gwanghwamun. President Yu said that the federation is committed to becoming a religion that works to provide what people need, with a strong stable base of volunteers.

Kyeng Seuk Lu Korea President "The Culture of the Family Federation is Changing"

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The Family Federation is cultivating 40 young leaders for the next generation with a training program called Top Gun. There is significant meaning attached to Lu's inauguration as Federation President, marking the beginning of the age of the 2nd generation in the Unification Church. Lu said, it is time for the 2nd generation to inherit the foundation made by the 1st generation, inheriting the tradition and culture, and that the mission of the 2nd generation is to pass that tradition to the 3rd generation. Beginning with the Top Gun training program the change to a young generation of leadership will change the culture in the Family Federation.

In particular, Lu emphasized plans to broaden the focus of church activities to include more focus on identity recovery in preparation for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the federation. After taking up his post, President Lu increased the number of church regions from 18 to 21, and changed the leadership structure of the federation to put more power and responsibility in the local church regions, to support a more active church.

This past year on January 13 by the lunar calendar, was declared as Foundation Day by the Family Federation, the day officially marking the start of a world of peace, and the federation will celebrate the first anniversary of Foundation Day with an International Marriage Blessing, intercultural family one heart festival, love sharing festival and a variety of other activities

"Family Federation to Become a Religion that Creates a Peaceful Society"

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Family Federation Korea President Kyeng Seuk Lu Announces Plans for 2014

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (below Family Federation) Korea President Kyeng Seuk Lu announced in his report for 2014 that the Family Federation would become a peoples' church focused on a peaceful society.

As the first 2nd generation member born to a family that had participated in the Marriage Blessings officiated by Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han to be named president of the Korean Family Federation, Lu declared that the Family Federation will continue to move forward without ceasing, following the vision of Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han, in spirit and truth. He continued to say that in order to develop as a peoples' religion, the federation will work for identity recovery, and inherit the realm of heart

binding the 1st, 2nd and 3rd generations together with joint determination to have three generations of members with one heart, focusing on new members and witnessing.



After his installation as Korean president, Lu expanded number of regions in the national church from 18 to 21. He stated that he would call on his years of experience as a minister to lead the church with an emphasis on locally driven activities. The Family Federation is shifting its focus in leadership to the 2nd generation leading up to the 60th anniversary of the federation's founding in 2014.

On January 13 by the lunar calendar in 2013, the Family Federation declared Foundation Day, the day of the start of a world of peace, and they are planning important events to mark the first anniversary of Foundation on February 12, 2014.