

## Nothing Illegal, Nothing Immoral

By Jim Stephens

Many media outlets are suddenly calling attention to our Pastor Hyung Jin Moon and our church, Sanctuary Church of Newfoundland, PA, because of our upcoming Blessing Ceremony on Feb. 28th.



Their sensationalist coverage blows the reality way out of proportion.

We are not doing anything illegal. We are doing anything immoral either. All the local law enforcement are invited and many will be on the scene. All safety checks and precautions are being taken.

We are not in any way blessing guns in case you read that. The "Blessing Ceremony" is a blessing upon the marriages of couples both new and old (renewing vows).

We are merely exercising our Rights of Free Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Association, and the Right to Bear Arms. We believe these rights are given by God. We celebrate them.

In fact, I think Pastor Moon is one of the world's foremost champions of human rights. In particular, he is a champion of the Right of Self-Defense. Very few religious leaders are standing up as strongly and forthrightly as he is to protect the average person's God-given right to life itself.

In the vast majority of countries in the world, their citizens do not have the right to own a gun, even for self-protection. Governments themselves are some of the biggest mass murderers of ordinary people.

Pastor Moon is taking a bold stand and proclaiming that every person in the world should have the right to gun-ownership and self-protection. It is a basic human right.

I proudly stand with him.

Bringing an AR-15 rifle to our Blessing Ceremony is a symbolic demonstration of our God-given right to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors from harm.

We hope and pray that this message will spread all over the world and liberate God's children in all countries.

We are willing to "take a stand" and receive the abuse that will come our way from the authoritarians and their useful idiots. We "take a stand" on behalf of all of those who cannot make such a stand on their own but would want to.

We invite all Freedom-loving, God-fearing, people everywhere to join us in declaring a new age of human rights where all people can finally be truly free and truly safe from violence.

Join us in standing up.