

Update on FFWPU in connection with Korean lawmaker's illegal political funding

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Dear beloved members,

Yesterday, throughout the day, the special prosecution team investigating allegations against Mrs. Kim Gun-hee mentioned the Family Federation in connection with lawmaker Kwon Sung-dong's illegal political funding, leading to numerous media reports. With the relentless coverage, some of you may have felt so distressed that you dreaded watching the news, while others may have avoided it altogether. I know all of you must have had a frustrating and distressing day. While much work must be done to correct this unreasonable reality, we must first clearly address the fact that many news reports concerning the Family Federation distort untrue information as fact or speculate on unverified facts.

Misjudgments Based on Religious Prejudice Must Stop

First, it is being reported that the special prosecution team is investigating the Family Federation for allegedly attempting to collude with political power to expand religious interests and influence. However, the Family Federation has never attempted any political collusion for religious interests, nor has it provided political funds through illegal means to expand religious influence. The Family Federation has consistently engaged in comprehensive efforts to guide our society toward a more virtuous direction. In this process, it has met with numerous political leaders to unite their intentions. During these interactions, many political leaders joined in recognizing that these activities were not for religious gain but for genuine peace, expressing their respect for True Parents. The number of leaders who deeply resonated with, supported, and stood in solidarity with True Parents' vision and ideals for peace is too numerous to count. To dismiss their decisions as motivated by secular interests like bribery, improper solicitation, or lobbying is nothing but a misjudgment based on religious prejudice and misunderstanding.

The Deviation of Former Headquarters Director Yoon Young-ho and Its Consequences

An investigation is underway into allegations that former Headquarters Director Yoon Young-ho, while serving as World Headquarters Director, aggressively sought connections within political circles and engaged in illegal lobbying during that process. At the time, former Director Yoon Young-ho held the position of World Headquarters Director, the legal head of the Family Federation, and thus bore all legal responsibility and authority concerning the Family Federation. Moreover, since the person responsible for financial execution was his wife, no one other than them knew precisely what funds were allocated and through what processes. As a series of recent events were reported in the media, the members of the Family Federation were the ones most shocked and hurt. Members who had purely trusted him as a religious leader, unaware of his true nature, are now suffering double the pain from anxiety and distrust.

Organizational Restructuring and Renewal Efforts

Nevertheless, it is deeply regrettable that sufficient mechanisms to check and correct a leader's misconduct were lacking. To prevent such a situation from recurring, the Family Federation has restructured its global headquarters into a tripartite system, reforming the structure to prevent the concentration of authority in one person. We will also strive to enhance transparency in the decision-making process and disclose financial operations and project execution. Furthermore, all leaders will take time for repentance and reflection, pledging to approach their roles with a mindset of responsibility over authority and service over privilege, thereby continuing the renewal. This incident will serve as an opportunity for the church to be refined into a more honest and healthy community capable of communicating with society. In particular, the <Special Devotion for Cheon Il Guk Leaders for the Start of a New Era and New History>, beginning today, will be a time of renewal, refinement, and unity.

Beloved Family Members,

Today's difficulties are not an end, but a message from Heaven demanding a new beginning. We are a faith community serving True Parents and fulfilling the will of Heavenly Parents. Through this incident, we will reflect more thoroughly and be reborn as a more transparent and responsible church.

Family members, please do not struggle with distrust and disappointment. I ask that you strengthen the essence of your faith, encourage one another, and unite as one. When we become one in filial devotion centered on True Parents' will, this crisis will surely turn into new hope and victory.

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