

Church Standards

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Earlier this year True Mother requested us to implement certain standards, both internal and external, in our church services, our church literature and our physical facilities.

As a nation, we didn't move as swiftly on this as we might, partly because there had been several different directions over the past few years. Now, as we reach the final few weeks of the year, I thought it would be helpful to again make what is expected for member churches of the Family Federation.

1. Name

- a. The name of our movement is **Family Federation for World Peace & Unification**.
- b. This is one of the DBAs of the *Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity*, our original corporate name.
- c. Individual churches are to call themselves “[Location] Family Church” or “Family Church of [Location]”
- d. We are no longer favoring the term “Unification Church” as our primary identifier.
- e. Local churches may create a local “ministry” that has an outreach centered name.
- f. The Family Federation name, flag and sign should be visible outside on the wall, or in a window, or as appropriate.

2. Flag

- a. The official flag is the Family Federation flag. This should be flown outside the center or church building, if practicable. For smaller locations, display in a window is acceptable.
- b. A facility with two flag poles can fly the Family Federation Flag, and the United States flag. A location with three poles could elect to fly the State flag, or alternatively the HSAUWC rising sun logo.
- c. Inside the church, the FFWPU flag may be displayed on a stand at the front of church
- d. Flags can be made locally or ordered from HQ.

3. Logo

- a. Our official logo is now the Family Federation Logo. It should be used on all websites, and all official correspondence.
- b. The HSAUWC ‘rising sun logo’ is now the official emblem of the Nation of Cheon Il Guk. It is not being retired, but upgraded.

4. Photo

- a. The Official Portrait of True Parents 2013 should be displayed in the prayer room, sanctuary and as appropriate in all churches and homes. A high-definition file has been provided.
- b. In future years, alternate or new official photos may be provided from HQ.
- c. In the main sanctuary, please retire other, earlier images and use the official portrait.

5. Anthem

- a. The Cheon Il Guk anthem should ideally be sung at every public gathering, including church services.
- b. HQ has provided file versions of the anthem, with and without lyrics, in English as well as Korean.
- c. All churches are encouraged to quickly learn the Korean version, or at least the first version.

6. Pledge

- a. All members should have access to the revised version of the Family Pledge, and should study it carefully.
- b. Please pay close attention to the latest edits from True Mother

7. Prayers

- a. Prayer should be concluded in one's own name, not in the name of Jesus, True Parents or anyone else.
- b. The correct ending for a prayer remains "Aju" in a mixed environment you can add "Amen"

8. Church Governance

- a. The President is the National Pastor and has final authority over all pastors, possessing the final decision making rights over the anointment and confirmation of pastors.
- b. District and Local Councils are intended to be institutions that support the pastor, and are voluntary. Despite the fact that from time to time the council may reappoint or replace the current pastor, at all other times the Council is not the subject, and does not have authority to issue orders to the pastor, even if the pastor was elected by that council. By the same token, the pastor should aim to establish a healthy relationship.

9. Local church appearance

- a. Bishop Ki Hoon Kim and I have travelled throughout the United States and visited about 60 churches. We often wonder if we could invite our own guests to the churches we knew.
- b. Many churches are just plain DIRTY; the front door is dirty, the windows are dirty, even the land surrounding the church (parking lot, yard) is often dirty.
- c. Signage is poor; official logos, flags and names are not well used.
- d. The usher team is not very friendly
- e. Members are not dressing to impress.
- f. The congregation sometimes uses a lot of in-house, exclusive language
- g. The sermon is often not appropriate for the target "guest" level audience.