

Unification Sanctuary Memo re: FFWPU's letter to its members

The Family Federation recently published a letter to its members signed by its U.S. leaders. The letter informed the members of a plan to issue a "cease and desist" notice to World Peace and Unification Sanctuary. According to the letter, the intent is to stop WPUS from using True Father's "Tongil Mark" and the term, "Cheon Il Guk".

As of May 5, WPUS has not received such a notice. If such a notice is received in the future, we will consult legal experts on how best to proceed.

In an attempt to justify their action against WPUS, the Family Federation letter misinforms their members on two points. First, the letter states that YouTube took action against the official Sanctuary Church channel and videos. This is not true.

It is true that Family Federation in July 2015 requested that YouTube shut down the personal YouTube channel of the Second King of Cheon Il Guk Hyung Jin Moon and the official channel of Sanctuary Church. In response, YouTube shut down the King's personal channel but took no action against the official channel. This channel, with videos going back to March 2015, continues to operate.

Second, the letter describes the term "Cheon Il Guk" as "protected". Family Federation in September 2015 filed an application with the US Patent and Trademark Office to register "Cheon Il Guk" as a trademark. In response, USPTO issued a "priority action" on January 5, 2016, advising Family Federation that their application contained insufficient material for USPTO to grant the registration. The USPTO gave Family Federation six months to submit additional material.

In March 2016, a lawyer acting on behalf of WPUS submitted a letter of protest. In forwarding our letter to the examining attorney, an attorney advisor in the office of the USPTO Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy stated that the content of our letter "may support a reasonable ground for refusal" to grant the registration sought by Family Federation.

Information on the USPTO website as of this date indicates that Family Federation has not responded to either the January 5 priority action by USPTO or the WPUS letter of protest. The term "Cheon Il Guk" has not been registered by USPTO. Information on this matter is available by clicking the following link:

<http://tsdr.uspto.gov/...>

The May 5 letter by Family Federation leaders demonstrates once again that they resort to lies and misinformation to maintain control over their membership and that the moniker "Family Fraud" is justly deserved.