

Interview of Kyeung-Seuk Lu on FFWPU's Completion of Canon Law

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[Munhwa Ilbo] ‘Third Seonghwa Memorial … Completion of Canon Law and Three Great Scripture … As a religion accepted by the people’ - Interview of Kyeung-Seuk Lu, Korean President of FFWPU

“I will devote myself to carrying on the will of Rev. Sun Myung Moon who took initiative in saving humanity and realizing world peace. The foundation for FFWPU to do so will be to take a leap toward becoming a religion accepted by the Korean people, and a religion that will be of help to the Korean people and not a religion which profits a specific religious community.”

Prior to the Third Seonghwa (ascension) Memorial of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the late founder of World Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) on August 30, this was what the Korean President of FFWPU Rev. Kyeung-Seuk Lu (52) said as he claimed, “We have made continuous efforts toward reforming ourselves into a universal religion.” We met him at the Headquarters of FFWPU in Yongsang-gu, Seoul on August 11. “Our works of strengthening the internal system and organization such as the establishment of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution (Canon Law), the compilation of the Three Great Scriptures and the composition of the Supreme Council are reaching perfection,” he said. “Now is the time for us to earnestly ‘march forward without ceasing’ by inheriting the legacy of Rev. Moon.”

Rev. Lu explained that the family is at the center of the universe, “Not only love that flows from bottom to top, but also love that flows from top to bottom is filial piety (孝).” He continued, “The society, nation and the world can realize peace only when the parent and child build a family based on an accurate spirit

of filial piety.” He analyzes that social conflict and division are rooted in the wavering theory of filial piety and the status of the family. He currently pushed for reform to change FFWPU’s centralized structure in the region in order to reach the families more closely. He explained, “The core theory of Rev. Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is to make it possible for people to practice true love specifically within everyday life,” and said, “We will contribute toward the stability and development of the local community through various activities such as education and social services.”

He is also planning to gradually increase global activities that will contribute toward the human community and world peace by overcoming the walls of race, religion and the ideal. He put significant emphasis on the Sunhak Peace Prize, which has selected its first laureates. The prize will be given to individuals or groups who have contributed to the peace and welfare of future generations. This year, President Anote Tong of Kiribati and Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta of India have been selected for their distinguished services in solving the issues of climate change and the food crisis. “The Sunhak Peace Prize shall encourage the works of those who have sought for wisdom to save humanity and have practiced them. The prize shall undertake a role to create an agenda for peace,” he said.

The “PEACE ROAD” project, an organized endeavor to travel around the world perpetuating prayers for the reunification of Korea and world peace, has marked its third journey, and has currently been carrying on its journey over three months. Rev. Lu said, “The purpose of all activities that the FFWPU is involved in, such as politics, culture, arts, etc., is, altogether, to realize world peace.” But he also stated, “We will not forget our original mission as a religion to establish morality and ethics.”

FFWPU will be holding the Third Seonghwa Memorial at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeon-gun Gyeonggi-do with more than 30,000 participants, including prominent figures from Korea and abroad. More than 20 affiliate organizations such as the Universal Peace Federation, Citizen’s Federation for Unification, the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation and the Korea Multicultural Peace Foundation are holding various memorial events. And 22 district churches and 231 regional churches in Korea are also carrying out the “True Love Peace Service” and “Love Sharing Festival.”