

***For the Urgent Attention of All Blessed Families:
Letter on the “District of Columbia” Litigation against Hyun Jin Nim***

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Dear Blessed Families of the Worldwide Unification Movement:

Our Unification movement is nearing a crossroad, to a point of no return. The UCI lawsuit, which presumably all of you have heard about by now, is docketed within the judicial cogwheel and places the movement’s future in the control of the American legal system. As this litigation process unfolds, I am truly concerned that the Unification movement and True Father’s legacy will be all but obliterated based on its current trajectory. Furthermore, due to the church leaders’ legal positioning of True Father and True Mother as the foremost authority over all entities related with the Unification movement, True Mother herself will bear the brunt of legal responsibility related to the numerous misrepresentations made by those behind this litigation. Neither righteous nor holy and adding no value whatsoever for God’s providence, these legal proceedings are being used by FFWPU leadership to ultimately further their self-interested agenda under the pretext of bringing the movement under True Mother. I am certain that Hyun Jin Nim would like to encourage you, as blessed families and members of True Parents’ extended family, to take time to carefully and thoughtfully read the content that I am outlining below, and gain an informed understanding of the District of Columbia (“DC”) lawsuit.

The DC lawsuit officially began in 2011. It was initiated by Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim (FFWPU), Douglas Dong Moon Joo, Peter Kim, Thomas Walsh (UPF) and Gentaro Kajikuri (deceased, and replaced by Eiji Tokuno) (Unification Church of Japan) (referred together as the “plaintiffs”). Subsequently, Richard Bach,¹ Ki Hoon Kim, Changshik Yang, Sunjo Hwang, Joonho Seuk, Bo Hi Pak, Michael Jenkins and Michael Balcomb have all joined in their support of this lawsuit. It goes without saying that True Mother has also unabashedly endorsed the lawsuit initiated by then-International President Hyung Jin Nim. The matter is, in fact, a religious dispute and, as expected, by December 2013, the DC court dismissed the entire case, on the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution ground that a secular court has no jurisdiction over matters pertaining to religious and theological doctrines.

Nevertheless, the church leaders persisted with the lawsuit and persuaded True Mother to seek an appeal despite the fact that the matter will certainly be dismissed once again on constitutional grounds. Two years after the dismissal, in December 2015, the DC Appellate Court reversed the lower court’s ruling, reasoning that it was *premature* to decide whether this was indeed a religious dispute over which the U.S. court has no jurisdiction. The Appellate Court ruled that the FFWPU must be given an opportunity to prove their case by conducting “discovery”² in order to determine whether this is actually a religious dispute or not. To date, and five years

¹ Original name Jin-yong Park, third son of “Tiger” Park and legal advisor to FFWPU and the Mission Foundation.

² The process of gathering evidence under penalty of perjury in order to develop a more complete factual record for the court.

since the lawsuit was originally filed, the discovery, which is only the beginning phase of the court proceeding, has yet to begin.

The same church leaders are now claiming certain victory, in front of not only True Mother but to all members. They have misinformed, conducted campaigns to justify the litigation, and grossly misstated the court's rulings as an assurance of "total victory." On the contrary, the end of the litigation is not in sight, and the path toward ruling on this dispute seeps with theological and religious facts of the last seven year's cosmic conflict; in short, this is a religious and providential conflict over which the court has no jurisdiction. Yet, how irresponsible and ungodly of those leaders to present a picture of inevitable "success" and "victory" in order to convince Mother to continue on with the litigation, thereby intentionally making it more difficult for True Family to come together and be healed.

The simple fact is that the DC litigation is just one of many disgraceful symptoms of the last seven years' underlying cosmic conflict over God and True Father's legacy and the providential direction of the Unification movement. The litigation, filed in 2011, was initially framed as one son disobeying True Parents because of jealousy. With the continuing revelations by Hyung Jin Nim and True Mother in recent years, it has now become painfully obvious that this is not a simple case of sons fighting one another and their parent over assets. Instead, there were all along grave spiritual battles being waged over True Father's authority and proper inheritance of his providential mission. Sometimes out in the open but usually beneath the surface, these battles are being waged by "four axes of power": True Mother with her Han lineage and God's Only Begotten Daughter theology, Hyung Jin Nim with his "Second King of Cheon Il Guk" theology, the church leaders and their ecclesiastic agenda of the "Supreme Council" and "Cheon Il Guk Constitution," and, finally, Hyun Jin Nim, who, since being blessed by True Father to lead the Unification movement in 1998, continues to walk the path of a filial son, helping True Father's providential mission.

The discovery process, once it begins, requires extensive exposure of personal and institutional matters. Witnesses with relevant information will undergo the rigor of videotaped and transcribed questioning about their personal and professional life. Given the nature of the church leaders' claims, True Mother will become the main focus of the lawsuit. Discovery must include evidence related to the conflicting claims to spiritual authority within the movement and succession to True Father, including those made by the aforementioned four parties.

Besides explaining the rationale behind her Only Begotten Daughter and Han Lineage Supremacy doctrines – which blatantly contradict Father's teaching about the mission and role of the restored Eve – True Mother will have to explain why she altered the sacred texts which True Father explicitly forbade. Discovery will lay bare all actions, since 1998, to subvert Hyun Jin Nim. Mother will have to answer very uncomfortable questions about her part in forming, endorsing and participating in a "consortium" comprised of church leaders, Hyung Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim and In Jin Nim. This "consortium" was formed with one goal in mind: to remove Hyun Jin Nim, the legitimate elder son and successor, from all positions of authority and influence.

True Mother will be asked not only about her own actions, but also about her endorsement of the subversive actions of Hyung Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, as well as those of Dong Moon Joo, Peter Kim and other church leaders in their attacks on Hyun Jin Nim in numerous countries around the world in order to disrupt his providentially crucial work. Currently, various members of that consortium are now at odds with each other because of their individual selfish agendas. Yet, this destructive alliance forms the basis of the legal claims made in the District of Columbia in 2011, and part of that alliance currently acts as the axis of control in the movement today.

True Mother and other consortium members will have to address the differences between each of their conflicting motives and theological rationales for power and explain how and why their relationships with each other have deteriorated. It will be extremely embarrassing for True Mother to have to explain how, in collaboration with Hyung Jin Nim, she made Father, dishevelled in his bed at a predawn hour, sign a declaration against Hyun Jin Nim while endorsing Hyung Jin Nim and the consortium's position of power within the movement. She will also be queried about the reasons for Hyung Jin Nim's outrageous public ranting and insults against her, depicting her as the "whore of Babylon" and "fallen Eve" who has not only deviated from but betrayed True Father. Although True Mother's to-date policy of silence regarding Hyung Jin Nim has been deafening, it will soon be impossible to measure the reputational damage the evidentiary record will cause to Mother's image once the details pour out, both as True Mother and as mother to her own sons.

The other consortium members will be similarly questioned and will have to account for their conflicting divergences from True Father's teachings. Hyung Jin Nim will be questioned about his gross distortion of the coronation ceremonies, which he interprets as literal coronations for theocratic power, and the behavior of True Mother, the church leaders, Kook Jin Nim and In Jin Nim, who wholeheartedly supported his rise.³ Hyung Jin Nim will also be questioned about his tenure as the FFWPU International President, when he derailed the Unification movement from the providential direction that Father and Hyun Jin Nim were guiding, changing FFWPU from a broad and inclusive family-centered spiritual movement to a narrow, denominational church; why he orchestrated with True Mother, Kook Jin Nim, In Jin Nim and the church leaders blatant attacks on Hyun Jin Nim through worldwide character assassination tours – from the pulpit and through the media – while legitimizing them through the consortium's institutional base; why he instigated multiple lawsuits, both civil and criminal, against Hyun Jin Nim; why he removed Hyun Jin Nim's entire family of three generations from the bereaved list for Father's seonghwa (funeral), even physically preventing them from attending; why he forced many in our movement to pledge their loyalty to his concocted authoritative structure, both in writing and on video; and why he enthusiastically supported True Mother's divinization as "Wife of God" and her co-equal status with Father while she supported his rise, but now openly challenges her authority as True Mother as well as challenging her "Only Begotten Daughter" doctrine.

The church leaders will have to explain their false portrayal of True Father as the founder of a religious institution, structured like the Catholic Church, and their distortion of the era of the Family Federation as simply a legal name change from HSA-UWC to FFWPU. Let us recall

³ The coronations were to ceremonially recognize God's sovereignty, based on True Father's establishment of the Three Great Kingships; they were never to appoint a person to a position of power.

Father's teachings: he did not give his life to establish a church,⁴ but to establish the proper precedent for the true family ideal. That ideal would serve as the root of a new culture into which blessed families would graft through the Blessing, becoming true parents, true children and true families in our own right, according to God's ideal.

Likewise, the self-serving authors of the "Cheon Il Guk Constitution" will have to answer questions about the theological and factual history and basis for a constitution in the Unification movement as well as who gains and who loses politically from their "constitution." This ill-conceived document thoroughly subverts True Father's clear intent, which is to set the precedent for inheritance of authority and providential responsibility within his direct lineage. It is through the settlement of the true family ideal that God's love, life and lineage are substantiated. Instead, the Cheon Il Guk Constitution replaces that authority with the "Supreme Council" which is not accountable to anyone and is controlled by the aforementioned church leaders. The motivation of these church leaders has always been to eliminate the living physical root of True Lineage, to derail Father's succession plan, and thoroughly undermine the messianic mission. Why are only her daughters at Mother's side? What better way to banish Father's lineage to inconsequence than to eliminate his eldest living son? By continuing this lawsuit, these aggressors are continuing to drive a wedge between True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim, preventing them from coming together while giving themselves further possibilities to inflict damage. Meanwhile, they wait like wolves for True Mother to pass away or become too infirm to lead, so that they can ultimately control True Father's legacy and foundation.

As you can imagine, what will come out of the deposition from all parties involved will be nothing short of a made-for-TV drama, which no matter how one tries to explain will make a complete mockery of True Parents, the True Family ideal of unconditional love and sacrifice, and most importantly, the honor and sacredness of the True Family. I personally know that Hyun Jin Nim has toiled over the last seven years trying to protect Father's family despite horrendous challenges and abuse by his own family members so that True Mother and his siblings can assume their proper position and together bring healing and dignity back to this holy institution. Even to this day, Hyun Jin Nim offers his respect and honor to both True Father and True Mother. All his efforts have fallen on deaf ears until this point. If the litigation proceeds further, there will be no turning back since many court records will be public for the entire world to see. It will be the end of the ideal of True Family and True Father's original legacy.

We need to ask ourselves, why are those leaders pushing so hard for this litigation? Who benefits the most if the True Family is damaged beyond repair and torn apart through the course of this litigation where the mother and sons are pitted against one another? Without a doubt, it is those church leaders who are silently vying and positioning themselves to assume authority over the Unification movement and therefore True Father's authority when that time comes. Under the guise of the so-called "Cheon Il Guk Constitution" and the "Supreme Council," (which were opaquely established and are operated behind closed doors beneath a thin veneer of True Parents' stamp of approval), before you can even comprehend its nature, the Unification movement will

⁴ "It was necessary to hang out a church sign, but in my heart I was ready to take it down at any time. As soon as a person hangs a sign that says 'church', he is making a distinction between church and not church... this was not my dream." (Father's Autobiography, page 121)

soon be ruled by an ecclesiastic order that will define who you are and what you have believed all your life to be True Father's teaching and legacy. The only one standing in their way is Hyun Jin Nim.

In July 1998, when Father passed the responsibility for guiding the movement to the Second Generation, he proudly declared at Hyun Jin Nim's FFWPU vice-presidential inauguration ceremony that he is the one to head up a new phase in God's providence in the "Era of the 4th Adam" and the "Age of the Children" and that he has to accomplish even more than Father did in his lifetime in order to finish the work Father began. He declared at Hyun Jin Nim's inauguration that the True Family had now achieved the victory of Three Generations of Kingship, which finally opened up the way for the substantial establishment of God's Kingdom on Earth. This was the root of the victorious years, at the beginning of this century, when Father repeatedly emphasized that the time for God's Kingdom through the establishment of God's sovereignty had arrived. This was all to have been accomplished by Foundation Day. Tragically, none of this came to pass due to the derailing of the movement. I will not go into the details of that tragedy here; you can study the facts in various presentations and texts.⁵ The fruits of the flagrant deviations from God's providence are all too clear through a cursory glance at the current dilapidated state of our movement.

Some 27 civil and criminal legal attacks in numerous continents and jurisdictions have been brought against Hyun Jin Nim and those supporting him, with the intention of destroying his work – work which is inspired solely by God's and True Father's dream for world peace. Besides supporting individuals in their personal spiritual lives, Hyun Jin Nim's work is making substantial contributions to resolving religious and political conflicts at a time when the world is threatened by new wars.⁶ Legal attacks brought against him have not been successful in the past, yet, despite the risks, the waste of valuable resources and the repeated failed attempts to undermine his work, a group of mal-intentioned individuals are persisting in their efforts.

Based on their distorted explanation of True Father's mission and teachings, the church leaders have hijacked and are using FFWPU as their own vehicle in their corrupt bid for power over the Father's entire providential legacy. Suing UCI and bringing Hyun Jin Nim to his knees is a prerequisite to that ambition. They have reported to you that their acquisition of UCI through legal action would deprive Hyun Jin Nim of resources for his global work, which would supposedly put an end to his work and to his identity as true elder son in the True Family. Until now, Hyun Jin Nim has consistently and deliberately refrained from talking about his own providential mission and identity, with the expectation that we as blessed families will come to realize by ourselves the significance of his role in God's providence through the fruits of his life, family and global work. The attacks on Hyun Jin Nim, True Parents' eldest living son, are far removed from the ideals of true love, family and brotherhood for which True Father invested his entire life.

⁵ Refer to the Family Peace Association's website for further information: www.familypeace.info. Also, the Family Peace Association's 3-day lecture series and Mark Bramwell's paper *End of the Cosmic Conflict* provide factually rich explanations.

⁶ Refer to the Global Peace Foundation's website for further information: www.globalpeace.org

Furthermore, the lawsuit against Hyun Jin Nim is posing a serious legal threat to True Mother and the movement. Sensitive information about Mother is already on court record. Joo, Kim et al are claiming to the court that the control over all Unification movement-related organizations is held by the FFWPU, which did not even exist when UCI was created, and that True Parents have ultimate control. What makes this claim not only absurd but particularly destructive for True Mother, as the actual sole leader of the worldwide FFWPU, is that they clearly contradict years of statements which the plaintiffs themselves have made, many under oath, to government agencies and the public about subjects such as the actual roles of True Father and True Mother, including their scope of legal control, immigration and tax issues, as well as the legal and operational independence of numerous organizations relating to international maritime and aviation activities, and news reporting, especially at the Washington Times. Some of the activities implicate issues of U.S. national security.

It must not be forgotten that Father was imprisoned for almost two years simply for failing to pay taxes on less than \$10,000. Already, after questioning Bo Hi Pak, the very first “discovery” witness last August, the record contains highly sensitive facts about True Mother’s U.S. immigration. One only has to imagine the breadth and scope of our movement’s activities worldwide, from the U.S. to Japan, and the questions about these activities – assuming that the church leaders’ narrative continues to be accepted by the court. Despite all of these dangers, church leaders, corrupted by their desire for power and influence, are continuing with this lawsuit in denial of historical fact and with a callous disregard for True Mother and the movement. The accumulation of evidence in the court record to support their narrative will be exactly what the enemies of the movement have waited for, not only in the U.S. but around the world.

Soon, True Mother herself will be deposed, personal information about her lifestyle will be exposed, and she will be required to answer questions under oath about her ideological persuasions and her leadership role in the Unification movement. Sensitive details about the movement’s history in all areas, including its activities, governance and finance will be brought into the public arena. Wonju McDevitt and Mother’s closest assistants would all be deposed. Hyung Jin Nim’s videos and anyone associated with him will also come under scrutiny. The deposition of Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim will be extremely traumatic for Mother, as they are full of resentment against her.

Those pushing for litigation are thoroughly aware of these dangers, but are withholding this information from Mother and blessed families. They apparently consider neither the health of Mother nor the welfare of blessed families and the movement to be of particular importance. Hundreds of millions of dollars have already been wasted through litigation in the United States, Brazil, Chile, Japan, Korea and Paraguay (most of which they have lost) and it would probably take several years and tens of millions of dollars more before the DC court renders its final judgement, should these corrupt leaders, in the name of True Mother, decide to continue. By that time, the court proceedings will have caused irreparable harm to Father’s legacy.

Courts are not a panacea to solve problems. On the contrary, once you hand over your problems to the legal system, it takes over completely and you lose all control until resolution. Furthermore, you may not like the way the courts go about solving your problem. In addition to

True Mother, the Unification movement, especially HSA-UWC in the U.S. and Japan, is a group that is vulnerable here because it has a long history of making legal and financial blunders. HSA-UWC in the U.S. would likely have to answer, among other things, why it hid and even financed the infidelity of its Chairwoman, In Jin Nim.

The same church leaders who are pushing for this litigation are now challenging Hyun Jin Nim to simply give up if he is so worried about True Mother being put at risk. They are asking why he is forcing True Mother to a deposition and making his lawyers ask her all those difficult questions. The fact is that Hyun Jin Nim is a defendant in this case, and only the plaintiffs can drop this lawsuit. How disingenuous it is for the same leaders who pit True Mother against her son to ask him to just stand naked and surrender with hands over his head when True Father's eternal legacy is at stake. Furthermore, all lawyers, representing both the plaintiffs and the defendants, are officers of the court, who are bound by duty and obligation to ask all relevant and necessary questions in order to extract the truth and put it on record. That is why litigation is the worst and most damaging way to resolve a conflict. Yet, the very leaders who should do everything possible to convince True Mother to avoid this path are the ones that goad her on. Is that not the Devil's modus operandi?

I am explaining these facts to you plainly so that we, as blessed families, can take full control over our destinies and the destiny of our movement, which are all part of our True Father's legacy. We must understand the selfish motivations behind the attacks being made on Hyun Jin Nim, how irresponsible they are from the viewpoint not only of the Principle, but also in terms of common sense, common morality and family relations. Hyun Jin Nim remains committed to protecting his mother as best as he can under the circumstances. He has tried numerous times and will continue to try to engage with Mother directly. Distressingly, however, whenever Hyun Jin Nim has reached out to True Mother for her sake, the leaders report to her that this is a sign of his weakness, that victory is near, and that she should persist in litigating against her son. Blessed families must understand one thing: as this litigation proceeds, the risks to Mother are escalating and it is becoming increasingly difficult for Hyun Jin Nim to protect her.

Litigation will never work as a way to mend our movement; Hyun Jin Nim and True Mother must mend it directly with each other. Nor is there any rational basis to pursue the litigation, as I have clearly shown above. In the end, just as every past attempt to bring claims against Hyun Jin Nim has brought the downfall of his mal-intentioned adversaries, so too will this FFWPU lawsuit bring complete destruction – but at True Mother's expense. Should the case begin, a thorough exposition of the facts through the court proceedings will in the end vindicate Hyun Jin Nim rather than those who are seeking to eliminate him. This, however, is not his prime concern. Although it would be in Hyun Jin Nim's best interest to see this to the end, he is deeply concerned that the public disclosures required in litigation will cause irreversible collateral damage and an historical, public record that will become a source of immeasurable hardship to True Mother and True Father's legacy as well as to blessed families and their clans and descendants. This will be a disgrace to all that is sacred to God. That is why I am writing to blessed families now. We must recognize our responsibility to act without being held back by any self-interested issues such as our standing within the Unification movement.

Hyun Jin Nim is absolutely determined to protect True Father's legacy in terms of his family, the blessed families, and the foundation he created through the movement. As blessed families, we need to remember God's and Father's aspirations and how we committed our lives to those high ideals. We cannot stand by and allow True Mother and the movement to sink into the morass that is awaiting them should this lawsuit continue. It is still not too late; Joo, Kim et al can still end the DC litigation if they choose to and if True Mother demands it. As blessed families, we are joint owners of the movement and of God's providence. Let us feel responsible to support reconciliation between True Mother and Hyun Jin Nim. This could begin by demanding from those who are leading the movement, first, a full explanation as to why they continually attack Hyun Jin Nim as the eldest living son of True Parents while he is carrying out his father's providential work, and, second, a thorough and truthful report about the risks, the costs to date, and anticipated costs involved in the litigation.

I cannot overemphasize the seriousness of the situation and the risks it is posing to True Mother in particular. As blessed families, please prayerfully reflect on this and act to protect True Mother, God's providence and True Father's legacy.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kim', written in a cursive style.