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Rev. Michael Yakawich relieved of his position as State Leader of Montana

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As of last Wednesday, September 14th, 2011 Rev. Michael Yakawich was relieved of his position as the State Leader of Montana. This action was precipitated by his participation in the Global Peace Festival (GPF) in Mongolia at the end of last month. Here is an excerpt of an email I sent to Rev. Yakawich and to the Elders of the Billings, Mt. Church upon learning that he had gone to Mongolia:

“...As you know, True Parents have specifically directed Hyun Jin Nim to stop the GPF program. Father gave this instruction more than two years ago. Yet, GPF continues. Father also directed those who support Hyun Jin Nim to cease, but they continue in opposition to the True Parents.

True Parents are the founders and the leaders of our church and the central figure to those who hold official church positions. To support an activity that they oppose is to stand in opposition to True Parents. Rev. Yakawich has given his tacit support of Hyun Jin Nim by his presence in Mongolia.

This rejection of True Parents' direction is difficult for me to understand given Rev. Yakawich's exemplary life of faith and accomplishment. But the facts are what they are. Therefore, Rev. Yakawich is suspended from his position as Montana State Leader and Pastor. He is being asked to meet me immediately upon his return from Mongolia. A final determination will be made after that meeting...”

Last week my wife and I traveled to Montana and met directly with Rev. and Mrs. Yakawich on September 14th. Later that evening, we met with members of the community and explained the circumstances of the Rev. Yakawich's dismissal. We read over the True Parents May 25th declaration and discussed details of church operation and the plan for interim leadership.

I am very grateful for Rev. Yakawich's 22 years of loving investment in Montana, this District and America. He and his family have touched the lives of many. I know that they will continue to serve the people of Montana and their community of faith into the future.

Sincerely,

Rev. Larry Krishnek
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