

Russia: South Korean missionary convicted for illegal evangelism

Russia Religion News (07.03.2018) – <http://bit.ly/2tA6ptZ> –A court in Cheliabinsk fined a woman citizen of South Korea who engaged in illegal missionary activity, the press service of the oblast prosecutor's office reported on Wednesday.

It was established that the woman organized in Cheliabinsk an unregistered religious organization, the "Society of World Mission–Church of God." She conducted meetings in a rented hall for 20 to 30 persons. There was a box here for voluntary donations by parishioners.

New members of the group were sought on the streets and were invited to meetings by telephone. They also sought like-minded people among acquaintances.

Information about Christian teaching was disseminated at worship services. At the same time, any parishioner, including herself, could deliver a sermon.

A case of administrative violation of law was opened by the prosecutor's office on the basis of the results of an inspection in accordance with part 5 of article 5.26 of the Code of Administrative Violations of Law of the RF (activity aimed at disseminating information about one's religious confession among persons who are not members of said religious

group, for purposes of their becoming members of the group, conducted by a foreign citizen).

The Central district court, which considered the case, imposed on the foreign citizen a fine of 30 thousand rubles.

The inspection of compliance with legislation on freedom of conscience and religious associations was conducted jointly by personnel of the prosecutor's office and police.

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