

From: Brother Bill Goodman
Sent: 03 July 2025 08:14
LEFC Council of Reference & supporters
Subject: LEFC Registration

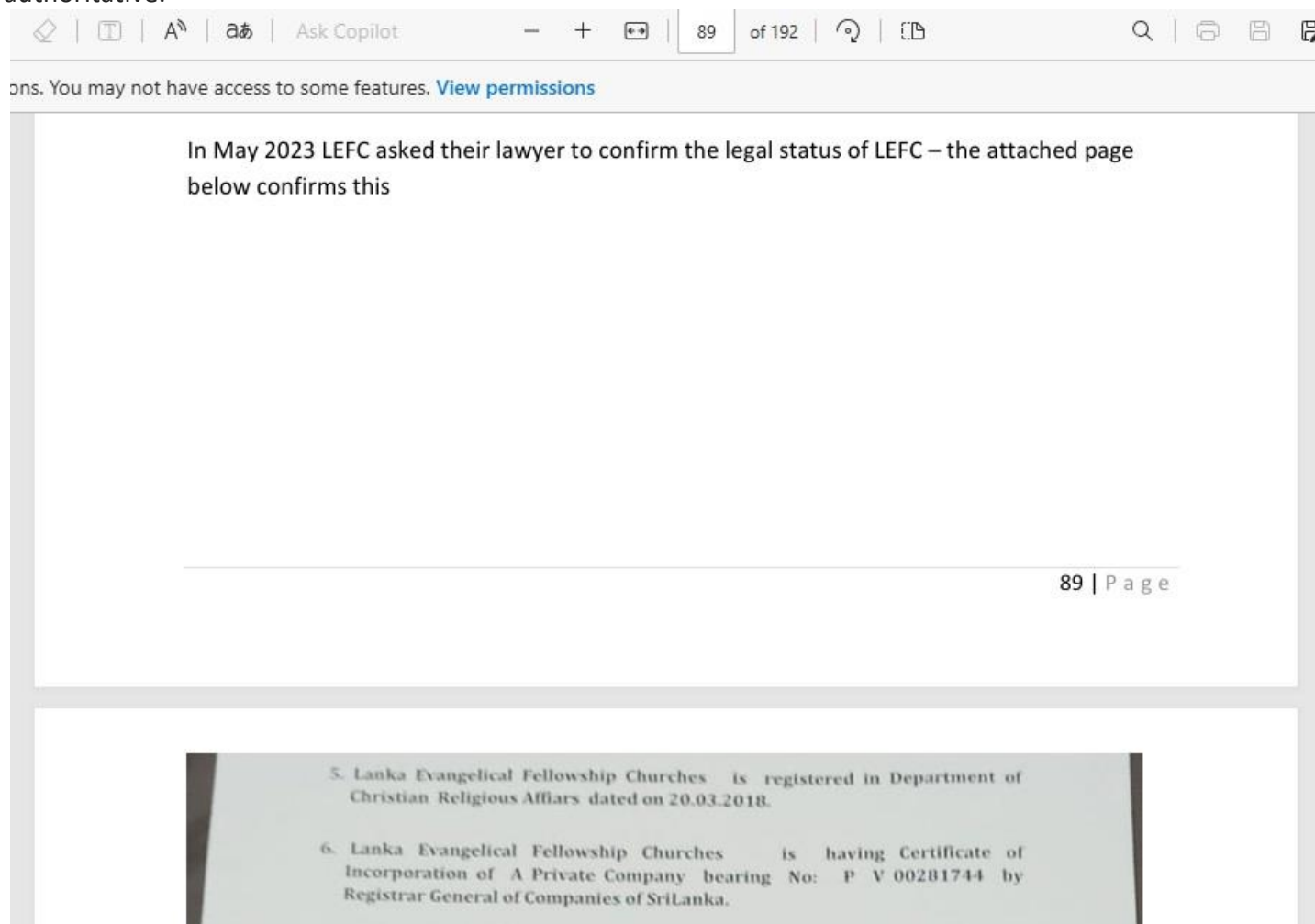
Dear Sirs

We received the following email from Tony Bennett last week regarding our concerns that your “DPR” was [inaccurate in claiming that LEF](#) was registered with the Department of Christian Religious Affairs in Colombo.

Firstly, can I ask if Tony Bennett is now your official spokesperson or is he simply informing us on his own initiative?

Secondly in answer to the statement he has given:

Rather than euphemistically saying “it could have been better worded” can you not simply admit it was false? The statement after all was on [a page stamped with a notary’s signature](#), which might be assumed to be taken as authoritative.



Neither have you submitted any real evidence that the individual churches are registered, ie you have shown no certificates of registration as the ministry says will have been provided.

You state that LEF must be known to the authorities as they wrote to them, but there is an enormous difference between being known by them and being registered with them. If they are registered then I presume there are statutory responsibilities, such as presenting accounts, and registering of officers etc. Pastor David Cooke is known to the accounting bodies in this country, but is not presently registered as a practicing auditor, so he cannot lawfully work as an auditor (He does, however, have a practising certificate for general accountancy work, including charity independent examinations.)[*]

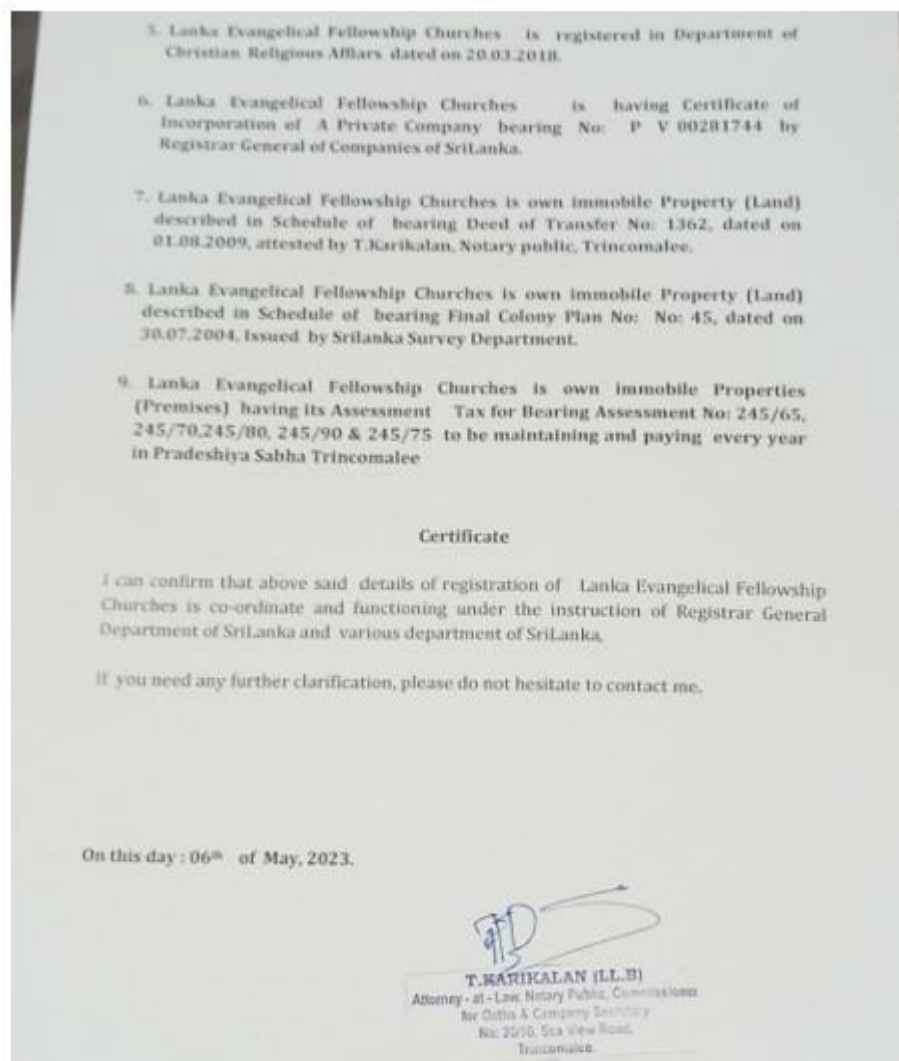
We are not ignorant of the situation regarding registration and Sri Lankan bureaucracy, and understand perfectly well LEF could not be legally registered with the Department of Christian Religious Affairs. We have been told it

would need an act of parliament for that to be changed. So if you were not ignorant why do you send us a notarised letter saying it was?

What though makes your guilt greater is that Tony Bennett states "The CoR also holds a copy of an old letter from the ministry explaining that they had no facility to 'register' the LEFC group of churches". Yet you deliberately deceive by stating that it was registered with the ministry. I have always until now given you the benefit of the doubt that you are just brainwashed by Jeyakanth, but you have now become part of the deception yourselves.

We understand it could be registered as a company but as yet all searches and enquiries to the Sri Lankan register of companies have drawn a blank.

If it is true that LEF is not registered with DCRA, is the notarising solicitor, T. Karikalan LLB, then guilty of official misconduct by asserting in the 5th point in his letter, on p. 90, that LEFC is registered in the Department of Christian Religious Affairs dated on 20.03.2018? You should note that Mr Karikalan has been cited unfavourably in a UK court, relating to a fraudulent asylum application. It would appear from the judgement that the documents he had "notarised" in the case were unreliable. We are not surprised by this, but you ought to be greatly concerned that you may well have been shown false and fraudulent documents, upon which you appear to base your case concerning LEF registration.



We have not even raised the issue of "Children for Jesus Church". This maybe the subject of a future email.

You will appreciate that if LEF is not, nor ever has been, registered with the Sri Lankan authorities, your vigorous assertion that *"it is a scandalous lie to suggest that PJK is the beneficial owner of most of the LEFC assets"* should be reconsidered.

All we wish for, before God, is that you would come to see and acknowledge the truth.

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:25-26.

With best wishes,

Bill Goodman

[Registration is mandatory to receive fees even for an inspection.]

From: Editor of British Church Newspaper

Subject: Are LEFC and its member churches properly registered in Sri Lanka?

Dear Bill Goodman and Charles,

In recent days, both of you have published an emailed letter from Sri Lanka which appears to suggest that LEFC is not properly registered for its work in Sri Lanka. To which you have added commentary which basically suggests that LEFC is therefore dishonest.

I have recently received this information from LEFC:

LEFC and its registration in Sri Lanka

Public allegations have been against LEFC that they are "not registered with the Ministry of Religion" in Sri Lanka. This gives the false impression that they are not properly registered for their evangelistic ministry in the country. I have been given the following information from the LEFC Council of Reference (CoR).

In their 'Definitive Public Response' (DPR), the CoR have explained LEFCs dealings with the ministry of culture: namely that they submitted and registered the details of all the LEFC churches and its Senior Leadership Committee as requested in 2018/19. The CoR admit that that part of the DPR "could have been better worded".

The recent allegations against LEFC over "not being registered" are based on an ignorance or misunderstanding of Sri Lanka bureaucracy.

Sri Lankan law does not allow for the formal registration of any of the free churches, only large, recognised, denominations e.g, Roman Catholics, Anglicans etc.

For example, if the Roman Catholic Church establish a new church building, that can be formally registered and subsequently appear on the database. Government statute law does not currently facilitate a formal registration of any 'free

churches'. **However the free churches were asked to submit and register details of their churches which is what LEFC have done. [The letter in which the LEFC](#) give an extract in the DPR demonstrates that LEFCs details are all lodged with the Ministry as required.** The underlying issue is whether or not LEFC is a legal entity in Sri Lanka which the LEFC is satisfied they have shown to be the case.

The CoR also holds a copy of an old letter from the ministry explaining that they had no facility to 'register' the LEFC group of churches; **however, even the letters received do themselves demonstrate the LEFC is recognised by the Sri Lankan authorities.**

Bearing false witness against others is a clear breach of the Ninth Commandment. Our God sees and notes all that we do and all things we do, say or think (good or bad) will be brought up on the Day of Judgment, even "very idle word".

I think you each are aware of the DPR and what it says about the registration of LEFC churches in Sri Lanka. It is a matter for each of you, and anyone else who has falsely and publicly given the impression that the LEFC is "not properly registered in Sri Lanka", whether to now correct your statements.

Do you not think, in the light of the above information, that you should now make a public apology, retraction and a full correction?

With greetings in the name of Christ,

Tony Bennett

A non-reply from CSL, presumably in coordination with the Council, with plausible deniability.

10 July 2025 23:52

Dear Bill,

Thank you for including me in this email.

Surely you can understand why the Council of Reference (CoR) does not respond to such emails.

But if you can evidence some humility, apologise for your poor attitude and express gratitude for all the work undertaken by the CoR, you may find your query will receive a suitable response.

May the Lord be merciful,

[to our dear brother's plea, we add a hearty Amen, but the grace of repentance is the horse that draws this cart, 2 Cor.7.11]

...

Chairman

Care Sri Lanka

[A rebuttal by the two pastors, David Cooke and Mark Mullins, to the latest BCN article](#)

PS the links and images have been added for illustration, only after transmission.