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FILE: [REDACTED]
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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: AUG 12 2005

IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]
Beneficiary: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), as described at Section 101(a)(27)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(C)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, California Service Center, initially approved the employment-based immigrant visa petition. Following a standard adjustment interview with the petitioner and subsequent review of the evidence, the director determined that the beneficiary was not eligible for the visa preference classification. Accordingly, the director properly served the petitioner with a Notice of Intent to Revoke (NOIR) the approval of the preference visa petition and his reasons therefore, and subsequently exercised his discretion to revoke the approval of the petition on August 19, 2004. The petition is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow or Special Immigrant, filed with Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), indicates that the Young Saeng Presbyterian Church is the petitioner. The petition, however, is signed by [REDACTED]. Therefore, the Young Saeng Presbyterian Church cannot be considered as having filed the petition on behalf of Ms. [REDACTED], and Ms. [REDACTED] shall be considered as the self-petitioner.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii) states, in pertinent part:

(B) *Meaning of affected party.* For purposes of this section and §§ 103.4 and 103.5 of this part, *affected party* (in addition to the Service) means the person or entity with legal standing in a proceeding. It does not include the beneficiary of a visa petition.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v) states:

Improperly filed appeal – (A) Appeal filed by person or entity not entitled to file it – (1) Rejection without refund of filing fee. An appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing, may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. Claire H. Kim, who indicates that she is counsel for the Young Saeng Presbyterian Church, signed the Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal to the Administrative Appeals Unit. A representative of the Young Saeng Presbyterian Church signed the only Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, in the record. The appeal has not been filed by the petitioner, or by any entity with legal standing in the proceeding. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.