On Sunday, 31 October 2010, more than 300 supporters came to Seoul Cathedral to witness the profession in life vows of Brothers Lawrence and Stephen SSF. Bishop Paul Kim, Bishop of Seoul and the SSF brothers' Deputy Protector for Korea, received their life vows on behalf of the Church and presided at the Eucharist.

The Anglican Church of Korea has, ever since its inception in 1889, wanted to have a men's religious community. It has had sisters since 1925 - the Society of the Holy Cross, established by the Community of St Peter, Woking. Members of the Society of the Sacred Mission were in Korea in the early days of the Mission, but never firmly established themselves as a community, being scattered by the demands of ministry. Later there were two priests of the Society of St John the Evangelist active in Korea, but again not as a community.

In 1987, two Korean men, Andrew and Barnabas, travelled to the Parnell priory in Auckland, New Zealand, in order to experience Franciscan religious life. The aim was that they might be able to establish a community on their return to Korea after three years, but things didn't work out as hoped and no community was formed. The next stage was that Brother Brian, on a visit to Korea in 1993, admitted four men as postulants in a trial form of community life. These men made their home west of Seoul in the port city of Incheon in a house generously lent by the Sisters of the Society of the Holy Cross. Stephen and Lawrence were part of this early group. Brother Christopher John, from the Australia/New Zealand (ANZ) Province, was able to move to Korea in 1995 to help with their formation as novices.

By now the community was established as a core group of Lawrence and Stephen with Christopher John as mentor brother. All three visited the UK in the winter of 1999-2000 to visit a range of SSF houses as well as other communities. This experience was very useful as it confirmed for the Korean brothers their desire to be Franciscan. Both persevered and on October 4th, 2001, Stephen and Lawrence made their profession of first vows in Nedong Church, Incheon. The community was still called the "Korean Franciscan Brotherhood" (KFB) and was not part of SSF, although linked to SSF through the loan of Christopher John and in other ways. From that time a covenant of mutual support and encouragement was signed between SSF and KFB. Shortly afterwards the community moved east of Seoul to its present location in the mountains near Gangchon where it runs the diocesan retreat house as well as offering hospitality to individual retreatants and engaging in ministries in the nearby city of Chuncheon.
In April 2010 KFB formally applied to ANZ SSF Provincial Chapter for full SSF membership, which was granted, and Lawrence and Stephen were elected to life profession. From then KFB as a separate community ceased to exist and Lawrence, Stephen and their novice Raphael Suh became members of the ANZ Province of SSF, and arrangements for the life profession ceremony were made. The brothers in Gangchon now have their newly life professed members, Lawrence and Stephen, and two novices, Raphael Suh and Cyril. Christopher John returned to Australia in early 2011 although he will continue to visit Korea regularly in the future.

Parallel to the development of the brothers' community was the establishment of the "Korean Franciscan Sisterhood" in a similar way, although without a resident mentor sister. Sisters Frances and Jemma were originally members of the Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul, but felt called to leave that community and found a new Franciscan community for women in the Anglican Church of Korea. After a number of years in covenant with CSF, these two sisters were received into the Community of St Francis in 2008, and the following year made their life professions as members of the CSF European Province in Gumi, where their convent is situated. Pamela Clare and then Beverley had acted as mentor sister, and visited whenever possible. Together, the main ministry of the Korean sisters has been to help the development of a worshipping community at the John Daly Mission Centre, otherwise known as Gumi Anglican Church. There they support the priest-in-charge Father Jonathan, and say the Daily Office together with a number of church members. Individually, Frances has been managing an after-school club for local children, while Jemma has established a business for making church vestments and traditional Korean clothing. Jemma also assists at West Taegu Church in the neighbouring city. An issue close to their heart is the protection of the environment, and the sisters have shared in a number of ecumenical acts of witness over ecological issues. It has been a tremendous boost to the brothers to have Korean First Order sisters and they have a number of regular joint activities such as retreats, meetings, visits and fellowship.

The brothers and sisters are glad to be part of the worldwide Anglican Church and the Community and Society of Saint Francis, and value the prayers and support of all their friends in the UK.