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by Dr. Thomas Ward

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As always, the USA group registration is for workshop participation only to allow you to participate in the chanyang sessions online. If you're interested in Ancestors Liberation and Blessing, please check Cheon Shim Won USA (CSW) at cheonshimwon.org for upcoming events, and stay tuned for regional and local HJ CheonBo events.

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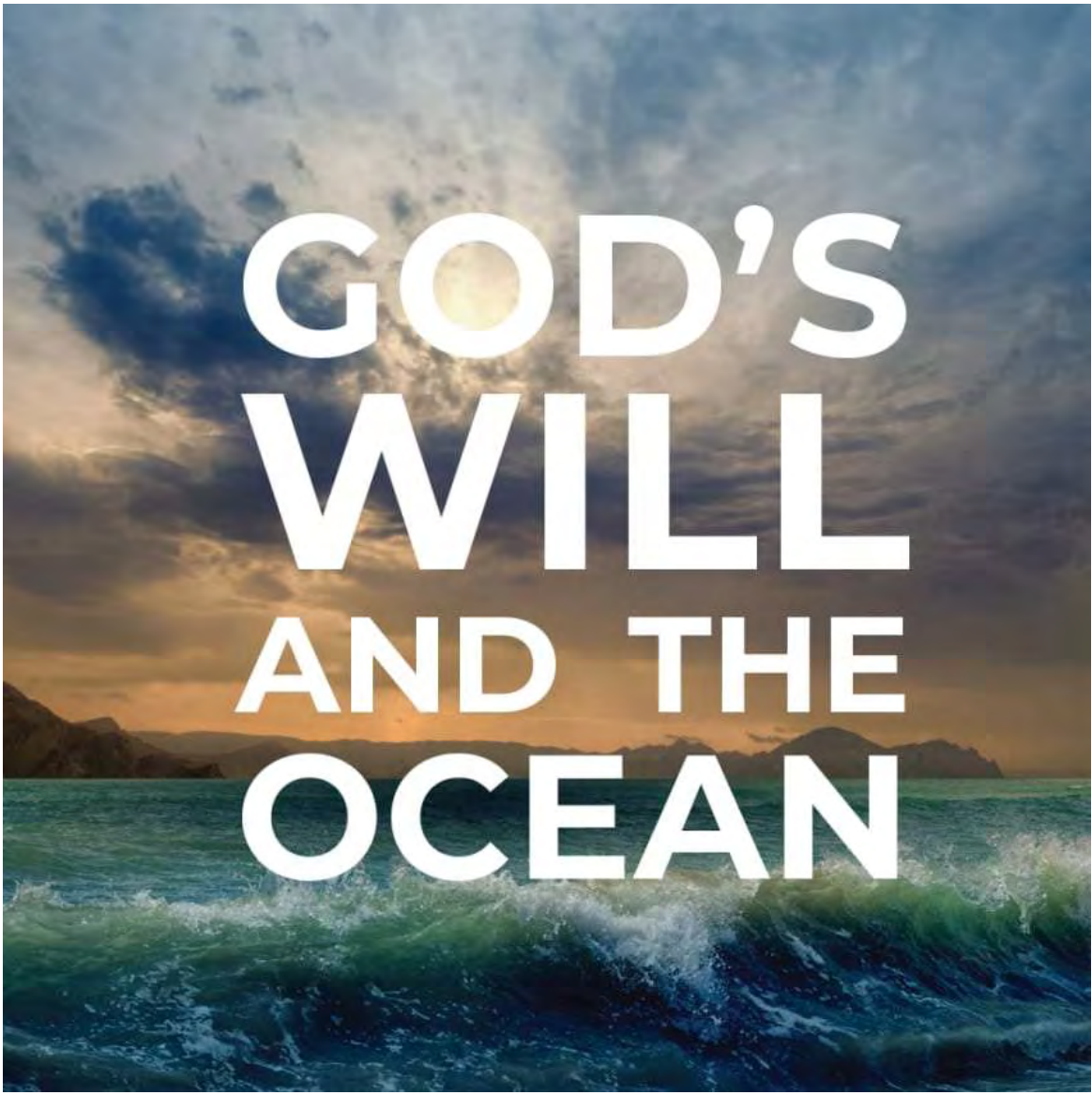
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A Selective Compassion? President Lee's Chuseok and the Detention of a Religious Refugee

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South Korea celebrates the resilience of North Korean refugees. Yet, it keeps arbitrarily one such refugee, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, in jail. An emic view from a Unificationist scholar.

by Thomas J. Ward



President Lee Jae-myung and First Lady Kim Hye-kyung Chuseok greetings. Screenshot.

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, 82, is a North Korean refugee who crossed the 38th parallel in 1948 as a seven-year-old, fleeing communist persecution alongside her mother and grandmother. Over the next seven decades, she would go on to co-found, with her late husband Reverend Sun Myung Moon, a global religious movement dedicated to family renewal, interfaith dialogue, and peacebuilding. Their movement — often misunderstood or misrepresented — has established institutions in over 120 countries, which are dedicated to honoring the Creator, civil society development, humanitarian aid, and peacebuilding.

Widowed after 52 years of marriage, Dr. Moon raised 14 children, endured the loss of four,

and remained a devoted mother, grandmother, and now great-grandmother. She also carried on the leadership of her movement since Reverend Moon's passing in 2012, advocating for peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula — often through Track II diplomacy, cultural exchanges, interfaith dialogue, and humanitarian projects.

In November 1991, the Moons met with North Korean founding leader Kim Il Sung, helping to open a new channel of dialogue between Pyongyang and the wider world. That meeting led, in June 1992, to a temporary suspension of North Korea's longstanding "Hate America Month" and helped thaw tensions between North Korea and the U.S. years before terms like "denuclearization" and "normalization" entered mainstream diplomacy.

Those efforts have been recognized across ideological lines — from DPRK officials to U.S. State Department staffers, and even in secular Western publications like *"The Atlantic"* and *"The Daily Beast."*

Yet today, rather than being recognized as a national treasure or a world religious leader, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon sits in a Seoul detention center. Her charges? Prosecutors allege that she authorized gifts totaling approximately \$71,000 to influence Korean officials to increase foreign aid to Africa and support the establishment of a United Nations office at the DMZ. She has repeatedly denied authorizing such gifts. Furthermore, the initiatives in question — expanding humanitarian aid and promoting peace infrastructure — clearly offer no personal gain.

Despite having no criminal record, she was detained in pretrial custody. During her September interrogation, she waived her right to remain silent, cooperated fully, and consistently maintained her innocence. Nonetheless, she was denied bail — a striking decision given her age, deteriorating health (including macular degeneration and heart issues), and the benign, altruistic nature of the alleged policy changes she advocated for.



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon arriving in court for interrogation. Screenshot.

This use of pretrial detention — often criticized as a tool of coercion — seems more about optics than justice.

The legal treatment President Lee Jae Myung faced less than a year ago was far less invasive than what Dr. Moon has faced. In 2024, Lee was convicted of making false statements during his campaign and still faces multiple ongoing investigations. Yet prior to and during his trial and following his conviction, he was never held in custody. No court deemed him a flight risk.

The contrast could not be starker.

In August 2025, President Lee publicly honored former President Kim Dae Jung, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate who endured abduction, torture, and a death sentence under earlier Korean regimes. Once elected president in 1998, Kim chose reconciliation over revenge — even inviting his persecutors from the previous military governments to the Blue House, where he sought and welcomed their counsel during his presidency.

Kim Dae Jung showed that true leadership lies in compassion, not coercion.

President Lee praised that legacy last August, saying, “the path Kim Dae-jung paved is the future Korea must follow.” But actions speak louder than speeches.

Are echoes of Korea’s authoritarian past reemerging? Political opponents, religious leaders, and independent voices in civil society are increasingly subject to legal scrutiny, raids, and imprisonment. Dr. Moon’s case raises disturbing questions about selective justice — and whether it is being used to marginalize those associated with the previous administration or outside the current political orthodoxy.

It is worth asking: Why is an elderly religious leader being treated as a flight risk when she has remained in her residence since last May, when the investigations into her opened? Why is she perceived as a public threat? What precedent does this set for religious freedom and civil society in South Korea?

The government’s current posture may be legally framed, but its moral optics are dismal. A widow, a lifelong law-abiding citizen, a peace advocate, and a refugee who helped build modern Korea—even denied the chance to celebrate Chuseok with her family and faith community.

South Korea stands at a crossroads. It can either uphold the values that shaped its democratic identity—freedom of conscience, rule of law, and fairness—or it can slip back into a pattern of politically motivated suppression dressed in legal garments.

Presidents come and go. But history remembers how they governed, and whether they extended justice and compassion not only to their allies but to those who seem to fall outside the prevailing narrative.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is not a threat to South Korea, and she is not a threat to President Lee or the current ruling government. She is a mother, a refugee, a widow, and a woman of faith whose contributions deserve acknowledgment, not incarceration. Compassion means little if it is only extended to the politically convenient. Justice means even less when it becomes selective.

This Chuseok, President Lee invoked unity and gratitude. He and his government can best live those words—not by speeches, but by deeds.

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Religious organizations are explicitly included among the agencies that should mandatorily spread the nationalist one-China myth.

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2025 Autumn Great Works Group Registration

■ October 1, 2025 ■ By Willus Namowicz



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North America Group Registration

2025 Autumn Great Works North America Group Registration

This is the Group Registration for Blessed Family Members from North America only. By filling out this online form, you are registering to participate online the 2025 Autumn Great Works that will be held on October 24 ~ 26 (This is Korean Date).

Workshop Fee
Age 18 and above: USD\$25
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Workshop Fee (Age 0 ~ 6) *(Required)*

Price: \$0.00

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Information Concerning the
'2025 Autumn Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works

May the blessings and love of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents be with all mission nations.

At HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center, to fulfill True Mother's will which is for all members to attend every Great Works (direction given to us at the New Year's Prayer Gathering of 9th Year of Cheon Il Guk), we are holding Cheonbo Special Great Works four times a year.
The October 2025 "Hyojeong CheonBo Special Workshop" will be held as the "2025 Autumn Hyojeong CheonBo Great Works," and this will be conducted as an online (livestream) video broadcast workshop together with personal attendance at the training center.

Please note that this official memo is intended for members living outside of Korea, Japan, and Taiwan.

1. Event Date: October 24 (Fri) ~ 26 (Sun)

- * Detailed Schedule will be provided through the "Great Works Special Website" (main page of the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center website).
- * It is scheduled to open on Sunday, October 19, but this is subject to change.

2. Registration Deadline: Registration available from October 1st

A. Registration for Ancestor Liberation and Blessing

- 1) Registration for Individuals and Groups: October 16th (Thu) at 18:00 (Korean time)
- 2) Registration Only: October 20th (Mon) at 18:00 (Korean time)

- * As requested by the USA branch, we will only be accepting workshop fees and offering papers for the Great Works from members of Heavenly North America. Members from Heavenly North America should register for Liberation and Blessing's during their branch workshops.

3. Online Participation Method:

A. Members can access the link from the homepage on the day of the event. (en.hjcbt.org)

- * Click the banner that says "Watch Live" on the first page.

* Preparation video will be played **30 minutes before** the Great Work begins. For a smooth experience, we kindly ask **all participants to start watching the live stream in advance.**

B. Sharing or recording the event is not permitted.

4. Great Works Locations:

During this Great Works, members can participate from their church, church facility, or from their homes.

A. Attendance from a church or church facility

- 1) The following members should attend from a church or church facility.
 - a) Members who, due to various difficulties, are unable to view the Great Works live broadcast at home (For example; no wifi or internet access, lack of support from family members, etc.)

B. Attendance from a blessed families' home

- 1) In the family, those attending can clap and pat their own body to separate spirits from themselves during the Chanyang Yeoksa but it should not be done unto other individuals.
- 2) Items to prepare at home:
 - a) True Parents' official portrait picture
 - b) Hyojeong Won (Recommended)
 - c) Holy Robes (Recommended for members participating in the Ancestor Blessing)

5. Workshop Participation Registration

A. Method for Individual Registration:

- 1) Create an account for the CheonBo Training Center Website in advance if you don't have one.
- 2) Access the new registration webpage for Great Works via HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center Website (en.hjcbt.org).
- 3) Complete the workshop application on the registration page. You may refer to the PDF instructions if you are having difficulty.
- 4) Send the workshop registration fee via bank wire or by secure airmail before the deadline.
- 5) After sending the donation please send us a copy of your bank receipt by email. If you are sending your donation through another person, please have that representative send us the breakdown of their donation along with the bank wire receipt.
- 6) Once the workshop registration is confirmed, then you will receive a confirmation e-mail or if you applied through the website, you can check the website to know if your registration was confirmed.
- 7) Please access the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center Homepage on the day to participate.

B. Method for Group Registration:

Nations that wish to register a large number of people will need to receive the application form for groups from the CheonBo Training Center by emailing cpintl2013@gmail.com. Any forms other than the training center's form will not be accepted.

- 1) Request and receive the application form for groups from the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center International Team (cpintl2013@gmail.com).
- 2) Send in the final completed form and bank wire receipt before the deadline.
- 3) Please access the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center Homepage on the day to participate.

C. We regret to inform you that sharing or recording the event is not permitted.

D. Workshop Participation Fees:

- 1) **Online participation:** There are new workshop fee standards for the online workshops based on the donation standards for each nation group (please see attachment 2). Please

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Group/Age	0 ~ 6 years old	7 ~ 17 years old	18 years old and older
1	\$5	\$10	\$25
2	\$4	\$6	\$15
3	\$3	\$4	\$10
4	\$2	\$2	\$5
5	\$1	\$1	\$1

2) Participation in person: If you are attending directly from the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center

Age	0-6 years old	7-12 years old	13-17 years old	18 years old and older
Registration fee	5,000won / \$5	10,000won / \$10	20,000won / \$15	40,000won / \$30

* Depending on the number of sets of ancestors you are liberating and blessing, the workshop participation fees may increase. Please refer to the calculator and education section on the website to calculate this accurately.

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* Please send USD only and add an extra US \$20 to the donation you are sending to cover bank fees in Korea. Please note that the transaction fee might differ depending on your bank. The training center can only register the amount that arrives in Korea.

6. Further inquiries

- A. Telephone: +82-31-589-7177
- B. FAX + 82-31-584-5787
- C. E-mail: cpintl2013@gmail.com

Attachment 1. [2025 Online Registration Manual.pdf](#)
Attachment 2. [Donation Standard by Nation Group.pdf](#)



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