

FFWPU USA: True Mother Sentenced to Two Years In Prison

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Hello family. Quick Connect update. True Mother sentenced to two years in prison. Rev. Dunkley and FamilyFed USA's response to ruling. Rev. Doo's weekly message. HJ Global News.

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Quick Connect Update



On Today's Quick Connect, a South Korean court sentenced True Mother to two years in prison, Rev. Dunkley's initial response, the American movement's statement on today's verdict, and Rev. Dunkley's sermon from yesterday's vigil.

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Monarch Report: True Mother Sentenced to Two Years in Prison by the Seoul Central District Court



The court imposed one year for violating the Political Funds Act and one year for violating the Improper Solicitation and Graft Act and occupational embezzlement, for a total of two years. Prosecutors had sought 13 years. In the same trial: - Dr. Hak Ja Han: 1 year + 1 year, totaling 2 years in prison - Former chief of staff Jeong Won-ju: 8 months, suspended for 2 years - Former world headquarters director Yoon Young-ho: 6 months in prison - Yoon's spouse, a former finance director: 6 months, suspended for 1 year

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Rev. Demian Dunkley’s Video Response to the Ruling



Family Federation USA President’s response to Dr. Hak Ja Han being found guilty by South Korean court.

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Family Federation USA's Official Statement on the Ruling



NEW YORK, Aug. 31, 2026 /PRNewswire/

Today's decision by the Seoul Central District Court finding Dr. Hak Ja Han guilty of Political Funds Act violation and Improper Solicitation and Graft Act is a deeply painful moment for our American movement, and for countless people around the world who have followed her case with hope and concern. The court has sentenced Dr. Han to two years imprisonment. Her legal representatives have indicated that they will appeal this decision.

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The 14th Anniversary of True Father’s Holy Ascension

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Her defense has consistently denied the charges, arguing that Dr. Han neither approved nor directed the payments and that the case rests on Yoon's statements.

She was detained around Sept. 22, 2025, briefly released for medical treatment, and had spent about 11 months in custody by the verdict. At 83, after about 11 months in detention, a two-year prison term raises concern about her health and continued custody.

A separate embezzlement case from a joint probe that ended the same day is still pending.

That joint probe sent Family Federation and Shincheonji leaders to trial but did not indict 132 politicians alleged to have received about 189 million won in church-linked funds.

It also said there was insufficient evidence Dr. Han directly took part in that donation scheme.

Religious freedom advocates have called the concentrated cases under the Lee Jae-myung administration religious persecution.

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That money was taken from the donations of our world wide movement. It was beeing used for world wide humanitarian projects and for the building

of a beautiful environment for the benefice of all. Dr. Han told the Prosecutor "why don't you go and see what I am doing?"

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Throughout these proceedings, Dr. Han has consistently denied authorizing or participating in any unlawful activity. Her attorneys have maintained that the conduct at issue was undertaken independently by a former church executive without her prior knowledge or approval. Serious questions have been raised regarding testimony, evidence, and aspects of the investigative process. We believe these concerns deserve full and fair examination as the legal process continues.

This moment is not only about a court case. It is about an 83-year-old woman, a mother, a great-grandmother, a religious leader, and someone who has spent more than six decades carrying a message of peace and reconciliation around the world. To millions, she is known as the Mother of Peace. She has met with heads of state and faith leaders, crossed boundaries of religion, race, and nationality, and devoted her life to the belief that humanity can find common ground. For months, she has lived in detention, separated from the life and work that have defined her for more than six decades, while her health and future have hung in the balance.

We will continue to seek justice, defend religious freedom, and we will stand with her.

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Whatever one's faith, and whatever one may believe about the Family Federation, the human reality of this moment should not be lost. Millions of people around the world who love her, respect her, and have been touched by her work are hurting. We hurt with them, and we will not abandon her.

This case also raises questions that extend far beyond one woman or one religious movement. Due process, individual responsibility, and equal treatment under the law are principles that matter to all people, regardless of religion or belief. A religious leader should be accountable for conduct proven to be their own, just as anyone else should. But leadership itself must never become a substitute for proof of individual criminal conduct. The treatment of minority religions, the distinction between institutional and individual responsibility, and the protection of religious freedom within democratic societies deserve serious examination beyond the outcome of any single case.

Dr. Han's life and legacy will not be defined by a single verdict. For more than six decades, she has traveled the world advocating for peace, stronger families, reconciliation, and cooperation across religious and national boundaries. Those who know her as the Mother of Peace will continue to stand beside her as the legal process moves forward.

Tonight, our thoughts are with Dr. Han, the mother, the great-grandmother. All of us around the world who love and pray for her, we will continue to seek justice, defend religious freedom, and we will stand with her.

About the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA is a faith-based organization dedicated to strengthening marriages and families, promoting interfaith cooperation and advancing peace through cooperation across religious, racial and national boundaries.

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Beloved blessed families and brothers and sisters,

Today, we greet the holy day of the 14th Universal Seonghwa, honoring the life and grace of True Father. As the years pass, our yearning for True Father only grows deeper. Especially now, as we pass through a solemn time in the providence, that longing strikes us all the more intensely. Even at this very moment, Father's resonant voice and His warm smile that embraced the entire world arise deep within our hearts.

On a day like today, when we miss Father so desperately, who indeed is the one that True Father in heaven wishes to see and misses the most?

That is right. It is none other than True Mother. At this moment, True Father would likely ask us about True Mother's well-being above all else.

When He was on earth, even if True Mother stepped away for just a moment, True Father would look for Her, saying, "Where did Mother go?", and wherever He walked, He would always firmly hold Mother's hand and walk side by side. The epic of true love between husband and wife that Father taught us was not a mere doctrine or revelation. It was the substantial fruition of love that He practiced and perfected directly within His life together with True Mother.

Just as His words declare, "The husband exists for the wife, and the wife exists for the husband, and when a husband and wife truly love each other, God dwells in that place," the two of Them placed Heavenly Parent at the center and demonstrated the complete oneness of true love.

Absolute Love and Oneness of True Parents

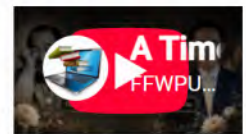
I am reminded of an unforgettable event from when I attended True Parents in Las Vegas. It happened when we visited Sedona, Arizona, a place known for having the strongest spiritual energy on earth. Taking advantage of the brief moment while they were having lunch, I stepped outside the restaurant for a moment, purchased a necklace made from gemstone produced in Sedona, and presented it to Mother as a gift after their meal.

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Upon seeing that gift, the moment He finished His meal, Father immediately took Mother by the hand and led Her to that same jewelry store. There, He purchased countless beautiful gems and fossils holding hundreds of millions of years of history, showered them upon Mother, and sent them up to Cheon Jeong Gung. Through the sight of Father putting His utmost devotion into making Mother happy, I could feel deep down to my bones just how dearly Father loved Mother.

Mother was the same. As She crossed over the frontlines of the providence with the delicate body of a woman, Mother was Father's most steadfast bodyguard, a physician and nurse who watched over His health, and the head chef who offered meals with the utmost devotion. The two of Them were an inseparable, single body of heart and eternal companions.

Warnings against Falsehoods and Slander, and the Response Toward the Spirit World

However, today around True Parents, impure falsehoods and rumors intended to drive a wedge between True Parents—claiming that “Mother is trying to erase Father” or “She has betrayed Father”—are shaking the souls of the family members.

Father in heaven must be looking down upon this astonishing situation and wishing to know the truth. Especially in a gathering like today where so many family members have assembled, He likely wants to hear an answer from you.

When True Father inherited and completed Jesus, who came 2,000 years ago, as the Lord of the Second Advent, Christianity rejected us as a heresy on the grounds that our doctrines differed.

Then, did Father erase Jesus? Did Father betray Jesus? No, did He?

Do you bring the Bible with you when you attend Sunday service? Most of you probably attend worship without a Bible—is that because you are ignoring, erasing, and betraying Jesus?

Father understood the grief and heart of Jesus more than anyone else on this earth, and He was the one who loved Him. Therefore, He completely fulfilled that providence.

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The same is true for True Mother. Mother is throwing her entire body into guiding the providence in order to safely anchor the holy heritage cultivated by True Father upon the earth and permanently inherit it to future generations. Therefore, today in this place, on behalf of Father who would be curious about this situation in the spirit world, I wish to ask you. Family members, please answer Father in a loud voice!

Is Mother erasing True Father's footsteps? Is Mother betraying True Father?

The Standard of Faith and the Clock of Providence

During True Father's lifetime, who was the standard of our faith? Was it Jesus, or was it True Mother? Or was it True Father? We believed in and followed the words of True Father, who was on earth.

Then, upon whom should the standard of our faith rest as we live today? Is it Father, or is it Mother?

Now is a time when neither Jesus nor True Father is on earth; they are in the spirit world. Then who is the standard of our faith, living and breathing on earth today? It is none other than True Mother.

Two thousand years ago, the hour hand pointing to the time of Heaven's providence was Jesus. Therefore, at that time, people walked the path of the providence by following the words of Jesus. And when the Returning Messiah came 2,000 years after, the hour hand of the providence was True Father. Today, True Mother, who personally guides the providence of this era, serves as the most accurate hour hand of Heaven's providence, teaching us the time of Heaven.

Furthermore, to accurately understand the providence of True Mother, who is the hour hand of the providence today, we must see that True Father's victorious foundation flowing consistently in the background and the providential background of Jesus from 2,000 years ago are imbued together as one. Just as we can speak of minutes and seconds to know the exact time, all the background of the providence led by True Mother is thus fully explained. The providences of Jesus, True Father, and True Mother are by no means disconnected; they represent a complete succession and completion.

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What do you think is the greatest achievement True Father left to humankind at the end of 6,000 years of providential history? True Father is the one who enabled us to attend God—the formidable Creator to whom we could never dare approach, who existed as our eternal Master—as “Heavenly Parent,” breathing together within our own families. He found parents for humanity, who were like orphans, and established the absolute values of true love and true family.

At this time, as we greet the 14th Anniversary of the Seonghwa, the way we can more firmly solidify the status of True Father and True Mother is by building the values of true love and true family, which True Parents left behind, as solid as a rock within our families and our faith community.

Today, on the 14th Anniversary of the Seonghwa, we must pledge before the spirit of True Father with tears and loyalty.

We must resolve to guard the eternal oneness of true love achieved by True Father and True Mother against any temptations and falsehoods, and to become completely one with True Mother, the hour hand of the providence, firmly carrying forward the Will of the Two of Them. Thus, we must become true filial sons and daughters and the main protagonists of Cheon Il Guk who offer True Father in heaven complete rest and the glory of victory rather than any further worry.



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