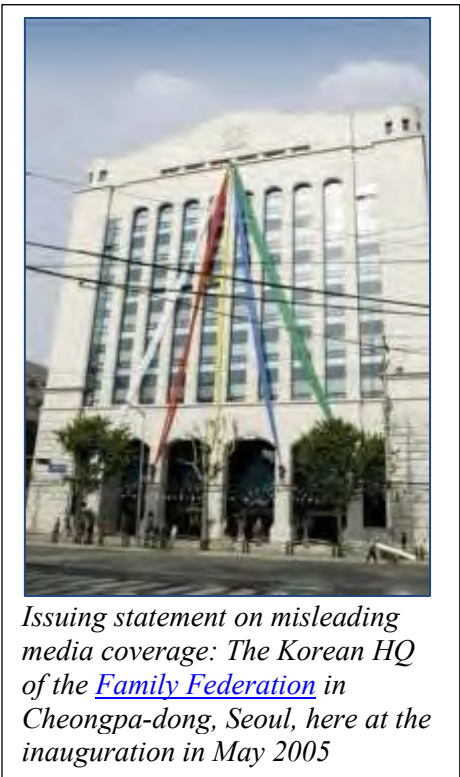


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Transparency, democratic process, and facts: The Family Federation issues official response to newest misleading Korean media coverage

A [statement](#) issued by the South Korean headquarters of the [Family Federation](#) to the media on 18th June 2026, in response to recent media reports. Translated from the [text on the Korean language website](#) of the [Family Federation](#).

Official Statement of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Regarding Distorted Reports on the Launch of the Pastors' Policy Advisory Committee

The Korean chapter of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (hereinafter "the Korean [Family Federation](#)") expresses its deep regret that recent media reports concerning the launch of the "Pastors' Policy Advisory Committee" have been reported in a manner that differs from the facts through distortion and exaggeration. To promote accurate understanding, we hereby present the following objective facts.

1. Establishment of a Transparent, Institutionalized Decision-Making System and Ongoing Communication

Recent claims in some reports alleging that the Korean [Family Federation](#) engages in "unilateral decision-making" and lacks "internal communication" are entirely inconsistent with the facts. The Korean [Family Federation](#) is an organization whose management transparency has been officially recognized through its acquisition of the religious sector's [first ISO certification](#) for anti-bribery and compliance management.

At present, under its highest decision-making body, the Central Committee, the [Federation](#) has established three internal advisory bodies - the Personnel Advisory Committee, Ethics Advisory Committee, and Pastors' Policy Advisory Committee - to create a systematic decision-making process. In addition, it has institutionalized official weekly nationwide online meetings for pastors and maintains ongoing communication channels that regularly gather diverse opinions from the field, including nationwide church visits by the President of the Korean chapter six days a week.

2. Launch of the Advisory Committee Through Democratic Procedures



From the formal [Family Federation](#) meeting on May 14, 2026 to commemorate the awarding of the integrated certification

Reports claiming that the committee's launch has faced strong opposition or controversy regarding its representativeness are also clearly distorted. Beginning with an announcement on 2nd June, the Pastors' Policy Advisory Committee officially confirmed regional and generational representative candidates through a nationwide online pastors' meeting on 9th June and fairly elected 13 representatives in various fields through a nationwide online vote on 16th June.

All of these procedures were conducted transparently through democratic processes, and we clearly state that there was neither significant opposition nor any procedural defect.

3. Legal Contradictions in Claims of Frequent Amendments to the Internal Advisory Body's Bylaws

The report's claim that "the bylaws of an organization that has not even been launched keep being changed" is baseless and stems from a misunderstanding of the organization's legal nature.

The "Pastors' Policy Advisory Committee" is an internal advisory body within the [religious organization](#) that is preparing for official launch and is not an independent legal entity. Accordingly, the committee does not possess its own separate bylaws. Therefore, the assertion that non-existent bylaws have been repeatedly amended is a clear error that fails to verify even the most basic facts.

4. The Original Purpose and Authority of the "Pastoral Service Representative"

The title "National Representative of Pastors" mentioned in media reports does not exist in the official regulations. The correct title is "Pastoral Service Representative."

Although some media articles repeatedly referred to the position as a service representative, describing it in headlines as the "National Representative of Pastors" was incorrect. This position was created during the [National Assembly of Pastors](#) on 7th April solely for the purpose of reaching agreements and coordinating matters related to working hours. It is a temporary and limited role directly elected by frontline pastors.

Interpreting this position as if it were the representative of a policy body speaking on behalf of all pastors is entirely inconsistent with its original purpose and lacks any legal basis.

5. Mutual Confirmation and Communication Regarding the Scope of Authority

The claim that the service representative was not informed about the term of office and scope of authority is also contrary to the facts.

As noted above, when the representative was elected on 7th April, the temporary nature of the position

and its defined scope of authority were fully explained. Furthermore, immediately after the election, headquarters officials met directly with the representative to confirm and discuss these matters.



Pastors of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) pose for a commemorative photo, pledging reform at the "National Pastors' Assembly for Victory in Vision 2027" held at The Ocean Resort in Yeosu, South Jeolla Province. The banner says, "Embracing the Heart of the [True Parents](#), Toward Renewal"

**6. Warning Regarding Actions Exceeding Authorized Powers and Planned Follow-Up Measures**

We reiterate that the "service representative" elected in April was entrusted only with limited authority concerning the adjustment of employment conditions.

Nevertheless, actions that claim external representative status on behalf of the entire [religious organization](#) and that use titles and designations not approved through official procedures are causing serious confusion in both internal and external communications.

Accordingly, the Korean [Family Federation](#) is currently conducting a thorough investigation into actions that exceed the authorized scope of the individuals concerned and plans to take appropriate follow-up measures to protect the [organization's](#) sound order and reputation.

The Korean [Family Federation](#) respectfully requests that members of the media conduct thorough fact-checking and provide fair and balanced reporting based on an objective perspective.

The [Federation](#) further states that it will hold parties legally accountable, including for defamation, in cases of maliciously distorted reporting or the dissemination of false information in the future, and will respond firmly using all available means.

18th June 2026

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Family Federation marks 72 Years in Korea with new volunteer organization as it launches “Social Contribution Corps” for charitable and community activities

On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026, South Korean online news outlet *TheReport* (더리포트) published an [article](#) by reporter Shin Dong-rip (신동립) describing a significant event held by the *Family Federation for World Peace and Unification* (FFWPU), often referred to in South Korea as *Unificationism* (통일교). The occasion marked the *movement's* 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary (Founded on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1954, commemorated on 1<sup>st</sup> mav according to the oriental lunar calendar).

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The event also featured the official launch of a new nationwide volunteer organization called the “Social Contribution Corps” (사회공헌단). The [article](#) presents the initiative as an effort by the [Federation](#) to strengthen its engagement with local communities through practical service activities and to highlight what it describes as the religious principle of [living for the benefit of others](#).

The anniversary ceremony and launch event took place at *Cheonwon Temple Cheonseung Cathedral* in Seoul and brought together approximately 350 pastors, Unificationism leaders, and members. According to the report, the new *Social Contribution Corps* has been established as a national framework through which local churches and regional districts can coordinate volunteer work, charitable activities, and community service projects. Areas of focus are expected to include environmental protection, support for disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, disaster relief efforts, and other forms of social welfare.

The [article](#) emphasizes that the organization is intended not merely as an administrative structure but as a practical expression of the [movement's](#) religious teachings. [Family Federation](#) leaders described service to others as a central component of faith and argued that religious communities should contribute positively to society beyond their internal spiritual activities. In this sense, the *Social Contribution Corps* is presented as a mechanism through which members of the [religious organization](#) can transform spiritual ideals into visible acts of public service.



Song Yong-cheon (송용천), President of the [Family Federation](#) in Korea, speaking on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in Yongsan, Seoul. Photo: [FFWPU](#)

A central figure at the event was Song Yong-cheon (송용천), President of the [Family Federation](#) in Korea and the newly appointed head of the *Social Contribution Corps*. In his commemorative address, Song reflected on the movement's seventy-two-year history, characterizing it as a history of practicing “true love” in society and demonstrating devotion to God. He outlined three major priorities that he believes should guide the organization in the years ahead.

The first priority is the restoration of what he described as the essence of faith. This involves returning attention to the core spiritual

principles and values that members believe define their religious tradition. The second priority is organizational reform aimed at increasing transparency and public trust. The third is a commitment to developing future generations and ensuring that younger members inherit both the responsibilities and ideals of the movement. According to the article, Song linked these goals directly to the launch of the *Social Contribution Corps*, arguing that active service to society can help rebuild trust while also demonstrating authentic religious commitment.

The [article](#) also highlights remarks by Doo Seung-yeon (두승연), Director of the [Family Federation's](#) World Mission Headquarters. In his speech, Doo stressed continuity between the movement's founding generation and younger generations. He argued that Unificationism was established according to divine purpose rather than merely human initiative and expressed hope that future generations would continue to develop the organization while maintaining its foundational ideals. His comments reflected a broader theme running throughout the event: the connection between the [movement's](#) historical identity and its aspirations for the future.



Doo Seung-yeon (두승연), Director of the [Family Federation's](#) World Mission Headquarters, speaking in Yongsan, Seoul on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Photo: [FFWPU](#)

In addition to speeches and ceremonial activities, the anniversary celebration included recognition of long-serving clergy and leaders of the [religious organization](#). The [report](#) describes an awards ceremony honoring pastors who had devoted decades of service to the [movement](#). Retired clergy and those with exceptionally long records of ministry received plaques of appreciation presented in the name of the [Family Federation's](#) founders. Other awards recognized pastors

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with more than fifteen years of service, exemplary families regarded as positive models within their communities, and churches that had achieved notable results in conducting the **movement's** Blessing programs.

The **article** portrays these awards as expressions of gratitude toward individuals who have spent many years supporting the **movement's** religious and organizational activities. By recognizing long-term dedication, the event sought to reinforce continuity between past achievements and future goals.

One notable aspect of the initiative described in the **article** is that the *Social Contribution Corps* began its activities immediately after the launch ceremony. Rather than waiting for future projects, participants moved directly into volunteer service. More than one hundred **Unificationism** leaders, staff members, and volunteers gathered at the original headquarters church in Seoul's Cheongpa-dong district, an important historical site in the movement's Korean development. From there they carried out a neighborhood cleanup campaign, collecting litter throughout the streets and alleys of Yongsan District.

The **report** presents this immediate transition from ceremony to service as symbolic of the organization's intended purpose. **Family Federation** representatives emphasized that meaningful contribution begins with practical action rather than words alone. The cleanup activity served as an early demonstration of the type of community-oriented projects the *Social Contribution Corps* hopes to promote nationwide.

Another initiative mentioned in the **article** involves donations to social welfare organizations. Approximately fifty affiliated institutions and regional church districts contributed ceremonial rice wreaths, a common form of congratulatory gift in Korea. The rice collected through these wreaths, totaling one hundred bags, is scheduled to be distributed through the *Social Contribution Corps* to organizations that assist vulnerable populations, including food banks and community welfare centers. This effort reflects the **movement's** intention to combine commemorative events with charitable giving.



*Family Federation members in Changwon, in South Gyeongsang Province during a local environmental clean-up campaign on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Photo: **FFWPU***

The **article** also notes that volunteer service was not limited to the launch ceremony itself. On 14<sup>th</sup> June, the day before the main event, **Family Federation** congregations throughout Korea held worship services marking the **movement's** 72nd anniversary and then participated in local volunteer activities in their respective regions. One photograph accompanying the **article** showed Federation members in Changwon, in *South Gyeongsang Province*, taking part in environmental cleanup efforts.

In comments quoted near the end of the **article**, Ryu In-yong (류인용), Director of External Relations for the **Family Federation**, described the *Social Contribution Corps* as a return to the spirit of the movement's early years. He argued that service to neighbors and local communities represents a fundamental expression of religious faith and suggested that the new organization offers a model in which contribution is demonstrated through action. Ryu also announced plans for a conference later in 2026 where successful examples of volunteer work would be shared and future initiatives developed.

The **article** concludes with a brief overview of the **Family Federation's** history. Founded in Seoul in 1954 under the name *Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity*, the movement later became known as the **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification**. According to the report, it promotes the ideal of "One Family under God" (하나님 아래 인류 한 가족) and maintains missionary activities and organizational networks in more than 200 countries. The launch of the *Social Contribution Corps* is presented as the latest effort to express these ideals through organized community service.

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TheReport (더리포트) positions itself as a knowledge-based media network that encourages participation from both experts and citizens.

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**Featured image** above: [Family Federation](#) leaders, staff members, and volunteers gathered in front of the original headquarters church in Seoul's Cheongpa-dong district at the start of a neighborhood cleanup campaign on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The slogan in large letters says: "We will make flowers bloom through service, sharing, and healing!" Photo: [FFWPU](#)

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