FFWPU Europe and Middle East: FFWPU International Statement on Holy Mother Han's Court Appearance

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<u>Mother Han</u> in a wheelchair as she appeared at the detention hearing in September 2025. Illustration: x.ai/grok

South Korean headquarters issues statement on Co-Founder Hak Ja Han attending the preparatory court proceedings in trial brought by special prosecutors



The Korean HQ of the <u>Family</u> <u>Federation</u> in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul, here at the inauguration in May 2005

The Korean headquarters of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification issued on 27th October a statement on Hak Ja Han (한학자), the organization's President and Co-Founder, attending a preparatory court session the same day despite reported health difficulties.

Statement of Position by the Korea Headquarters of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

The <u>Family Federation</u> for <u>World Peace and Unification</u> Korea Headquarters (hereafter "<u>Family Federation</u> Korea") reaffirms that the <u>Family Federation</u> is a faith-based community that has been operating under the principles of religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Korea, and in accordance with the rule of law. We hereby express our position as follows:

Regarding Dr. Han Hak-ja's Court Appearance

Although Dr. <u>Han Hak-ja</u> had no legal obligation to attend the preparatory trial proceedings, she appeared today to show respect for the court's procedures and her determination to actively clarify

the truth. This represents a genuine expression of <u>Dr. Han</u>'s sincere commitment to faithfully participate in the judicial process despite various health constraints and difficulties. We hope for understanding and consideration from humanitarian and medical perspectives.

Regarding the allegations currently raised, both <u>Dr. Han</u> and the <u>organization</u> have consistently stated that they are not involved in politics and have never instructed any illegal activities. <u>Family Federation</u> Korea humbly accepts the court's procedures and believes that the full truth will be clearly revealed through a fair trial.

The activities of the <u>Family Federation</u> are conducted globally with a focus on faith, education, culture, and peace initiatives.

Therefore, we sincerely hope that the ongoing investigation and trial do not lead to premature

generalizations or misunderstandings about our <u>religious order</u> as a whole. We request that the misconduct of certain former <u>Family Federation</u> leaders not result in the unjust stigmatization of the many citizens, religious figures, civil leaders, and sincere believers who are participating in peace efforts.



Members of the <u>Family Federation</u> praying outside Seoul Detention Center in October 2025 for the release of <u>Mother Han</u>

The members of our <u>organization</u> will use this occasion as an opportunity to adopt an even more responsible posture, continuing to uphold the dignity and moral standards of our <u>faith community</u>. We ask all our members and faith leaders to respond calmly and consistently, grounded in spiritual solidarity and love for our community.

We sincerely ask for your deep understanding and cooperation and pray that we will continue together on the path toward peace and mutual prosperity.

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification Korea Headquarters



The gate of the Seoul Detention Center

Criticism of Prosecutors

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