FFWPU Australia: Condolences to Uvalde, Texas (USA) on their school shooting

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The world is mourning two teachers and nineteen 4th grade children killed in a mass shooting at the Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, Texas, USA on May 24. Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed our nation's grief:

"My heartfelt condolences to all those affected by the horrific shootings in Uvalde, Texas.

"To the classmates, the parents, the teachers, and to the community changed forever, Australia is grieving with you."

Senator Penny Wong, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

FFWPU Co-Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon expressed her concern about elementary school shootings in USA during a <u>rally speech</u> in Las Vegas on 5 June, 2021:

Today, I would like to warn America.

God blessed America and America must, therefore, fulfill its responsibility. America cannot repeat the mistake of going against Heaven's will. The Puritan fathers understood the importance of the family in serving God. However, what is the reality of today's families in America? How is it possible that teenagers in schools and communities - even elementary school students - are being killed in school shootings? America's politicians need to provide answers.

In the Bible, it says "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks...but they shall all sit under their own vines." However, is it necessary for citizens of America, the world's superpower, to own and carry guns? Should we simply observe a situation where innocent lives are being taken for no reason? I believe the time has come for America, especially for the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) - America's Christian ministers - to take a stand for peace.

In a meeting with FFWPU leaders in Las Vegas, 8 June 2021, <u>Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon said</u>:

"Another serious issue is gun ownership. Last time I also asked why American citizens need to own guns. We must be very clear about this. It's not easy to build a peaceful country founded on democracy but instead we are building a country where its people kill one another. How can this be? I cannot believe it. There should be rules when it comes to managing guns. If there is someone who wants to hunt, that person should not own a gun in his home. Governments should be responsible for guns, and they should lend guns to those who wish to hunt."

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