

## FFWPU-USA Statement on the Japanese Court Ruling to Dissolve FFWPU Japan

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please see Rev. Dunkley's statement from FFWPU-USA on the court's ruling in Japan on the dissolution of FFWPU Japan.

Thank you,

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Executive Assistant

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### President's Corner

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**Sign the Petition** to Defend Religious Freedom

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### We Are Deeply Grieved—But Not Surprised

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in the United States stands in solemn solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Japan following the court's decision to allow the Japanese government to dissolve FFWPU Japan.

*"The church and the concept of religious freedom are now battling for survival in*

*Japan's legal system."*

(All quotes sourced from The Washington Times unless otherwise noted)

## Let Us Be Clear: No Crime Was Committed

For the first time in Japan's postwar history, a peaceful religious organization is being dismantled by the state without a single criminal conviction. The court's decision does not mark justice—it marks a turning point in Japan's democratic identity.

Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology (MEXT) conducted a thorough investigation and concluded that the Family Federation violated no criminal law. On October 17, 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida stated in Parliament that the church could not be dissolved on that basis. Yet the very next day, Kishida reversed course, claiming the government could pursue dissolution based solely on civil complaints. This reversal opened the door for a legal reinterpretation that undermines religious freedom not just in Japan—but globally.

As the U.S. State Department observed, this move **"marked a deviation from the norm"** in Japan's treatment of religious organizations.

## This Is Not Justice—It Is Lawfare

On March 13, 2025, Senator Satoshi Hamada publicly questioned the Ministry of Education about falsified evidence used in the court proceedings. Referring to a post by lawyer Shinichi Tokunaga:

*"The crime of the century: MEXT filed a request for a dissolution order based on falsified statements. A designated agent of MEXT, who is a government official, falsified evidence to be used in court proceedings. If Japan grants the dissolution order based on fabricated evidence, it will become a disgrace to the world."— Attorney Shinichi Tokunaga (on X)*

Hamada asked if the Ministry had any response to the charge that the government had purposely fabricated witness testimonies in order to smear the church. As if in admission of guilt, the Ministry's representative did not deny the charge.

Hamada concluded that the government's failure to respond was "significant," calling the legitimacy of the entire process into question.

*"The government seeks to dissolve the church and liquidate and absorb all assets. The church will cease to exist."*

## Who Are the Architects of the Dissolution Campaign?

The driving force behind this case is a political–legal alliance. MEXT has relied heavily on the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (NNLASS)—a group of leftist lawyers formed in the 1980s to oppose the Unification Church and its anti–communist stance.

In 1987, NNLASS founder Hiroshi Yamaguchi stated plainly:

*"The aim of the lawyers' association is to convince the Ministry of Education to revoke the religious corporation status of the Unification Church."*

That campaign, dormant for decades, is now being carried out—under the pretense of

protecting “public welfare.”

## The Real Reason: Ideological Hostility

For over 60 years, the Family Federation has stood for God, family, and freedom. Rev. and Dr. Moon founded the International Federation for Victory Over Communism (IFVOC) to counter Marxist ideology with spiritual truth. In Japan, IFVOC worked closely with leaders in the Liberal Democratic Party, including Prime Minister Abe and his predecessors. This made the movement a prime target for ideological opponents.

*“This is the final war against the Unification Church.” — Kazuo Shii, Chairman, Japanese Communist Party.*

Based on the evidence and statements presented in the Akahata and Sunday Mainichi interviews with Kazuo Shii, it is clear that this war was never about FFWPU’s religious practices or political controversy—but the endpoint of an organized, 45-year ideological war.

However, it gets worse.

## Religious Freedom in Japan Is Under Threat—And It’s Spreading

Governments in Rwanda, Kenya, and the Czech Republic have already followed Japan’s lead in restricting or shutting down religious organizations based on a reinterpretation of the law to revoke religious freedoms. If Japan—a respected liberal democracy—can do this, others will follow.

At the 2025 International Religious Freedom Summit, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich issued a warning that could not be clearer:

*“A government which can block you from approaching God can block you from anything. This is a key test of the future of Japan—a key test of the future of religious liberty.”*

## Our Response

Silence is not an option. Sign the petition. Share it with your friends and family. Let Japan know we are watching.

PETITION TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN JAPAN

[peacestartswithme.lpages.co/religious-freedom-petition](https://peacestartswithme.lpages.co/religious-freedom-petition)

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Rev. Demian Dunkley

President, FFWPU USA

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# Petition to Defend Religious Freedom in Japan

**This petition will be  
sent to  
President Donald J. Trump.**

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We, the undersigned representatives of many faith communities, affirm that religious freedom is the foundation of all freedoms. We urge you to help Japan uphold this fundamental right and reverse its disturbing shift away from religious liberty.

The U.S. State Department's 2023 Report on International Religious Freedom stated that Japan's request to order the dissolution of the Family Federation, "marked a deviation from the norm, as previously, revocations had only been ordered following violations of criminal law." The churches and religious movements that are being attacked have not violated any criminal law.