

## FFWPU USA: President's Corner - It's Time To Stand

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March 19, Washington DC



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are living through a serious and historic moment for our worldwide family of faith.

In Japan, the government has moved to dissolve the Family Federation. As a result, all of our churches and offices across the country have been shut down.

Members have been asked to leave the sanctuaries where they prayed, gathered, and raised their children in faith. In a matter of minutes, communities that had existed for decades were forced to close their doors.

For our brothers and sisters in Japan, this moment has brought deep sorrow and uncertainty.

But they are not alone.

For decades, Japanese members have served the world quietly and sacrificially. They have traveled to distant nations, supported missions, raised families, and invested their lives for the sake of God's dream and the sake of humanity. We have all been strengthened by their devotion and example.

Now they are facing hardship, and the global family stands with them.

Until now we have handled this situation with patience and respect. But there comes a point when silence no longer serves justice. When the rights of people of faith are stripped away and entire communities are shut down overnight, it becomes necessary to stand up and say clearly: this is not right.

On Thursday, March 19, we will gather at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC for a peaceful appeal for religious freedom. At a time when Prime Minister Takaichi will be visiting Washington, we will respectfully raise our voices and ask that the rights and dignity of people of faith be protected.

This gathering is not about anger or confrontation. It is about standing with our family and reminding the world that religious freedom matters.

Our members in Japan cannot gather publicly in the same way we can today. But here in America, we are free to stand, and we will do so with dignity and conviction.

We expect members, friends, clergy, and supporters of religious freedom from across our community to be present. 500 participants will gather at the embassy so that this appeal is seen clearly and respectfully.

Details for the gathering and registration can be found at [help.familyfed.org](https://help.familyfed.org). Once registered, you will receive updates with the final schedule and instructions.

We also encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and clergy who care about the protection of religious freedom. The principles at stake go far beyond one community. They concern the fundamental right of every person to practice their faith freely.

Let us stand together to HELP our brothers and sisters in Japan.

Our buildings may be closed, but the faith that built them remains alive. And when a family

stands together with clarity and conviction, the world takes notice.

We look forward to standing together on March 19.

With gratitude,

Demian Dunkley

Continental Director

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification - North America



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## Let believers worship.

Tens of thousands of believers were locked out of their own sanctuaries.  
Stand up for religious freedom by joining a protest and speaking out.



JOIN THE PROTEST

### The Story

Japan just set a dangerous precedent by dissolving a religious organization with zero criminal convictions.



## Join the stand for freedom

March 19, 2026

Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC

Join us in person outside the Japanese embassy in Washington, DC on March 19, 2026 to take a stand for religious freedom in Japan. If you want to join us, fill out the form below.

I'm there



“The decision by the Tokyo High Court to order the dissolution of the Unification Church **should trouble anyone who cares about religious liberty**. I pray that political leaders consider the dangerous precedent this sets for this foundational freedom.”

— Mike Pompeo, Former United States Secretary of State



## Religious Freedom is Nailed to the Cross in Japan

We cannot wait until they come for us.

*Amb. Randy Evans. Opinion published by The Washington Times*

FOR SALE: 260 church buildings, pews, altars, pulpits and various religious literature, including Bibles, commentaries and hymnals. Contact the Japanese government's designated liquidator acting under a court order of dissolution and liquidation. All property has been seized and secured and is available for sale as needed.

Although the government targeting of faiths and churches for dissolution and banning itself is abhorrent to the notion of freedom of religion, other countries following Japan's lead take it much further.

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Massimo Introvigne, sociologist of religions

**Religious organizations are not made of angels; they are made of human beings who need places to gather. Without premises and without funds, what 'religious activities' are believers supposed to conduct?"**





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**Dieter Shuler** @d\_dkshuler1 · 33m  
This is the right answer to walk the path of faith for religious freedom, for our Brothers and Sisters in [Japan](#). Faith is when you praise God in the storm, you trust Him in the vally, you follow Him in the dark, for the victory of Heaven.

**Catherine** @Catheri60270893 · 1h  
Thank you for this important initiative. Yes, now we need to be loud. Injustice demands a clear response and unified action. [#ReligiousFreedom](#)

**Flory Ledwaba** @FloryLedwaba · 4h  
Yes! Standing together for Faith, freedom and peace. [#ReligiousFreedom](#)

**Sobayo Sobambi** @SobambiSob19120 · 2h  
An excellent idea. People now need to know that Religious Freedom taken for granted in their part of the world is now been infringed even in democratic countries like South Korea and Japan.

**Mario Magaz** @MarioMagaz23274 · 39m  
Yes, silence is surrender. With Prime Minister Takaichi scheduled to be in Washington on Thursday, March 19, it is vital that she takes note of our peaceful assembly and addresses our concerns with the gravity and seriousness they require.

**Flory Ledwaba** @FloryLedwaba · 4h  
Clearly, the story is not over. Standing together. [#ReligiousFreedom](#)

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**JuliBird** @ulisoj · 10h

Yes, let's not be silent anymore!!! #religiousfreedom

Why is Religious Freedom Important?



From catholicismcoffee.org

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**FFWPU Europe & Middle East** @ffwpueume · 2h

We agree Demian, the time has come to stand with our brothers and sisters in Japan and support them. Members of FFWPU in Europe support this initiative. Religious freedom, as a fundamental human right, must be respected in Japan. #ReligiousFreedom

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**スイートピー** @sweetpea218591 · 4h

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Thank you, Dunkley-san! 🙏 May the gathering on 3/19 be a success. ✨🔥  
And may freedom of religion and the dignity of believers be protected in Japan. 🙏

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**月子さん** @lSwmGFAk92eXoVE · 11h

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Thank you. We have yearned for and walked toward a world of one human family centered on God. No matter what position we're in, uninterrupted progress forward! Right? 😊

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**Martin Slezák** @mslezak2013 · 3m

Reverend Dunkley, why gather in front of Japanese embassy where Trump won't see you? Why not in front the White House?

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**りん** @ForJapan52 · 2h

Thank you, our beloved brothers and sisters in America. Your love and prayers mean so much to us.  
Together, let's protect and uplift our precious 2nd and 3rd generations.💕  
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**Dr. Michael Jenkins** @Drj7246 · 7h

Very Inspiring to see the members strongly joining with all faiths to stand for Religious Freedom for everyone.

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**Luke Higuchi** ルーク樋口 @lukehiguchi · 5h

Imagine this happening in your country.

Overnight, 280 churches are shut down by the government.

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