

## FFWPU USA President's Corner: Rev. Dunkley's Message at the Help! Appeal in DC

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*Rev. Demian Dunkley speaking at the Help! Appeal gathering of 500 members in front of the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC on March 19, 2026*

All right. Are you ready?

First, I'd like to thank the United States of America—a nation where we have true freedom. I also want to give a heartfelt round of applause and deep gratitude to the police and the Secret Service for keeping us safe. Let's show them some love.

Family, we're not here because we have nowhere else to be. We're not here asking for help for ourselves. We are here because we believe in raising our voices together—not just for our church, but for people of faith around the world who may feel afraid, unsure of their value, and who need to be reminded that God is with them.

Isn't that right?

We could say this on any street in America, but we chose to stand here outside the embassy of Japan. Today, the Prime Minister of Japan is visiting our country. So let's give her a warm welcome.

Today, I want to share the heart of an open letter sent to Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi. I write to you as a faith leader deeply connected to Japan. The decision to uphold the dissolution order of the Family Federation has been deeply painful for our global faith family. For many, this may seem like a policy matter—but for us, it is personal.

It affects real families, real communities—people who have spent their lives living for the sake of others.

For decades, Japanese members of our movement have quietly served around the world—with humility, discipline, and deep love. They are among the most trusted and devoted people in every country they serve.

They have committed themselves to peacebuilding, humanitarian work, and strengthening families across cultures.

Dear Prime Minister, these men and women have helped Japan shine across the world. I have worked alongside them. I have seen their sincerity. These are not people who weaken society—they uplift it.

They do not harm people—they serve them, love them, and bring hope. And in doing so, they bring honor to Japan.

Today, we are asking for help—not for privilege, but for fairness. Not for exemption, but for understanding.

What is at stake is something fundamental: the freedom to believe, to gather, to pray and sing together without fear of being dismantled.

Religious freedom is not just for believers. It is at the core of all freedom—the freedom to know that your rights come from your Creator, not from government.

In recent years, religious organizations around the world have faced increasing pressure. This moment goes beyond our community. It raises a larger question: how will religious freedom be protected in the future?

For many of our members, the impact has already been devastating. Decades of sacrifice were swept away in a single day. Hundreds of churches and offices were closed. Families were displaced. Even personal belongings—even food—were left behind.

This is happening now.

And we are here to say: there must be a misunderstanding.

We love Japan.

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We love Japan—and we love the Japanese people.

Japan has long been respected as a nation of dignity, stability, and human rights. But today, the world is watching. The decisions made now will shape not only Japan's future, but its moral leadership on the global stage.

So I ask you, Prime Minister: please consider the human side of this decision—the parents, the children, the grandparents. Families like mine.

My wife is Japanese. My children are half Japanese. I love Japan deeply. It is a beautiful country with sincere and incredible people.

And we look forward to returning—to sing, worship, and stand together with our family of faith.

We will come to Japan. We will gather. We will pray. And we will remind one another of this truth:

Faith cannot be jailed.

Faith cannot be dissolved.

Faith cannot be taken away.

Remember who you are—you are God’s children.

And thank you, America, for allowing us to say that loudly and freely.

We love Japan. Thank you.

When I say “God’s dream,” you say “One family.”

#GodsDreamOneFamily Thank you!”

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