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A correction from last episode, Rev. Dunkley's recap of the Tokyo rally, and messages from the five Christian bishops who flew to Japan.

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Rev. Dunkley's recap video of the events in Japan



TRULY I TESTIFY: God is unveiling a new spirit through the unity between Japan and America. God is not simply rebuilding what is broken, but building something new!

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The defense team had submitted a supplementary opinion to the bail application on April 27, the day before, and on April 28 also submitted a statement of reasons for non-appearance. These documents specifically outlined the future treatment and rehabilitation process that will be essential going forward, based on the progress of True Mother's shoulder surgery and the opinions of consulting specialists, and earnestly conveyed the serious health concerns that could arise in the event of re-incarceration.

As a result, around 6:00 PM, immediately following the hearing, the court granted approval to extend the suspension of detention by one month. This is a grace from Heaven, allowing True Mother to focus fully on her treatment, and a precious outcome born of the devotion and prayers of family members gathered together.

The 23rd Hearing: Emerging Truths and False Claims

In this hearing, the malicious claims that had been raised were revealed one by one to be groundless through testimony and documentary evidence. In particular, decisive testimony was presented proving that the claims made by Yoon Young-ho's side were false.

First, the alleged "morning meeting" and "thank-you call" on March 10, 2022, were confirmed to be groundless. Yoon Young-ho had long claimed that on the morning following the presidential election, during a 7:00 AM meeting, a call came from Representative Kweon Seong-dong, who expressed gratitude to True Mother. However, through multiple testimonies and records, it was confirmed that no morning meeting took place that day. Yoon Young-ho's own diary records that he woke up at 9:30 AM that day, clearly proving the claim of receiving a call at 7:00 AM to be false. Notably, entry records from the Cheon Jeong Gung gate showing that Yoon Young-ho entered the palace at 9:42 AM on March 10 were submitted as additional evidence, raising serious questions about the credibility of his prior claims.

Second, regarding the Yoon Young-ho special report documents that have continued to be cited as key evidence, witnesses testified, "I never saw such documents being brought to morning meetings for reporting." Contrary to the claim that important content including budgets was also reported via printed A3 foam boards, witnesses testified, "I never saw documents printed with detailed content such as budgets, and the A3 foam boards used for reporting contained only event flow and imagery—they had nothing to do with budgets."

Third, regarding gifts and the disbursement of funds, testimony emerged exposing the existing claims as false. True Mother had never given any instruction regarding payments connected to the so-called "Geonjin Beopsa" or the purchase of items such as necklaces from a specific luxury brand (Graff). The witness stated, "I have never received any such instruction from True Mother," adding, "When True Mother gives gifts, she always selects them herself and never delegates the purchase to others"—testifying that there was no unlawful instruction from True Mother.

Fourth, it was revealed that a special gathering alleged to have been held in support of a particular political party was in fact unrelated to politics. The special gathering held at Lotte Hotel on March 2, 2022, was organized by Lotte Hotel as an expression of gratitude for the hosting of the World Summit. Testimony confirmed that True Mother's address that day was likewise unrelated to support for any particular political party or to the participation of any specific politician.

In this way, through the hearings, various facts are being verified one by one, and the trial is proceeding on the basis of concrete evidence and testimony. What matters is that, even at this very moment, truth always

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reveals itself. Rather than rushing to judgment about the outcome, we should calmly observe, trusting that everything will be made clear through the trial process.

The Holy Wedding Anniversary, Filled with the Spirit of Spring

Dear Family Members,

True Mother holds a special love for spring—likely because it is the season of the True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary. The upcoming May 2 marks the deeply meaningful 66th anniversary of the Holy Wedding and the 1st anniversary of the Cheon Won Gung Entrance Ceremony. We are grateful that this precious day can now be observed during the extended period of suspension of detention. Though it is not full freedom, family members will surely have found a measure of comfort and relief in this news.

On April 25, expressing concern for the Japanese family members, True Mother said, "I trust the Japanese family members. I know the loyal heart and devotion with which they believe and follow even in the midst of hardship. I love you all." Even amid suffering, True Mother thinks not of herself but only of comforting and encouraging the family members—allowing us to feel the magnitude of her great love.

In any circumstance, True Mother looks first to the will of Heavenly Parent and continues to guide us. As we approach the Holy Wedding Anniversary, we pray that all family members will once again reflect on the mission contained within her words and become a chosen people who engrave True Mother's love and heart deeply within their own. Aju.

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The Monarch Report @monarchreport25 · Apr 30
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Jorge Cuello @FireTypeLeo · 22h
Thanks for this brief and sincere report. I'm quite shocked that Mr. Yoon Young Ho would corroborate false evidence or testimony. As long as everything is being done according to normal procedures, it is true that the truth will set us free.
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Ernst Spari @ErnstSparix · May 1
Thank you for the update about our True Mother. We wish her a speedy recovery and a quick return home. We love you True Mother!
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Neringa @Neringa84 · Apr 30
I hope she will get home soon 🙏
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Pattie S @ThePattiest1 · Apr 30
The truth is coming out. Holy Mother Han will be vindicated. What will the gov't say when they have to face the fact that they abused an innocent elderly woman for months?
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Violeta Ujvari @ujelenav · Apr 30
We pray for True Mother to be released
Her love reaches us all.
We love you True Mother!
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When a nation erases a religion as a legal entity, what do believers across the sea have to say?

On 4 March 2026, the Tokyo High Court issued a ruling that erased the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification as a legal entity.

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The venue hosted a talk session bringing together second-generation believers from Japan and the United States alongside subject-matter experts. The five Bishops who had crossed the ocean, Japanese experts, and second-generation believers from both countries gathered in one room to speak openly about what was unfolding in Japan.

The Bishops grounded their message of encouragement in scripture and in the solidarity of believers across borders.



Moderator Tamami of UPF Japan.

The panel was moderated by Tamami of UPF Japan and featured Secretary-General Uotani and attorney Nakayama Tatsuki as the Japanese panelists.

The American clergy:

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- **Bishop Abram Dixon** — Abram Dixon Ministry, Houston, Texas
- **Bishop Edward Barnett** — Greater Grace Family Ministry, Washington D.C.
- **Bishop Leonard Dew** — Star of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, San Francisco Bay Area, California
- **Bishop John Watts** — Kingdom Life Church Apostolic, Baltimore, Maryland

Uotani put questions to the visiting clergy in turn, while Nakayama provided legal context for a Japanese audience following via livestream.



Bishop Ronald Shelley

Bishop Ronald Shelley, the first to speak, said the dissolution news had come as a shock, but that prayer had brought him to a different reading rooted in the long arc of scripture.

"Throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament, when persecution has come, it has always been followed by promise."

That, he said, was why he was in Tokyo at all. He had come not to mourn but to ask how he himself could grow through what was unfolding, and the work, he added, was "not for America, not for Japan, but for the **Kingdom of God.**"



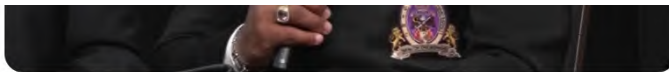
Bishop Abram Dixon

Bishop Abram Dixon, addressing the church closures, said the most troubling element was that operational preparations had clearly been completed before the court ruled.

He acknowledged the practical weight pressing on Japanese believers — congregations now uncertain how next month's bills would be paid — but framed the answer in providential terms.

"God is alive, and God has prepared everything for His children. God is protecting Japan. You will all flourish. It will be alright."





Bishop Edward Barnett

Bishop Edward Barnett traced religious freedom to its biblical foundations, recalling Moses leading his people out of slavery, the commandment that God alone be worshipped, and Jesus reaffirming that same instruction.

"Freedom transcends every domain. The state can constrain the body. It can agitate the soul. But **what no human power can do is touch the soul itself.** That, I believe, is the freedom of worship."

His framing echoed broader international observations on the Japan case. The United Nations Human Rights Committee has recommended that Japan refrain from restricting religious freedom on the basis of "public welfare," noting that Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights does not allow such restrictions.



Bishop Leonard Dew

Bishop Leonard Dew, who had traveled from the California Bay Area, opened by thanking the Japanese members for the welcome before turning to a question that often divides Christian clergy: the meaning of denominational difference.

The visiting pastors all belonged to different traditions, he acknowledged, and from the outside the resulting branches could even resemble a "social club." But the branches, he insisted, all returned to the same body. **"We are all one."**

In his closing message of encouragement to the Japanese members, he pressed the same conviction further.

"We are one. We are one through **faith in Jesus.** And we share the same mission. Through Spirit and truth, we offer all glory to God, and by lifting up and praising God together with the people of Japan here, we are one."



Bishop John Watts

Bishop John Watts, asked about the meaning of a community of believers when the corporate church itself was being dismantled, offered the panel's most quoted line.

"The community of believers is not a place. Wherever you go, you yourself are the church."

Addressing the second-generation members directly, he continued:

"In this difficult time, your identity is Christ Himself. A place is not the church. You yourselves are the church where God dwells."

He also described the freedom of worship as a God-given right that

allowed believers to "**stand before God without shame**," and pointed to the youth turnout in the room as evidence that "**God is at work in Japan, and God is alive.**"



Attorney Nakayama Tatsuki

Attorney Nakayama answered legal questions from the floor.

Restarting under the same name in Japan after a full dissolution would be very difficult, he said, but no Japanese law forces religious organisations to register with the state, and believers retain the right to assemble.

Overturning the ruling through Japanese courts alone would also be very difficult, which made **international support essential**.

He highlighted that the court itself had held that the actions of Yamagami Tetsuya, the man convicted of assassinating former Prime Minister Abe Shinzo in 2022, "have no relation whatsoever to the dissolution of the Family Federation."

The U.S. State Department has noted that Japan's use of civil litigation to justify dissolution contradicts the common sense and norms of liberal democratic nations, according to the Family Federation's world mission headquarters.



Bishop Edward Barnett turned to Dr. Hak Ja Han, the Family Federation's leader.

He praised the unshaken posture carried through from the days of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, then turned to Han's own ongoing trial in South Korea. **Her composure throughout that trial, he said, was showing the second-generation members the path toward deeper faith and greater unity with God — and giving them courage.**

"Mother (Dr. Han) is unshaken. I am unshaken. In this time, we will not give up. We will not stay silent. We will keep crying out, every last one of us, until the walls of Jericho fall."

He noted Dr. Han's nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize and said he had been deeply moved to see Japanese believers and American clergy standing as one.



Among the participants in the venue, T-shirts and handheld signs reading "HELP" or "HELP OUR CHURCH" were visible throughout the room. American second-generation believers have been carrying these messages on T-shirts and signs as part of an ongoing campaign of support for Japan's Family Federation.

At the close of the forum, Bishop Watts traced the Latin root of that same word "help" to a term meaning rope, the kind sailors use to bind cargo before a storm.

"We are not going to be scattered. **God is binding our cargo together, with the ropes of many nations and the ropes of the world.**"

The Bishops, together with the Japanese believers, declared that the work of God in Japan would continue regardless of legal obstacles. Members of the Family Federation around the world are watching over their brothers and sisters in Japan, sending their support so that they may overcome this trial.

The pastors then declared together with the Japanese members that the work of God would continue in Japan regardless of legal obstacles.

The unusual visit of five US Christian Bishops to Tokyo signals that the dissolution of the Family Federation is no longer being seen as a domestic religious-corporation matter, but as a question of religious freedom that crosses borders.

The "international support" that **attorney Nakayama** repeatedly described as essential had, on this day, taken visible form inside the Tokyo venue.

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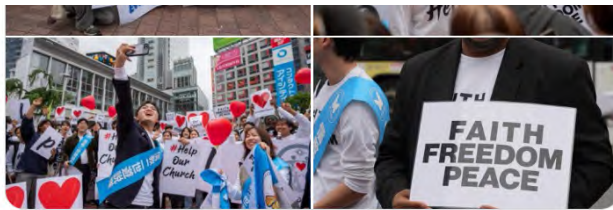


Some of the powerful moments we experienced in Shibuya, Tokyo, when over 100 American Family Federation youth and clergy from various Christian denominations rallied together for religious freedom.

They rallied alongside the group of second generation who have been bravely

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Mihoko Ueki Gonzalez @mihoko_ueki · 12h

Our Regional President, Rev. Dunkley, along with all the second-generation pastors and the delegation from North America brought a powerful light to the HJCB Great Works, the 1555th CSW Special Vigil Devotion. It was truly uplifting and inspiring! They made us smile. We are one [Show more](#)



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Demian Dunkley @DemianDunkley · 8h

Such an interesting perspective on the comments here. Stand proudly in your identity.



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miwa @miwa4293 · 1h

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The Blessing Ceremony was held in Korea, with many second-generation members from around the world participating ✨
Second-generation members overflowing with smiles and filled with joy. Truly congratulations 🍷🍷🍷
Although Total President Han Hak-ja was not present, [Show more](#)



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The truth is slowly continuing to be revealed!

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Gabor Vasmatics @GaborVasmatics · May 1 🗨️ ...
Wow, great news!
"Time discovers truth." - Seneca

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Makiオバさん @kzS1CZCVgG5415 · Apr 30 🗨️ ...
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I express my gratitude that the judiciary and courts are being rightly guided, proving the truth based on evidence. May the complete and unconditional release of the True Mother be granted as soon as possible 🙏🙏

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tameiki @tameiki50597511 · Apr 30 🗨️ ...
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As True Mother's words have come to pass, I am so glad that the truth is being revealed, one by one, with certainty 🙏 Without ever considering your own circumstances, you have always comforted the believers in Japan and around the world with a mother's love, giving them love,
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Viola @9KEg73GtU160751 · Apr 30 🗨️ ...
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Thank you for sharing this valuable information.

Along with expressing our gratitude for the encouraging message from True Mother to the Japanese providence,

we pray for your swift recovery.

We pray that Yoon Young-ho will return to his true heart.

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