

## FFWPU Europe and Middle East: 20 Years Anniversary the of Chung Jeong Gyung

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*One of the sacred sites of the [Family Federation](#) - the Cheon Jeong Temple in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea. The building houses a museum in honor of the life of the [True Parents](#)*

**Twenty years since a landmark Family Federation ceremony: the inauguration of its sacred site the Cheon Jeong Temple in Gapyeong, South Korea**



*From the grand inauguration ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Temple on June 13, 2026*

It is today, 13th June 2026, exactly 20 years since the grand inauguration ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Temple (천정궁 - Cheon Jeong Goong), one of the sacred sites of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) - in Korea often simply called [Unificationism](#). The 2006 event has since been called a foundational milestone for the [movement](#) and was a massive, highly orchestrated, spectacular ceremony concluding a week of festivities.

The structure, located in [Gapyeong](#), northeast of the capital Seoul, was designed as a monumental palace-museum commemorating the life and accomplishments of [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#), also called [Father Moon](#) and [Mother Han](#). Its architecture intentionally combined traditional Korean, classical

Western, and symbolic religious elements. The movement described the building as an eternal memorial to the providential work of the [True Parents](#) and the central temple for [God's](#) sovereignty and for the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) - [Cheonil-guk](#) (천일국) in [Unificationist](#) terminology.

About 5,000 dignitaries, "Ambassadors for Peace", political leaders, parliamentarians, and church leaders attended the main ceremony. Another 25,000 participants watched through large-screen broadcasts at nearby venues.

The temple was presented not merely as a museum or headquarters but as the first permanent dwelling place for [God](#) here in the physical world, based on the foundation established by the [True Parents](#). The building was understood as a symbolic and [providential](#) center uniting heaven and earth, East and West, and the spiritual and physical worlds.



*The [True Parents](#) in stately robes at the entrance ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Temple on June 13, 2026*

Later that day, a special entrance ceremony was held led by [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#), where they processed into the temple in ornate and stately robes. Representatives from all continents and diverse religious backgrounds presented custom-designed crowns and robes to the couple, formally installing them as the King and Queen of Peace for the new era. A banquet was attended by international religious, political, and civic leaders. Cultural performances from various nations celebrated the opening.

In his major address, "[Cheonil-guk](#) Is the Ideal [Heavenly Kingdom](#) of Eternal Peace", [Sun Myung Moon](#) presented the opening of the Cheon Jeong Temple as the beginning of a new age in [providential](#) history. He argued that [God's original ideal](#) had been frustrated by the Fall of humanity, resulting in a long history of restoration. According to [Father Moon](#), the mission of the [True Parents](#) was to complete that restoration and establish a world centered on [God's](#) true lineage, [true love](#), and true family.

The inauguration of the Cheon Jeong Temple signified, in his view, that sufficient foundations had finally been laid for [God's](#) direct sovereignty to be manifested on earth. He called on humanity to become citizens of the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) by living lives of moral purity, family fidelity, service, and interreligious harmony.

[Father Moon](#) outlined three strict, unalterable laws governing the citizens of this new [heavenly kingdom](#):

Maintain lineage purity by completely avoiding illicit sexual relationships.

Uphold universal human rights, forbidding arbitrary discrimination or personal abuse of authority.

Protect public assets, banning any theft, embezzlement, or personal exploitation of public funds.

[Sun Myung Moon](#) emphasized that peace could not be achieved merely through politics or economics but through the transformation of families and the reconciliation of religions, races, and nations under [God](#). He portrayed the new era as one in which the barriers between the spiritual and physical worlds would diminish, humanity would recognize a common Heavenly Parent, and the ideal of one global family under [God](#) could gradually become a reality.

According to [Father Moon](#), the completion of this sanctuary symbolically reversed the historical failures of the Garden of Eden, transitioning humanity into the "Age after the Coming of Heaven", which had been declared in May 2005. The opening ceremony also represented liberating [God](#)'s heart from all the [sorrow](#) the Creator had suffered throughout the long course of humanity's history.



*From the grand inauguration ceremony of the Cheon Jeong Temple on June 13, 2006*

[Father Moon](#) also emphasized the spiritual dimension of the ceremony on 13th June 2006, claiming that great multitudes of spirits also descended to witness the event.



*[Father Moon](#) giving the holy scripture [Cheon Seong Gyeong](#) to a Korean clan leader on June 13, 2006*

Following the keynote speech, the [True Parents](#) bestowed newly minted holy scriptures and sacred items to representatives from Korea and each continent.

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The [article](#) reports on the appearance of [Hak Ja Han](#) – also called [Mother Han](#) – as a witness before the 27<sup>th</sup> Criminal Division of the *Seoul Central District Court*. Although she appeared in court and formally took the witness oath, she ultimately refused to answer questions about the allegations against her. The [report](#) focuses primarily on what occurred during the hearing itself rather than attempting to determine whether the allegations are true.

According to the [article](#), [Mother Han](#) arrived at court in a wheelchair and required assistance entering the courtroom. The [report](#) notes that she was unable to read the witness oath independently. Instead, her grandson, who accompanied her, read the oath sentence by sentence, and she repeated each sentence after him. This detail was included because it illustrated both her physical condition and the unusual circumstances surrounding her court appearance.

After the oath had been completed, [Mother Han](#) asked the presiding judge for permission to make a brief statement. Once allowed to speak, she



**He was given life sentence, she 4 years** in what some perceive as revenge on political opponents: Former South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and First Lady Kim Keon-hee, here in Tokyo 16th March 2023. Photo: [首相官邸ホームページ / Wikimedia Commons](#). License: [CC Attr 4.0 Int](#). Cropped

immediately rejected some of the central allegations that have emerged in the broader investigation. She stated that she had never given 100 million Korean won (approximately 65,000 U.S. dollars) to conservative lawmaker Kweon Seong-dong (권성동). She also denied having given gifts to Kim Keon-hee (김건희), the wife of former South Korean president Yoon Suk-yeol (윤석열). In addition, she said that she had never provided political funds to politicians.



**Yoon Yeong-ho**, 6th Dec. 2020. Screenshot from [Peacelink TV](#)

[Mother Han](#) went on to criticize [Yoon Yeong-ho](#) (윤영호), a former senior official within the [Family Federation](#). According to the [article](#), she said that [Yoon](#) had been someone she trusted and valued, but that he had created numerous false stories while acting on behalf of the [Unificationism](#) headquarters and affiliated organizations. She described this situation as deeply regrettable.

Having made these remarks, [Hak Ja Han](#) then announced that she would refuse to answer further questions. The

[article](#) states that she told the court she had already expressed her position regarding the matters under discussion and therefore would decline to testify. Throughout the remainder of the hearing, she reportedly responded to every question with essentially the same phrase: “I refuse to testify.”

The [article](#) notes that lawyers representing [Yoon Yeong-ho](#) attempted to challenge this refusal. They pointed out that [Mother Han](#) had previously provided statements during a special prosecutor’s investigation and questioned whether those earlier statements had been inaccurate. Nevertheless, according to the report, she continued to decline answering and repeatedly invoked her refusal to testify.

To help readers understand the significance of the hearing, the [article](#) summarizes the criminal allegations that prosecutors have brought against [Hak Ja Han](#). Prosecutors allege that she conspired with [Unificationism](#) officials, including former chief of staff Jeong

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with [Unificationism](#) officials, including former chief of staff Seong Won-ju (정원주) and former [Family Federation](#) executive Yoon Yeong-ho, to provide political funds to politicians.



*People Power Party lawmaker **Kweon Seong-dong** (권성동), here 23rd Dec. 2024. Photo: 국민의힘 TV / Wikimedia Commons. License: [CC Attr 3.0 Unp](#). Cropped*

One allegation concerns the delivery of 100 million won in cash to lawmaker Kweon Seong-dong (권성동) in January 2022. Another allegation concerns the use of [Unificationism](#)-related funds to make what prosecutors describe as divided or split donations totaling 144 million won to members of the conservative *People Power Party* during March and April of that year.

The [article](#) further states that prosecutors accuse [Mother Han](#) and Yoon of arranging gifts for Kim Keon-hee (김건희) in July 2022. These gifts allegedly included luxury items such as a diamond necklace produced by the British jewelry company Graff and other valuables with a combined value of

roughly 80 million won (ca. 52,000 US dollars). According to the [NewsPim report](#), prosecutors also allege that funds belonging to [Unificationism](#) were improperly used or embezzled in order to obtain favors connected to political activities.

Importantly, the [NewsPim article](#) is written as a straightforward report on court proceedings. It does not present the allegations as proven facts. Instead, it reports both the prosecutors' accusations and [Mother Han](#)'s denials. The [article's](#) central newsworthy development is not new evidence but rather [Hak Ja Han](#)'s decision to appear in court, publicly deny key accusations, state that a former subordinate fabricated claims, and then refuse to provide substantive testimony during the witness examination.

For readers outside South Korea, the case is notable because many regard it as part of the crackdown by the current left-leaning Lee Jae-myung administration on leaders and organizations perceived to have supported the former conservative Yoon Suk-yeol administration. In that process, the former president of South Korea has already been given a life sentence.

The 12<sup>th</sup> June hearing, as [reported by NewsPim](#), offered a rare public appearance by [Mother Han](#) and provided a glimpse into how she responded to the accusations in this latest hearing in the case against her. As of the date of the [article](#), the charges remained allegations under judicial review, and the hearings are set to continue, so that a final verdict is not expected until late July at the earliest.

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