

FFWPU Europe: New International President - Yong-cheon Song replaces Young-ho Yoon

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In a communiqué from the International Headquarters of the [Family Federation](#) 20th May 2023, it was announced that South Korean Dr. Yong-cheon Song, has been appointed as new International President of the [Family Federation](#). He replaces Dr. Young-ho Yun, who held the position of Director General of the [Family Federation](#)'s International headquarters.



Dr. Yong-cheon Song

Dr. Song will be known to many Europeans as he served as Continental Director of the movement in Europe from 2003 to 2013.

Adding to his international experience, before 2003 he worked many years as leader of the Oceania region, based in Australia. In 2013 he was appointed to lead the Japanese movement, which in many ways has been one of the most successful countries when it comes to spreading the word of [Father](#) and [Mother Moon](#).

He held that position until January 2018, when he took over the leadership of the Sunhak Global Education Foundation in South Korea, a group consisting of several educational institutions, including [Sun Moon University](#) in Asan, a city south of Seoul.

In the same bulletin from International Headquarters, Demian Dunkley was appointed Regional Chair and National President of the [Family Federation](#) of the USA. He replaces Dr. Cheong-shik Yong as Regional Chair and Naokimi Ushiroda as National President.

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The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is a global federation of individuals and families who aim to create a world of peace and unity beyond national, cultural, religious and ideological barriers, a world where everyone may live together in peace and harmony.

In a nutshell

Name: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

Founded: 1996

Founders: Rev. [Sun Myung Moon](#) (1920-2012) and Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#)

Teachings: [Unificationism](#), a long series of revelations received by [Sun Myung Moon](#). See: [Brief about the Teachings](#) of the Family Federation

Goal: The [Kingdom of Heaven](#) on Earth. A harmonious world family, where everyone may experience peace, security, freedom and love.

Strategy: Unite all good forces

Distribution: Largest in South Korea and Japan, but found in most nations.

Background: The Family Federation took over many of the functions of the [Unification Church](#) and its basic teachings.

History: See: ???

Frequently asked questions: See: [Faq](#)

As the name indicates, the Family Federation is based on three ideals – family, world peace, and unification.

- **The family ideal.** Most religions focus on the individual and its spirituality. The Family Federation teaches a broader concept of spirituality, where your [relationships](#) to your loved ones are of decisive importance for your eternal life. As [God](#) is the source of love, [marriages](#) blessed by [God](#) and families full of [true love](#) are the very foundation for the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) that [God](#) longs for. It is a love kingdom, and the family is a [school of love](#).
- **World peace.** If there is love and peace in the home, there is hope that we may also create societies and nations with peace. The family is the fundamental social institution. If we can learn to love our fellow human beings on micro-level, in a family, we may also do so on macro-level, i.e. in the society around us and in the big world we live in. Well-functioning families are the very key to reducing crime, alcohol and drug abuse, the number of suicides and many other social problems.
- **Unification.** We talk about unification on all levels, from the individual to the global level. [God](#) is the source of unity, evil the source of division. Therefore, the goal of the Family Federation is to remove the barriers and create a world of unity, a social unity, such as that between husband and wife, between parents and children, different social groups, nations and religions, but also unity between the inner world and the outer, between mind and body, spirit and matter, religion and science.



The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification was first founded in the USA 31st July 1996 by [Sun Myung Moon](#) and his wife [Hak Ja Han](#), and in many European nations soon after that.

The Family Federation was launched on the foundation of the [Unification Church](#), a spiritual movement [founded](#) in South Korea in 1954. The original intention was neither to establish a church nor a new religion.

The Family Federation took over many of the activities and tasks of the [Unification Church](#) and the same basic teachings, but has a pronounced goal of creating a world of peace and unity based on well-functioning families.