

## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Japan's Parents Pay For Activism Of Pastors And Lawyers

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*Illustration of Toru Goto, a member of the Family Federation, just before he was kidnapped by his parents and relatives in 1995 in Tokyo*

### **Pastors and lawyers instilling fear in parents and making them pay dearly for destructive activism**

Third part of an opinion letter to the court concerning the request for a dissolution order against the [Family Federation](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)), written 12th December 2023 by Rev. Haruhisa Nakagawa (中川晴久), Pastor of Christian Church of the Lord's Sheep (主の羊クリスチャン教会), Executive Secretary of Tokyo Christian Theological Institute, President of Japan Christian Theological Institute. He conducted an undercover investigation of the [Unification Church](#) in 2012.

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#### **4. At a meeting of the national network of lawyers**



*Hiroshi Yamaguchi, activist  
leftwing lawyer*

When I attended a meeting of the Zenkoku Benren (National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales) in September 2011, there were several pastors present who were involved in abduction and confinement cases.

During the social gathering after the meeting, Attorney Hiroshi Yamaguchi (山口広), who played a central role, exclaimed during the closing remarks, "[Sun Myung Moon](#) should rot in hell!" The audience responded with an emphatic "Oh!" and the social gathering came to an end. The hatred towards the [Unification Church](#) was exceptionally intense.

At that time, I still didn't realize the deep collaboration between the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales and the groups behind abduction and confinement. At the social gathering venue, I spoke with Attorney Masaki Gouro (郷路征記) about a former [Unification Church](#) student I had once known at K University.

That young man had been abducted and confined by Pastor Mamoru Takazawa (高澤守) of the Christian

Truth Church of Kobe (キリスト教神戸真教会). During the captivity, Takazawa had told him,

"You are the 647th person [or was it the 674th? Nakagawa doesn't remember clearly]. There are currently six other people whom I am also holding captive."



*Mamoru Takazawa, pastor and faith-breaker*

In response, Attorney X angrily retorted, "Counting the number of people he's abducted? Takazawa is going too far!" It was then that I realized that Attorney X was merely upset about the act of counting the abductees. I had assumed that he was against abduction and confinement, but he knew the facts of what was actually going on.

### 5. The actual circumstances of abduction and confinement

Pastors involved in abduction and confinement thoroughly instill fear of the [Unification Church](#) into the parents of believers and encourage the parents to attend the pastor's own church. When parents reach the point where they want their children to leave the [Unification Church](#), the parents are given the leading role for abducting and confining their own children. Note that when we say "children", we are referring to adults who have already reached maturity. Furthermore, the opposing

pastors are not volunteers. They receive compensation, fees, and rewards from the parents. When their son or daughter quits the [Unification Church](#), both parents and child can become members of the pastor's congregation.

Even if being abducted and confined, the child cannot sue the parent. The bond of "affection" between parents and children is exploited. Parents are also instructed to channel their affection towards their child. These pastors, under the guise of Christian faith, lecture parents on the theory and methods of abduction and confinement, leading them to ambush their own child "with love". The child, aware of this "affection", experiences immense suffering. Regardless, this leaves significant emotional scars and will seriously damage the parent-child relationship.



*Rev. Haruhisa Nakagawa (中川晴久)*

I personally interviewed someone who had been abducted and confined by Pastor S, a well-known pastor associated with forced de-conversion. The abducted individual had his hands and feet tied for two days. During restroom breaks, one of the parents allegedly had to pull down what he was wearing. Even though it was one's own parent, it was a humiliating experience. This strategy aims to break the individual's spirit and diminish the captive's resistance from the outset. However, even if he or she eventually quits the faith, deep wounds remain in the parent-child relationship.

Naturally, ordinary parents would never subject their child to such a treatment. Behind the scenes, there are individuals orchestrating these actions on behalf of the parents. Once the person's spirit is broken, and he or she no longer resists, the pastor finally appears for coercion. The captive remains locked up until de-conversion occurs.

Then, the next step involves presenting evidence in court, claiming, "I was under mind control!" This is where a lawyer from the national network of lawyers is introduced. Such a "format" exists. Christian pastors do not engage in these actions without legal assurances. The parents take the lead, with a Christian pastor backing them up, with lawyers as their support. Both pastors and lawyers are not volunteers. The parents pay the pastors for the faith-breaking, and if the case goes to court, the parents must cover those costs as well. In that way, money flows to pastors and lawyers.

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## Rev. Sun Myung Moon – Father Moon (1920 – 2012)

### In a nutshell

- **Name:** Sun Myung Moon. In Korean 문선명 (Moon Seon-myeong – the family name always comes first in Korean). Written in Chinese characters, the name is 文鮮明. He was born as 문용명 (Moon Yong-myeong), but changed his name in 1953. Many call him Father Moon.
- **Born:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 1920 (6th day of the first month according to the Oriental lunar calendar) in Sangsa, a hamlet in Chongju (town status since 1994) of North Pyeongan province in Korea, now North Korea.)
- **Married:** 11th April 1960 to **Hak Ja Han**. Together they realize the ideal of **True Parents**. They had 14 children together. This was his second

Sun Myung Moon founded several organizations, including the **Unification Church in 1954** in Seoul, South Korea, with his wife **Hak Ja Han**, the **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification** in 1996 in Washington DC, and the **Universal Peace Federation** in 2005 in New York.

He and his wife are also known for arranging so-called “**Blessing Ceremonies**” since 1960, the year they themselves **got married**. The ceremonies are often called **mass marriages** or mass weddings.

Father Moon is also known for founding several newspapers, including *The Washington Times*, in 1982.

Sun Myung Moon was a skilled orator, and his speeches have been published in collections of over 600 volumes, mainly in Korean, but extracts from the speeches have been translated and published in a wide range of languages.

His original religious teachings are called the **Unification Principles** (Wolli – 원리 – in Korean – translated as Divine Principle in English. The Korean word wolli actually means principle or principles.)

Sun Myung Moon was far more than a religious leader. He thus founded and supported dozens of organizations to promote international understanding and create lasting peace in the world.

He was an outspoken opponent of totalitarian atheistic communism and founded several organizations that developed a systematic ideological critique of communist ideology.



### Timeline

**1920:** Born after World War I into a Korea suffering and struggling under Japanese occupation.

**1935:** Easter 1935, he had a mystical life-changing **encounter with Jesus Christ**, who commissioned him to a great mission and taught him personally.

**1940s:** In his student years, he found crystal clear answers to the mysteries of religion and life's big questions.

He was tortured for his involvement in the underground Korean independence movement.

**1945:** After World War II and Korean independence, he began to share his profound insights with key persons and movements **God** led him to. Met with misunderstanding in South Korea. He walked to North Korea and built his own movement there. Soon arrested and tortured by the Communist regime. In 1948, sentenced to 5 years in a concentration camp.

**1950s:** Miraculously **saved from certain death** by UN forces. Came as a penniless refugee to the South.

The rapid growth of his



North Korea. Public domain image. Cropped

his second marriage. First married on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1945 to Seon-Gil Choi, but divorced on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1957. A son was born to her in 1946.

- **Died:** 2nd Sept. (European time) 2012 (3rd Sept. Korean time) in Gapyeong, South Korea, aged 92.
- **Autobiography:** "A Peace-Loving Global Citizen"
- **Teachings:** **Unificationism.** See also **Brief about the Teachings** and the **Unification Principles.**
- **Education:** Graduated in September 1943 from the electrical engineering department at Waseda College of Engineering in Tokyo, Japan, affiliated with Waseda University, one of Japan's top universities.

systematic ideological critique of communist ideology.

Sun Myung Moon also strongly believed in culture and sport as peace-making activities and invested in football clubs, symphony orchestras, and ballet. Already in 1962, he formed a dance troupe for children, The Little Angels, which eventually became outstanding ambassadors for Korean culture.

Father Moon invested large sums in establishing a car factory in North Korea. He saw the ocean's resources as the key to fighting hunger and malnutrition and invested in fish farming, and also developed fish products rich in high-quality protein.

Sun Myung Moon organized a long series of interfaith conferences to promote cooperation between religions and also proposed the creation of an Interfaith Council at the United Nations.

He was, in addition, an ardent advocate of the construction of a tunnel under the Bering Strait to unite the nations of the world by means of an international highway.

Ever since it became clear that the messianic task could not be completed through Jesus because of his untimely death, **God** began to prepare the world again, as he had done before the birth of Jesus. As the **Unification Principles** (Divine Principle) shows there are striking points of similarity between the 2,000-year period before Jesus and the last 2,000 years.

**God's** preparations for the **Kingdom of Heaven** intensified in the last centuries before the coming of Jesus. Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster, and others laid spiritual foundations in their respective parts of the world. Major reforms were carried out within Judaism. Greek and Roman civilizations created major changes here in Europe.

In the same way, the last centuries from the Renaissance and the Reformation have been a time characterized by great upheavals. The purpose of all these changes has been to create the conditions for an ideal world without war, suffering, and injustice.

The prerequisite for **God's** and humankind's longing for a harmonious world to become reality is that someone shows us the way to **true love**, true marriages, and true families. That is why **God** has also prepared the world for **True Parents**.

The Messiah comes to realize the ideal that **True Parents** represent, namely a man and a woman who has achieved the standard that men and women, fathers and mothers, should have, according to **God's** original plan.

movement after the Korean War in 1953 was **officially registered** in Seoul in 1954.

Against all odds, with a handful of followers, he built what, within 25 years, became a global movement.

**1960s:** **Holy Marriage to Hak Ja Han** in 1960. Began holding larger and larger **Marriage Blessing** events, first for his followers and then for people of all faiths and nations.

**1970s:** Preached throughout the USA. His rallies filled big stadiums; the largest in Washington attracted 300,000. In South Korea, he gathered 1.2 million in 1975. Established schools, newspapers, a hospital, humanitarian aid organizations, shipbuilding facilities, and businesses. Started annual conferences for hundreds of eminent scientists, media people, and academics. **Blessed the marriage** of several thousand couples.

**1980s:** More newspapers were established, including The Washington Times. Organized large interreligious conferences. Formed organizations are exposing weaknesses of atheistic materialism. Predicted the imminent collapse of Communism in 1985. **Large weddings** are held for 15,000 couples.

**1990s:** Personal meetings with top leaders of the Communist world – President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow and Chairman Kim Il-sung in Pyongyang. Seven years later, he built a car factory in North Korea. Launched global educational, interfaith, and peace initiatives: **Family Federation for World Peace and Unification**, and Women's Federation for World Peace. Millions of couples receive **marriage blessing**.

Published *World Scripture – A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*.

**2000s:**

Major efforts for peace in the Middle East. Launched the Universal Peace Federation.

120-nation speaking tour at the age of 85. Received many honorary doctorates.

Autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* published 2009. Became a

bestseller in South Korea.

**2010s:** Died at the age of 92 in 2012. Dr. **Hak Ja Han Moon** continued to expand the activities throughout the world. Large religious groups with millions of followers started to embrace the teachings.

Sunhak Peace Prize was established to support individuals and organizations excelling in work for peace and environmental protection. **Large weddings** for thousands of couples every year.

**2020:** World Summit 2020, with thousands of VIPs, including many heads of state, held in Seoul.

Launch of global peace networks connecting parliamentarians, religious leaders, media experts, scientists, students, academics, and entrepreneurs. Continuing efforts for Korea's reunification.

