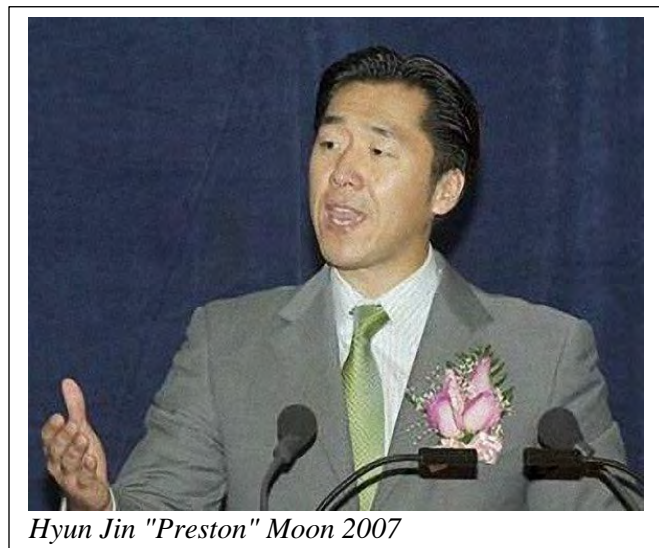


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**Press release on legal battle to get back funds misappropriated by Hyun Jin Preston Moon and co-defendants**



The [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) of USA issued a press release on 5th September 2024. In it the federation states that the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) International (FFWPUI) is continuing its legal battle against Hyun Jin "Preston" Moon and his co-defendants, accusing them of misappropriating \$3 billion in church assets.

In a recent filing with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, FFWPUI argues that the U.S. courts have jurisdiction over the case despite Hyun Jin "Preston" Moon's claims that the issue involves religious freedom protected by the First Amendment. FFWPUI asserts that Moon's defense is a "religious smokescreen" meant to shield him from accountability for secular wrongdoing, such as fraud and self-dealing. They emphasize that the case is about upholding legal responsibilities and preventing misuse of religious protections to evade liability.

Here is the text of the press release: (See the [PRNewswire original version](#))

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*District of Columbia Court of Appeals*

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FFWPUI holds firm in its belief that the First Amendment does not reach the self-dealing and other breaches at issue in this case and, therefore, the Court has both the ability and responsibility to rule on this case.



*Hyun Jin "Preston" Moon - December 2008*

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