

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Japan Making Serious Mistake

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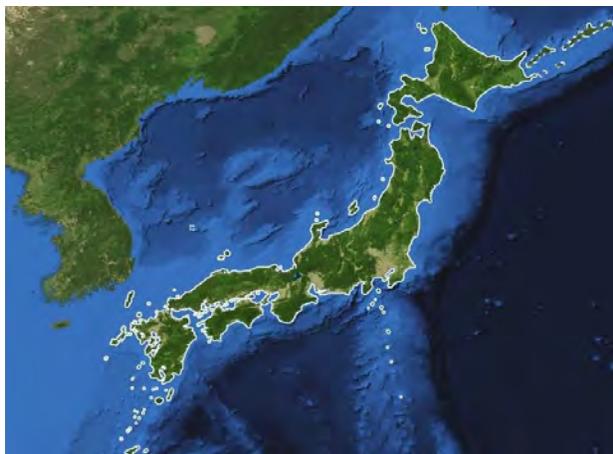
Press release from Family Federation of the United Kingdom on the serious mistake of Kishida administration's dissolution request

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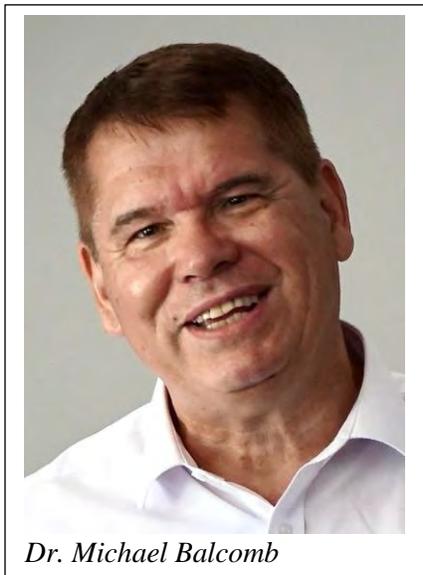
Japan is making a serious mistake in seeking the dissolution of the [Family Federation](#)

Today the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MEXT) stated it will apply to the Tokyo District Court for a "dissolution order" against the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) of Japan ([FFWPU-J](#))



Topography and bathymetry map of the Japanese archipelago with outlined islands. It shows the land and the seabed of Japan.

We, the [Family Federation](#) of the UK are deeply disappointed that the government of Japan has taken this rash and ill-considered action. Many religious and human rights experts from throughout the world have written to the Japanese government in recent weeks urging them not to take this step, which is blatant disregard of international laws and conventions on human rights and religious freedoms and may be found unconstitutional even in Japan.



Dr. Michael Balcomb

We fully expect that [FFWPU-J](#) will be vindicated in the courts. Over the years, the courts in Europe have again and again upheld our religious and human rights, and in a similar case in the UK, the then Attorney General was forced to admit there was "no case to answer" and had to reimburse [FFWPU](#) millions of pounds in legal fees and costs.

However, this process will surely prolong the unfair and unconstitutional persecution of our membership in Japan, who have already endured discrimination in employment and education and in access to basic governmental services and resources simply because of their faith.

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Commentary by Dr. Michael Balcomb, Director, FFWPU UK

This call for a dissolution order is a sad reflection on the current state of Japanese parliamentary leadership. Japan faces many major external challenges: the threat of a confident and increasingly belligerent People's Republic of China; sour relations with South Korea, which should be its closest ally;

the nuclear ambitions of Kim Jong Un whose missiles can reach Japan. At home, the economy is lagging, the population ageing and the birth and marriage rate are in serious decline.

The country as a whole remains closed-minded and suspicious toward the immigrant communities, including those of the [Family Federation](#), whose traditional values and stable and relatively large families are the best chance Japan has of turning the demographic tide, preferring instead to call mixed-race children by the pejorative "hafu" (half).

When a society unashamedly considers some of its citizens to be only "half," whether because of race, ethnicity, religion or politics, it is already on the dangerous slope to tyranny and oppression. Democracy in Japan is relatively young, and the Kishida government, by willfully ignoring advice from religious and legal experts, parliamentary leaders and others around the world not to proceed with this ill-considered and untimely action, is in danger of bringing Japan and its proud traditions into disrepute.



In the Japanese Diet building 30th March 2020, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida receiving the Japanese Communist Party's proposals regarding Japan-China relations from Kazuo Shii, chairman of the Japanese Communist Party (JPC)

The [Family Federation](#) of Japan and its leaders have not been found guilty of any crime, so why is this happening at all? The Communist Party of Japan has openly admitted that it is behind the year-long campaign of anti-Unification disinformation and innuendo in the Japanese media ever since the death of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe last July, a fact that MEXT seems happy to ignore.

Indeed, the Japanese government has not even begun the criminal case against the actual and self-confessed assassin, Tetsuya Yamagami, but has decided instead to focus its energies on attacking a small and innocent new religious faith community in clear violation of international laws on human rights and religious freedom to which Japan is a proud signatory.

The Kishida government should have paused to ask itself why the Communist Party of Japan has been so strident. It is because the [Family Federation](#) has always stood in opposition to the CPJ's stated goals of the imposition of communist rule in Japan and of alliance and subjection to the much larger Communist China. For communists, all religion is dangerous, and any donation at all to any religion, whether small or large, is by definition too much. The systematic removal of religious, press and other freedoms that underpin democratic society is always one of the first goals of communism. The government of Japan should want no part of this.

Featured image above: From the header of the [webpage](#) of the [Family Federation](#) of the United Kingdom.

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Family Federation

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.



Father and Mother Moon 1st August 1996.

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.

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

Three ideals

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 inauguration

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.

As co-founder, [Mother Moon](#) gave the inaugural address titled "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation", reading a prepared text. [Father](#)

[Moon](#) spoke without a script at the closing banquet the following day, 1st August, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. His speech was titled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe".



The Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation 31st July 1996

Gerald Ford, U.S. President 1974-1977, spoke at the inauguration 31st July 1996. He said,



Gerald Ford 31st July 1996

"While the world's finest athletes test themselves in Atlanta, this gathering is sort of a spiritual Olympics. Like the Olympians, you have assembled from all over the world to further the cause of peace among nations.

But while those Olympians are dedicated to gold and glory, you in this room pursue other objectives. The glory you seek, comes from God, not gold.

If at times

I sound a bit like an Old Testament prophet, it's because there is nothing about which I feel more strongly, more deeply, than the survival and the strengthening of the family. No civilization that neglects the family, can be called civilized for long, and no political philosophy that takes the family for granted, will be taken seriously by anyone who values morality, compassion and peace."



National Building Museum, Washington DC. [Public domain](#) image. Cropped

The chronicle "40 Years in America" describes the event,



[Mother](#) and [Father Moon](#) 31st July 1996

"The movement's most spectacular world convention was held in Washington, D.C. from July 30-August 1, 1996, inaugurating the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP).

This event included a cast of luminaries rivaling anything the movement had yet undertaken: two former Presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and George Bush; former President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias of Costa Rica; former Prime Ministers Edward Heath of Great Britain and Brian Mulroney of Canada; thirty-six one-time heads of state or governments; university presidents including Boston University's John Silber; Christian television personality Robert Schuller; Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed; Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Maureen Reagan, the daughter of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan; well-known comedian Bill Cosby; and Christian singer-actor Pat Boone. In addition, the main proceedings were covered live by C-SPAN television network. (p.443) [...]

The establishment of the FFWP represented a new stage in the movement's development. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who was appointed International President, maintained that the FFWP was more important than the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) or [Unification Church](#). HSA-UWC, he noted, was "not [True Parents](#)' ultimate organization".

The rationale for this assertion was connected to the historic shift that underlay the emergence of the Completed Testament Age. As noted previously, Rev. Kwak



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'Religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family. [...] Such an organization is not a church; it is the Family Federation for World Peace.'



[Sun Myung Moon](#) 1st August 1996



From the Inaugural Convention 31st July 1996.

Given this understanding, it wasn't surprising that the FFWP rather than the [Unification Church](#) was the main sponsor of the World Culture and Sports Festivals and International [Marriage Blessings](#) after 1996." (p.444) (From the section "Federations for World Peace and Unification", in "40 Years in America – 1959-1999 – An Intimate History of the Unification Movement", by Michael Inglis and Michael L. Mickler, published by HSA Publications Oct. 2000, 624 pages.)

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.

[More](#) about the Family Federation

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