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Dan Fefferman

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Daniel G. Fefferman (known as **Dan Fefferman**) is a [church leader](#) and [activist](#) for the [freedom of religion](#). He is a member of the [Unification Church of the United States](#), a branch of the international [Unification Church](#), founded by [Sun Myung Moon](#) in [South Korea](#) in 1954.

Fefferman has held several leadership positions in church related organizations. In the 1970s he was a leader of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, Project Watergate, and the Freedom Leadership Foundation, which were involved in political activism. In 1977 he testified before the [Fraser Committee](#).

Fefferman was leader of the Unification Church in [Illinois](#), regional director for the Unification Church for the [Midwestern United States](#), the headquarters director of Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) and editor of the national journal of the Unification Church.

Since 1984 he has been the executive director of the Unification Church affiliated International Coalition for Religious Freedom, which was founded in the 1980s and has been active in protesting what it considers to be threats to religious freedom by governmental agencies.

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Occupation	Executive director, International Coalition for Religious Freedom
Known for	Leadership roles in Unification Church of the United States
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Early life and family [[edit](#)]

Fefferman became a member of the [Unification Church](#) in 1968.^{[1][2]} After that he obtained degrees from the [University of California at Berkeley](#) and from the [Unification Theological Seminary](#).^{[1][2]} Fefferman is married with two daughters, and lives in [Washington, D.C.](#) with his family.^{[1][2]}

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Political activism [edit]

In 1974, Fefferman was the executive director of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, a group organized by [Sun Myung Moon](#) to support [Richard Nixon](#) during the [Watergate scandal](#).^{[3][4]} According to one report Moon had chosen Fefferman (who is Jewish) to become the [Prime Minister of Israel](#) at some future time.^[4] Fefferman was an official with the Freedom Leadership Foundation, which was also founded by Moon, and deemed a "political arm" of the Unification Church.^[5] According to testimony provided by Fefferman to the [United States Congress](#), at a scheduled September 1974 rally by the Freedom Leadership Foundation against the government of [Japan](#), members debated cutting off their fingers as a form of raising dramatic effect, but instead decided on [egg throwing](#). The rally was canceled prior to being carried out.^[6]

Fefferman testified in August 1977 before the Fraser Committee, a subcommittee of the [United States House of Representatives](#) which investigated possible ties between Sun Myung Moon and the [South Korean National Intelligence Service](#) ("KCIA").^[3] Testimony from Fefferman confirmed that he had social ties to officials within the [South Korean](#) embassy.^[6] Fefferman testified that he had arranged a meeting in 1975 between [Republican](#) aide [Edwin Feulner](#) of [the Heritage Foundation](#) and South Korean Minister Kim Yung Hwan, to potentially put together a group of congressional aides who would travel to South Korea.^{[5][6]} Hwan was then-station chief for the KCIA.^[6] During his testimony, Fefferman refused to answer nine questions from the subcommittee, saying that they violated his constitutional rights to freedom of religion and association.^[7] The subcommittee recommended that Fefferman be cited for [contempt of Congress](#).^{[6][7][8]} Fefferman, speaking to *The Michigan Daily* in 1980, said the subcommittee's recommendations were never taken up, and no charges were pressed.^[9]

Church leadership [edit]

In 1977 Fefferman served as leader of the Unification Church in the state of [Illinois](#),^[3] as well as regional church director for the [Midwestern United States](#).^[10] In 1982, he was headquarters director and national president of Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP),^{[1][11]} a collegiate organization founded by Moon and church members in 1955.^{[12][13][14]} It was described by *The Washington Post* as "the youth organization of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church",^[11] and by the [ICSA](#) as "the UC's youth arm".^[1] Fefferman was the editor of the national journal of the Unification Church in 1989,^[15] and served as chief editor of the first edition of *Divine Principle* in English, as well as other church publications.^[1]

International Coalition for Religious Freedom [edit]

Since 1984, Fefferman has been the executive director of the Unification Church affiliated organization the International Coalition for Religious Freedom in [Virginia](#), which is active in protesting what it considers to be threats to religious freedom by governmental agencies.^{[16][17][18]} In 1999 the

International Coalition for Religious Freedom filed a lawsuit in [United States district court](#) in [Baltimore, Maryland](#), against a Maryland state task force which was investigating [new religious movements](#) on state college campuses.^{[16][17][18][19]} Fefferman commented to *The Boston Globe* about the case, "The United States has correctly criticized European states for scrutinizing smaller and newer religions through government commissions such as this one. The state of Maryland has been manipulated into engaging in religious [McCarthyism](#) by carrying out a biased inquisition into new religious minorities as 'cults.'"^{[16][17]} In 1999 Fefferman defended the rights of [Wiccan](#) soldiers in the [United States military](#) to practice their faith.^[20]

In 2000, Fefferman wrote to his colleagues about the [Million Family March](#), planned to be held in [Washington, D.C.](#), and sponsored by Moon and [Louis Farrakhan](#), the leader of the [Nation of Islam](#), acknowledging that the two leaders' views differed on multiple issues but shared a view of a "God-centered family".^[21] In 2001 [Bill Gertz](#), author and an investigative reporter for *The Washington Times*, which was owned by the Unification Church, cited Fefferman as a person who "contributed valuable inspiration, advice, help, and support" to Gertz's book *Betrayal*.^[22] In 2004 Fefferman said that religious [persecution of Muslims](#) is probably under reported due to the fact that many victims are refugees, in both Muslim and non-Muslim countries.^[23] Fefferman gave a presentation on the Unification Church at a conference of the [International Cultic Studies Association](#) in 2004.^{[2][24]} In 2008 he gave a presentation on the Unification Church at the [London School of Economics](#) at a conference sponsored by the organizations [INFORM](#) and [CESNUR](#).^[25] In 2009 he criticized the government of [Kazakhstan](#) for its treatment of religious minorities, including members of the Unification Church.^[26]

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