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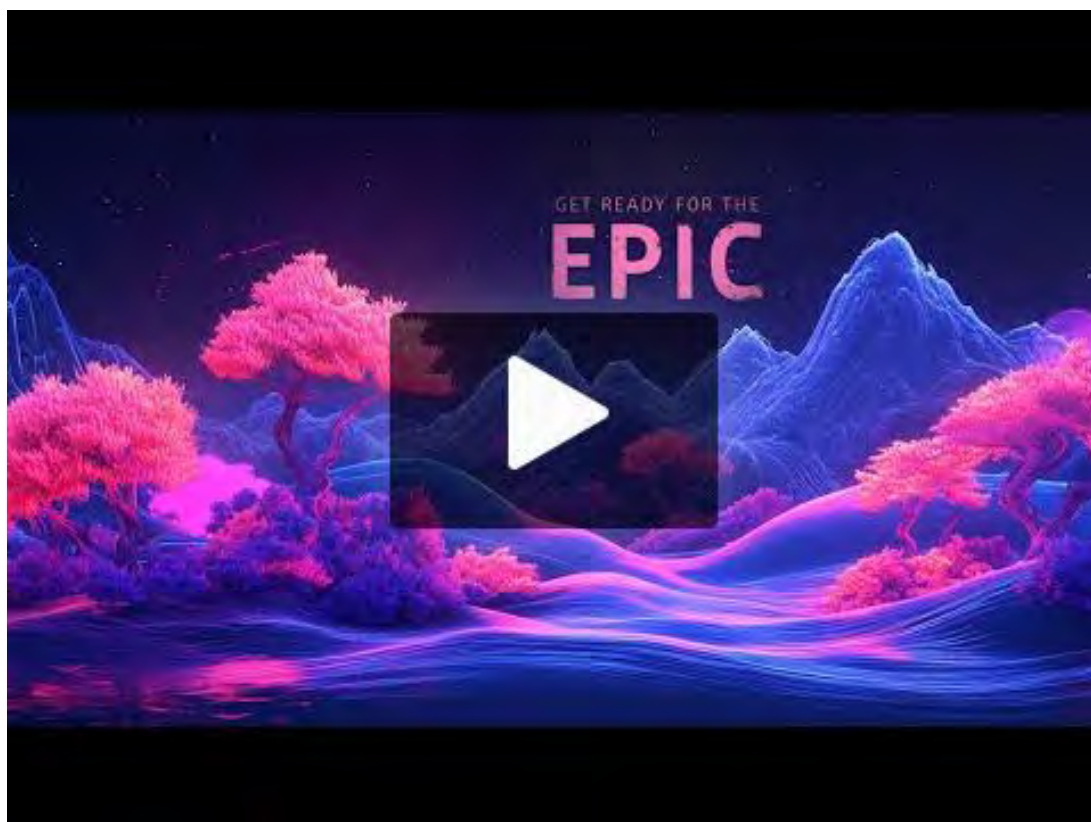
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**Hello family. Experience the EPIC again. True Mother's words. International news. 2nd 40-day Cheon Shim Won workshop. Japan updates.**

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**Experience the EPIC Again!**



Experience Get Ready for the Epic again! The Holy Spirit was on overdrive as members from across America gathered together in worship and song, pouring love out for True Mother and Heavenly Parent. Watch the full recording at the link below to relive this joyous event.

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**True Mother's Message at "Get Ready for the Epic"  
with Remarks by Wonju McDevitt on January 19,  
2025**

**"Every time I think of you, my heart is filled with joy and hope, almost to the point of tears."**



A heartfelt message from True Mother was shared by Wonju McDevitt on her behalf at yesterday's Get Ready for the Epic event. Read the full transcript, including Wonju McDevitt's remarks.

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Messages by True Parents and news on the global movement.



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**2nd HJ Cheon Shim Won Spiritual 40-Day Workshop**



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Date: February 1 (Sat) - March 12 (Wed), 2024

Place: Cheonshim Won Las Vegas

Fee: \$1,000



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Did you know that there will be a 2nd Cheon Shim Won 40-day workshop happening in Las Vegas? The workshop will go from Saturday, February 1 to Wednesday, March 12. With so many inspiring testimonies from the first one, this time it could be your chance to have an incredible, faith reinvigorating experience. Don't miss your chance and register below!

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### Young Members Protesting Horrifying Persecution



On 13th January 2024, members of the *Family Federation for World Peace and Unification* (formerly the Unification Church) held a rally and did street-preaching in front of Shibuya Station in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward to protest media coverage of their organization. A woman in her 20s, a second-generation member affiliated with a Family Federation place of worship in Tokyo and working as a nurse, shared her experiences of being hurt by critical media reports. She recalled, "What saddened me most was when a colleague at work, after seeing news about the Family Federation, said, 'I feel sorry for the second-generation members.'

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"Every time I think of you, my heart is filled with joy and hope, almost to the point of tears."

— True Mother

*Wonju McDevitt delivered this message on behalf of True Mother during the Get Ready for the Epic event at IPEC Las Vegas on January 19, 2025.*

### **Opening Message from Wonju McDevitt**

Dear beloved blessed children and new members who have come from all around the country to meet our Wang Omma, True Mother.

She had begun this trip all the way from South Korea to visit New York first, then she came to Las Vegas so that she could meet our blessed families here in the US. True Mother really wanted to be here today and meet all of you, see all of you in person, but the condition of her health did not allow it. So she told me to come here in her place to express how much she loves America and how much she loves and misses all of you.

So I would like to share True Mother's words with all of you with the help of True Mother's interpreter, Soo Ho Kim. Good morning!

To the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries from Heavenly USA and Canada whom I love and respect, to the Pure Waters who are

the pride and hope of True Parents, to the leaders who are working hard to expand Heavenly Parent's substantial realm, and to the young new members who have become part of the Family Federation, hello! I am so happy to be here with you today. This morning, True Mother asked me to share the following message with you.

### **True Mother's Words**

I love you all so, so very much.

Every time I think of you, my heart is filled with joy and hope, almost to the point of tears.

The way to save America and the world is for the Pure Waters of America to awaken. They must awaken and let everyone know that in this war-like world—this world without peace, this world where we cannot look to the future with any hope— the only way forward is to attend Heavenly Parent.

All of you Pure Waters of the Heavenly USA must flow out toward America and toward the world. You must purify everything and make it clear. I hope that the Heavenly Top Guns and Pure Waters will do their best so that we can have a Heavenly USA, and Heavenly Unified world, that attend Heaven.

### **Wonju McDevitt's Continued Remarks**

Brothers and sisters!

Please give a big round of applause to Wang Omma. (Applause)

The Only Begotten Daughter True Mother, the eternal Wang Omma of humanity, said that she misses each and every one of you so much that when she sees even one of you, she forgets about all her pains and troubles, and that she is always thinking of you with love. When I see you today, I can truly feel that "Heavenly Parent is truly a being whose essence is love, and one who is indeed alive and working here with us." When I look at your eyes, they are saying to me, "As children who have become one with True Parents, we will write an ongoing epic of great hope!"

And your burning hearts, are also speaking to me, saying, "As chosen people who have become one with True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter, we will write a grand epic of true love." This is our hope. This is our strength. This is the joy and glory we offer to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

As the Vice-chair of Cheon Mu Won, the central administration of Cheon Il Guk established by True Parents, I would like to sincerely welcome and express my deepest gratitude to all of you who are here today.

In fact, True Mother was supposed to come see you in person today. She prepared with great joy to meet the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries, the Pure Waters, and the new young members who have recently joined the Family Federation.

However, Mother is unable to be here today due to the unceasing devotions she is offering in communion with Heavenly Parent to prepare for the Cheonwon Gung Entrance Ceremony. However, she is watching all of us now through a video link.

Brothers and sisters! Please give a big round of applause to send your love to our Wang Omma, True Mother! (Applause)

The 21st century should be the clearest and most definite time in all history with the cutting-edge science that we have. But paradoxically, the world is engulfed in continuous chaos and conflict. People are unable to recognize what is true. The first reason is that an increasing amount of false information is being circulated with the help of advancements in science and technology. The second reason is that until now, there was no true person who could reveal the truth of history. From that

technology. The second reason is that until now, there was no true person who could reveal the truth of history. From that perspective, the words that True Mother gave to Christian leaders on Christmas Eve last year resonated strongly.

True Mother said:

*What has Christianity done during the past 2,000 years? What devotion have Christians offered for Jesus? Jesus said, "I will come again and hold the Marriage Supper of Lamb." That means that based on the principle of God's creation, a man and a woman were created and Jesus will come again in order to see the completion of this principle.*

*When the Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, was born after 4,000 years, what should have been Mary's sole purpose? She should have devoted herself to setting up the environment wherein Jesus could be welcomed, in which he could become the Savior and True Parent of humanity. However, Mary could not fulfill that responsibility. Even today, Christmas is human-centric. There is no record of Jesus' birth. What efforts and devotion did Mary offer to support Jesus?*

*Christianity calls Mary the "Holy Mother" as they do not understand the essence of Jesus [Jesus' course]. It is time for this to change. Why? Because this is the 12th year of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents have been born on earth and Cheon Won Gung and an environment where Heavenly Parents' dream can be realized have been created.*

*Christianity, which should be taking the lead in creating the Cheon Il Guk environment and advancing toward the world together with me, is still unable to fulfill its responsibility. Due to a lack of Christian understanding of the essence of Jesus, Jesus is brought to tears. Please do not let Jesus suffer any longer. Things must change. I am telling you the truth of providence so that today can be the day when Jesus is liberated.*

I am deeply grateful to True Mother for clearly revealing the truth of history and the truth of the providence. Beloved Heavenly Top Gun missionaries, Pure Waters, and new young members!

It was on the Christian foundation that Heavenly Parent sent True Mother to this earth in 1943 as the Only Begotten Daughter. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb [as described in the book of Revelation] – which was the purpose of Jesus' Second Coming – was fully accomplished in 1960 through True Father, the Lord at his Second Advent, and True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter. Thus, the True Parents emerged from the history of humankind. The Advent of True Parents is therefore the amazing fulfillment of the Principle of Creation. It is the greatest gift and grace that Heavenly Parent has given to humanity. This is by no means a matter of faith. This is a matter of truth. This is not something to be accepted or not accepted by fallen people who are completely unaware of what will happen one hour from now or one day from now.

This is the exercise of Heavenly Parent's absolute sovereignty. It is entirely the providence and work of Heavenly Parent. This makes us realize once again how much we should offer our gratitude and praise to True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter who, at the young age of 16, decided "I must step forward" after the trials of Japanese colonial rule and the 1950 Korean War, devoting herself absolutely to the path of a True Parent and the providence of Heaven.

When we entered the year 2025, True Mother gave us the motto: "In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!"

The previous motto, which we followed from 2013, when Cheon Il Guk was proclaimed, until 2024, the 12th year of Cheon Il Guk was: "Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly

Parent!" This was the stage of the providence during which we worked to take true ownership by practicing true love in resemblance to our Heavenly Parent.

However, beginning this year, 2025, we have entered the era where we can directly attend our Heavenly Parent here on earth. Attending our Heavenly Parent means living together in the same house, and that cannot happen with anyone other than our parents. As our True Parent, Heavenly Parent will finally be attended here on earth in our everyday lives. That historical start begins with the Entrance Ceremony for the Cheonwon Gung Cheon Il Sanctum.

True Mother said that the Cheon Won Gung Entrance Ceremony marks the day when Heavenly Parent settles on earth for the first time, after 6,000 years. Mother said that this will be the day when the blessed families and chosen people—who are the children centered on True Mother, the Only Begotten Daughter—will attend Heavenly Parent here in the physical world.

The Cheonwon Gung Entrance Ceremony is the completion of Heaven's providence and the day of the fulfillment of human history, for which Heavenly Parent has been waiting since the creation of the world. This is the reason True Mother has been waiting for this day with such joy, excitement, gratitude, and devotion.

In addition, the concept of the chosen people, which was used to refer only to a specific region or ethnicity, has been elevated to a higher level through True Parents. Blessed families who receive the blessing through True Parents become the chosen people of the new era of Cheon Il Guk.

Therefore, we are not ordinary citizens. We are the chosen people who have become one with True Parents. This is nothing less than a miraculous transformation and revolution that has never been seen before in history. And True Mother has told us that this year's motto will be passed down from generation to generation. That means it is that important, and the part of it that she emphasized most is "responsibility." She has explained to us that responsibility always follows blessings.

In addition, True Mother said that Heavenly USA is the nation that should take the lead in the providence and take responsibility at this important time of the Cheonwon Gung Entrance Ceremony and the expansion of Heavenly Parent's realm being governed directly by Heavenly Parent. This is because Heavenly USA is the country that represents the global Christian realm and because it stands in the position of the providential eldest son nation.

With that in mind, I ask all the blessed families of the Heavenly United States, the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries and Pure Waters, and all pastors and people with public missions to fulfill their responsibilities and become absolutely one with the Only Begotten Daughter True Mother, our Wang Omma, who is taking the lead position in heaven's providence and in the consummation of our history.

For this special occasion, True Mother has brought a special gift from Korea – handbags and suit ties made by Kristina Han, a company started by True Mother herself. When people see you carrying the bag or wearing the tie, they will see and feel that you are the Pure Waters of True Mother. Please wear them with pride and with the love of True Mother for the world.

I hope that today will be a time for you to pledge and swear to become proud Heavenly Top Gun missionaries and Pure Waters of Heavenly USA who will respond 120% to True Mother's endless love and grace. I pray that the love, blessings, and great victory of Heavenly Parent and True Parents will always be with you. Thank you.



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## Young victims of horrifying persecution speaking out against orchestrated campaign against minority faith Family Federation



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Tokyo, 14th January 2025 – Published as an article in the Japanese newspaper *Sekai Nippo*. Republished with permission. Translated from Japanese. [Original article](#).

### “Let’s Make Japan a Place Where People Can Freely Speak of Their Faith”

Family Federation members take to the streets in Shibuya, Tokyo

by the editorial department of *Sekai Nippo*



The area around Shibuya station, Tokyo. Photo (February 2024): Syced / Wikimedia Commons. [Public domain](#) image. Cropped

On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024, members of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)) held a rally and did street-preaching in front of Shibuya Station in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward to protest media coverage of their [organization](#).

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What saddened me most was when a colleague at work, after seeing news about the **Family Federation**, said, 'I feel sorry for the second-generation members.'

I strongly felt the stigma of being labeled as 'someone people pity' just for being a second-generation believer. My dream is for Japan to become a place where anyone can confidently talk about their faith."

A man in his 20s, who joined the federation three years ago and has worked as a staff member at one of the places of worship in Tokyo since April last year, defended the **organization**. He emphasized,

"The media portrays us as anti-social, but that's not true. Coming to this place of worship has brightened my life and has had a positive impact. I want people to find out for themselves what is true or false, using their own eyes and feet. Despite opposition from various people, I am determined to continue down this path."

The rally also included a panel display highlighting cases where believers had been confined by members of their own family and others opposing the religious organization, in attempts to force the believers to renounce their faith.



*Young believer being abducted in order to have his faith broken. Illustration: Microsoft Designer Image Creator, 10th August 2024.*

[Editor's note: **Forced de-conversion** in Japan refers to the practice of coercively attempting to separate individuals from their religious affiliations or beliefs, typically through intervention by family members, professional faith-breakers (deprogrammers) or organizations hostile to new religious movements (NRMs). This phenomenon often targets members of such movements, e.g. relatively large faiths like the **Family Federation** or Jehovah's Witnesses, but also smaller groups like Happy Science (Kōfuku no Kagaku) and other newer religious movements. However, also Soka Gakkai, a Buddhist-based lay

movements. However, also Soka Gakkai, a Buddhist based religious organization with more than 8 million Japanese members, and affiliated with Nichiren Buddhism, has occasionally been subject to de-conversion attempts.

The practice gained attention in the latter half of the 20th century, particularly in the 1980s and 1990s. Parents or concerned family members often hired faith-breakers who taught them how to abduct and forcibly detain believers. Almost all such cases involved confining the individual believer and cutting him or her off from the religious community. During the confinement, the believer was subjected to intense questioning or indoctrination designed to break his or her faith. The aim was to “rescue” the person from what the family often had been tricked by faith-breakers or lawyers to regard as harmful influence from the religious organization.

Critics of forced de-conversion argue that it violates fundamental human rights, including freedom of thought, religion, and association. Reports of psychological trauma and accusations of unlawful detention have sparked debates over its ethical and legal implications. In response, some religious groups, particularly NRMs, have lobbied for greater protections against such practices.

Japanese courts have been inconsistent in addressing cases of forced de-conversion. While some verdicts have condemned the practice as illegal detention, others have been more lenient, citing family concerns about “mental health” or alleged “exploitation” as mitigating factors.]

**Featured image** above: *A second-generation member of the Family Federation doing street-preaching – afternoon of 13th January 2024, Shibuya Ward, Tokyo. Photo: David Chang*

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