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The Newsletter

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Epic Korea Pilgrimage Registration Still Open



As the pilgrimage package at the Bloomvista Hotel is sold out, there is a new option. The new Epic Korea Pilgrimage package dates, pricing and location have changed. This package will also include accommodation, transportation and some meals in Korea. Check out the pilgrimage page for more details and to register.

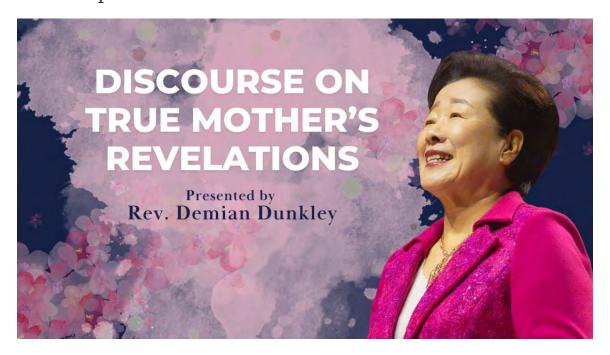
If you already registered for the pilgrimage at the Bloomvista Hotel, your dates and accommodation have not changed.

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New Course is Center of Special Grace Devotional Period

The Discourse on True Mother's Revelations and discussion is the primary condition for your 7-day devotional period to receive Special Grace.



The new course presented by Rev. Dunkley diving into True Mother's revelations is the center of your <u>7-day devotional period to receive special Grace</u>. This devotional period can take place any time from now until April 12, 2025.

There are two options for viewing the course:

- 1. You can watch the videos free of charge on edu.familyfed.org.
- 2. Join the <u>Family Fed Community on the Circle app</u> free of charge to engage with Rev. Dunkley and fellow members on True Mother's revelations. The community is meant to connect Family Fed members and encourage lively discussion as we all digest and reflect on the content together. You can watch the course and add your comments directly in the Circle community

as you go through the lessons, or you can view the course at the button below and then add your comments in the app discussion group.

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Japanese 2nd Generation Speak Out on Media Bias and Hate Speech



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New hotel package!

The Bloomvista Hotel package is sold out. New registrations will be at the Oak Valley Resort. See new pricing, accommodation details, and schedule below.



Epic Pilgrimage 2025



Be part of history.

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Join us for a historic experience in Korea this spring!

You're invited to join a new era of the providence. As you know, on April 13, 2025, True Mother will preside over the Entrance Ceremony to the Cheon Won Gung Cheon II Sanctum, the eternal Temple for Heavenly Parent.

Though the plans for the main event and the surrounding events are still being finalized in Korea, we would like to offer our brothers and sisters a chance to join the **North**

The package below guarantees **accommodation and transportation** while in Korea. Most meals will be provided, but some meals will be your responsibility, based on the specific schedule of the days.

Please plan to arrive on April 10 and depart on April 14, 2025.

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION

Cost

The registration fee covers transportation, hotel accommodations, some meals while you're in Korea, as well as the HJ Cheonbo Great Works fee.

Individual

All adults and children 13 years or older.

\$500/adult

Couples

A married couple of two adults.

\$1,000/couple

Families

\$500/adult

First two children

\$500/child

Third child or more

Children 12 years old or younger.

\$300/child

Meals

Some meals are included in the registration fee. **Please bring additional money for the meals that will** *not* **be included.** More details to come.

Accommodation Accommodations will be at the Oak Valley Resort, about 70 minutes from the Hyojeong Cheonwon (the Cheongpyeong area complex) and 70 minutes outside of Seoul. Dates of stay are April 10-14. Please note that at Oak Valley, some rooms will have futons instead of Western beds. *For April 14-16, you have the option to stay at the HJCB Training Center, but we are also working on extended stays in Oak Valley.

Schedule

Thursday, April 10

Arrivals

Incheon Airport

Friday, April 11

HJ CHeonBo Special Great Works

Schedule TBA

Saturday, April 12

Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony

Schedule TBA

*Please note that we cannot guarantee participation in this event in person.

Sunday, April 13

Entrance Ceremony to Cheon Won

Gung Cheon II Sanctum

Schedule TBA

*Please note that we cannot guarantee participation in this event in person, though World Mission HQ is preparing for international participants.

Wednesday, April 14

Departures Incheon Airport

Packing List & Dress Code

Commemorative Events Attire

Dark suits and ties for men, white or light dresses or suits for women.

Please bring one set of Sunday best attire in case there are other special meetings or events.

CP Great Works

Casual, white shirt for Chan Yang sessions.

Clothing for other activities

Casual. No jeans during CheonBo workshop Chan Yang sessions. We recommend bringing **warm clothes** in case it gets colder at night.

FM radio

For live translation from Korean to English or Japanese (with working batteries and earphones).

Personal medication if necessary and other toiletries.



US Passport

Holders of US passports do not need a visa or K-ETA for a tourist visit of less than 90 days.

Non-US Passport

If you hold a non-US passport, please check the particular visa requirements of your nationality to enter Korea.

K-ETA

If you need K-ETA you can apply here: https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do.

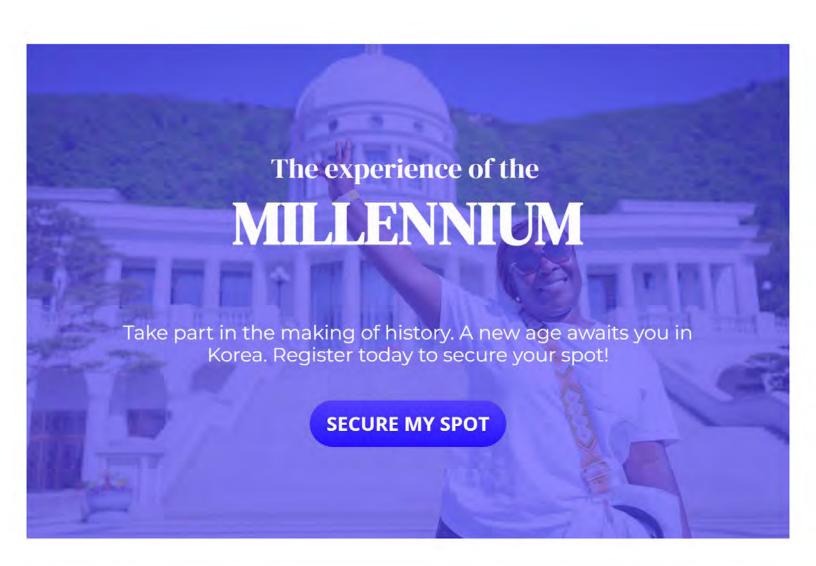
Visa Letter

If you need a **letter of invitation** to obtain a visa to enter South Korea from the embassy or consulate in your area, please email **Tal Zorer** at

tzorer@unification.org.

Letter of Invitation

If you need an official letter of invitation for a leave of absence from school or work, **please get in touch with your local pastor**. They will have a template letter to fill out and sign.





If you have any questions while in the USA, please contact:

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tzorer@unification.org 917-921-4329

Inguk Seo

iseo@unification.org

While in Korea, there will be dedicated staff. Additional details will be available closer to the travel time.

Please feel free to contact us at any time for further assistance.

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Discourse on True Mother's Revelations

In our latest course, dive deep with Rev.
Demian Dunkley into True Mother's
revelations. Join him on a journey as we
explore the essence of True Mother's
teachings.



Presented by Rev. Demian Dunkley



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Discourse on True Mother's Revelations

Rev. Demian Dunkley takes us on a journey to discover the essence of True Mother's teachings in this 10-part series. This series pulls from True Mother's words, with additional commentary from Rev. Dunkley.

	Progress
Lesson 1 This lesson introduces the course and shares God's essential characteristics.	0
Lesson 2 This lesson dives into God's original dream and how it has not been realized until now.	0
Lesson 3 This lesson covers the Fall of humankind and recovering the foundation for True Parents.	O
Lesson 4 This lesson covers the Only Begotten Daughter and Jesus' mission.	0
Lesson 5 This lesson covers the essence of Jesus and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.	0
Lesson 6 This lesson covers God's search and protection of His Only Begotten Daughter.	0
Lesson 7 This lesson covers challenges for True Parents and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.	0
Lesson 8 This lesson covers True Parents and the wilderness era, and the expansion of their mission.	0





Lesson 10

This lesson ends the course with an overview by Rev. Dunkley.





Join the Family Fed Circle Community!

This lesson ends the course with an overview by Rev. Dunkley.



Meet your instructor

Rev. Demian Dunkley is the Regional President of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification North America. He has spent several years personally attending True Mother, learning and listening from her. His depth of heart as a filial son offers a unique insight into True Mother's revelations since the passing of True Father in 2012. He is an experienced lecturer and pastor, having served in several public roles for the Unification movement for over a decade.





Is this course based on True Mother's words?

Yes, this course is a combination of True Mother's direct words and Rev. Dunkley's personal insights and notes.

Can I continue this course later?



Who do I contact for technical issues?



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Special Grace Registration Form

Special Grace Period: February 2-April 12, 2025

This form is for use in registering to receive Special Grace gifted by True Parents to all Blessed Families and Family Federation members for cleansing ourselves in front of Heavenly Parent and True Parents as we prepare for the Entrance Ceremony to the Cheon Won Gung Cheon II Sanctum.

Preparation

A Special Grace Holy Wine Ceremony will be conducted in local USA churches which requires completion of the following devotional conditions **before attending** by each participant:

- 1. At least one week of intentional devotion as determined by each family, including Hoondokhae, reflection, prayer, bowing.
- 2. Participation at least one time in a Cheon Shim Won Night Prayer Vigil (in person or online) during the one-week devotion period.
- Study of Rev. Dunkley's Discourse on True Mother's Revelations series during the one-week devotion period and beyond (access the course <u>here</u>).
- Completion of a Statement of Resolve to Start Anew document to be presented during the Holy Wine Ceremony (download <u>here</u>).
- 5. Completion of a financial donation of gratitude based on the number 13 from each participating family or member. Use this form to make the donation.

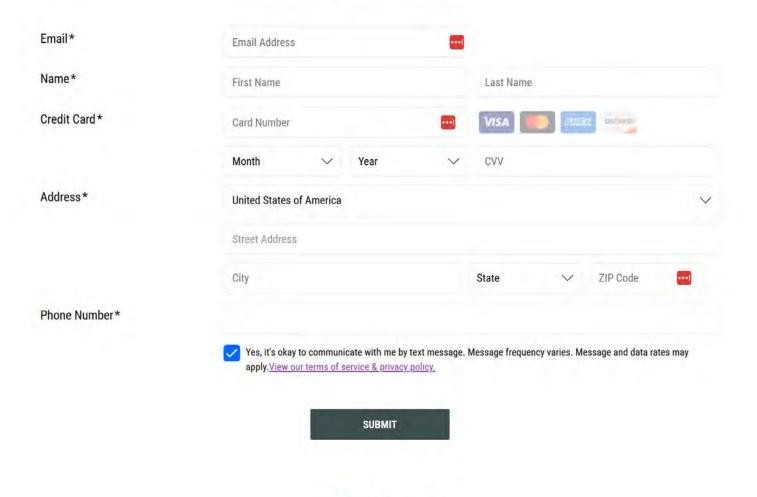
The Special Grace will be bestowed through True Mother's prayer during the Cosmic Blessing Ceremony on April 12, 2025. Those receiving the Cosmic Blessing are to **register here** for the Holy Wine Ceremony but attend it on the day before or day of the Ceremony in its location.

Contact your local pastor for Holy Wine Ceremony schedules and more details.

Participant's Information

Church Community where I live*	(Choose One)	V
State*	(Choose One)	~
Number of family members participating [couples without children register separately]*	(Choose One)	~
Where I will attend the Holy Wine Ceremony*	(Choose One)	~
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Gingrich tells religious freedom conference Unification Church targeted



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By Ben Wolfgang - The Washington Times - Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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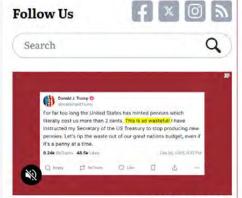
Mr. Gingrich and other prominent political and spiritual figures Tuesday night told this week's International Religious Freedom Summit 2025 in Washington that the Japanese government's push to dissolve the Unification Church and seize its assets is the most recent communist-backed attack on the church, which has operated in the country since the late 1950s.

"The Biden administration has already condemned this activity. The United Nations has already condemned this activity. And now, with President Trump, we have somebody who is deeply, passionately committed to religious liberty," Mr. Gingrich said in a prerecorded video address to the summit.

"This is going to have grave consequences for the United States' relationship with Japan and our view of what is happening with Japanese politics," he said. "It's very important that Japan remain pro-freedom. It's very important that Japan follow its own constitution.

"It's very important that Japan remain with America and not allow itself to be gradually overwhelmed by communist China."

Although the anti-Unification push in Japan dates back many decades, the most recent



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communist-backed attack on the church began after the 2022 assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

The killing of Abe, a close friend of Mr. Trump, and the aftermath of his death seem to have emboldened fringe Japanese communists, who have since tried to smear and discredit Abe's long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party over its links to the Unification Church. The gunman accused of shooting Abe allegedly was motivated by the former prime minister's links to the church, which he blamed for bankrupting his family two decades ago.

A Tokyo court is now considering whether to ban the Unification Church in Japan, even amid significant questions about the secretive, closed-door nature of the proceedings and what critics say is questionable, deeply problematic evidence to support its case.

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A decision is expected soon.

Speakers at the IRF Summit said dissolving the church and stripping its tax-exempt status would reverberate worldwide and chill the freedom of religion for worshippers of all faiths.

The summit, its organizers said, is built on the idea that every faith should work together to defend the freedom of religion for all. On the convention stage Tuesday evening, representatives from numerous faiths poured water into the same large vessel, symbolically "combining forces" for the principles of religious liberty.

"This lovely ceremony we just witnessed with all the various faith communities pouring their water together into that shared bowl really has distilled in a beautifully symbolic way what the ... summit is all about: coming together in unity, sharing our faith, and combining forces to defend the rights of all of us," said Katrina Lantos Swett, co-chair of the summit, co-chair of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea and a former Democratic congressional candidate.

Mr. Gingrich said a strong geopolitical dynamic is also at play with the Unification Church in Japan. That dynamic comes against the backdrop of the generation-defining global competition between Washington and Beijing, with communist forces in Japan trying to pull their country away from America and toward China.

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"It was an effort, frankly, by the communists to create an environment where there could be a closer relationship with China and a more distant relationship with the United States," Mr. Gingrich said in his address during an event hosted by The Washington Times Foundation and Universal Peace Federation. "The government has been trying to destroy the Unification Church. It's gone so far beyond the Japanese Constitution. It has found no crimes. It has no basis for what it's doing."

Dozens of high-level attendees at the IRF Summit signed a statement Tuesday night that called on Japan to abandon its attacks on the Unification Church.



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"We believe that the strong emotions generated by the Abe assassination, understandable though they may be, should not lead to legislation, administrative, or legal actions that violate human rights in Japan," the statement reads in part. "A democracy should not arbitrarily harm the right of any religion to operate freely, collect donations, and transmit its faith and moral values to the next generation."

It's unclear whether the Trump administration intends to put public or private pressure on Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba to abandon the country's crusade against the Unification Church.

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'A line that should never be crossed'

The IRF Summit featured remarks from various international and U.S. religious and political leaders. It was co-chaired by Ms. Lantos Swett and Sam Brownback, a former Kansas governor and former U.S. ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom.

Speakers drew attention to a host of threats to religious freedom around the world, including pressure from hard-line regimes such as those in China and Iran and the plight of Christians in Ukraine as the country nears the third anniversary of Russia's unprovoked military invasion.

Some of the sharpest comments came in response to the situation in Japan involving the country's branch of the Unification Church, formally known as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.

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Family Federation President Tomihiro Tanaka cast the effort inside Japan as "witch-hunt-like religious persecution" that stands in stark contrast with Japan's status as a democratic nation.

"Since the assassination of Prime Minister Abe in 2022, members of the Family Federation have been experiencing great suffering," he said. "I believe that the Japanese government has crossed a line that should never be crossed. The fact is that the Family Federation has not committed any criminal offenses that could be grounds for dissolution."

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon founded the Unification Church in 1954.

What began with a tiny church founded in South Korea in the 1950s has evolved over decades into a global spiritual movement and affiliated commercial empire comprising hundreds of ventures, including The Washington Times. Rev. Moon's wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, has headed the Unification movement since Rev. Moon died in 2012.

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Legal questions

The Unification Church has a strong anti-communist stance, and Japanese members have a history of assisting the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the long-dominant conservative party, with electioneering.

Ties between the LDP and the church were torn apart in 2022 when Abe, Japan's longest-serving post-war prime minister and a key LDP figure, was assassinated.

His killer was angered by Abe's links to the church. He said the church caused his mother's bankruptcy because of huge monetary donations from her. The church's defenders note that the killer's mother, who is still a church member, and other family members signed a statement absolving the church of any responsibility and that she received half her donations back.

Japan's parliament enacted a law in December 2022 restricting donation solicitations by religious and other groups to politicians. The law has triggered warnings from freedom-of-faith groups worldwide, including the International Religious Freedom Roundtable, which has representatives in dozens of countries.

The law prohibits religious groups from engaging in "spiritual sales" of items that carry religious significance and allows believers, other donors and their families to seek the return of money given to religious organizations.

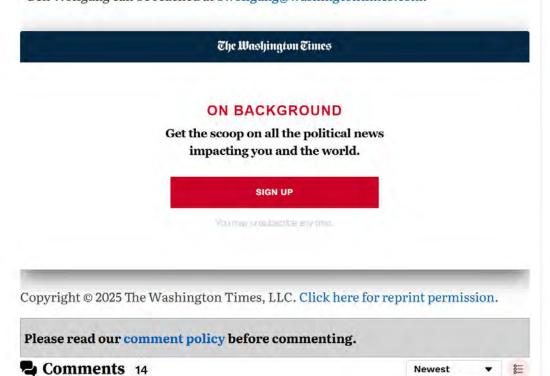
Lawyer Patricia Duval, who has defended the Unification Church for more than a decade, warned at Tuesday night's event that the law could extend far beyond one church, denomination or faith.

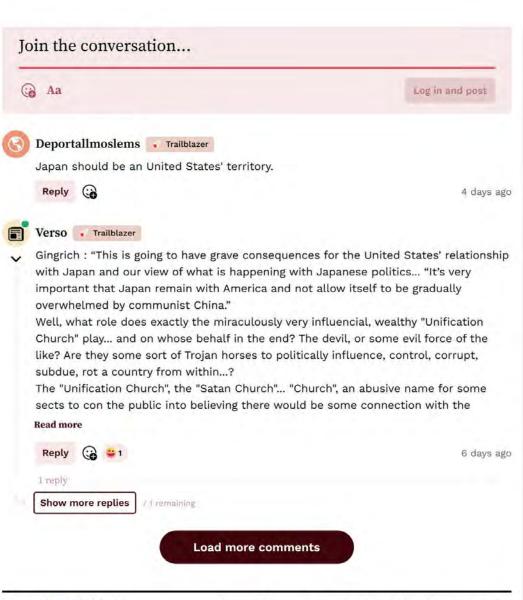
"This law has been announced as being especially designed for the Unification Church, but it could undoubtedly be applied against other targeted denominations in the future," she said.

Members of the Unification Church say the church has not engaged in spiritual sales for more than a decade.

Correction: An earlier version of this story used an incorrect title for one of the event's participants. Former Sen. Sam Brownback is the former U.S. ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom.

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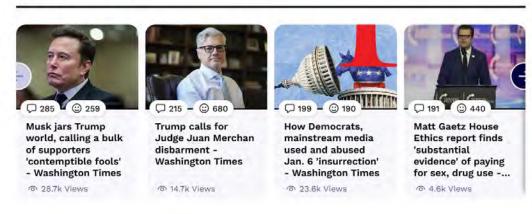


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