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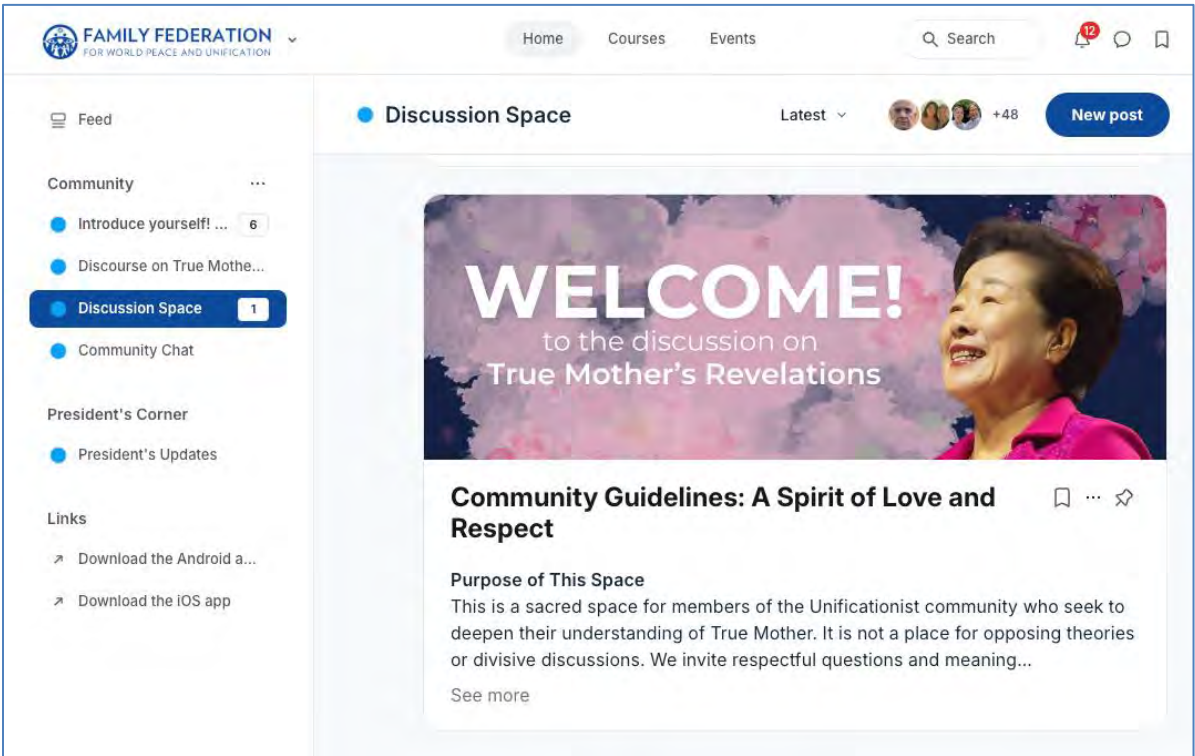
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Hello family. Family Fed Circle Community. Ring Next Spring Workshop. Last Week Today. HJ Global News. Blessing webinar.

We hope everyone had a nice President's Day. Our staff had the day off, which is why you did not receive a Newsletter on Monday.

News

Join the Family Fed Circle Community!



If you're studying True Mother's Revelations, you need to join this online community! With lively discussion and connection with other members deepening their understanding of True Mother, including feedback directly from Rev. Dunkley,

you'll have access to a powerful tool for your spiritual growth. Join the Family Fed Circle Community today!

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Are you 18–35? Join the Ring Next Spring 18+ Workshop in Korea!



APRIL 10-16, 2025

**RING NEXT
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18+ WORKSHOP

CHEONGPYEONG, KOREA

BE A PART OF:

- The Blessing**
- Watch the Korean Epic LIVE**
- Attend the Cheon Won Gung Entrance Ceremony**

REGISTRATION OUT NOW!

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New Last Week Today Episode



HJ Global News



Events

Next Blessing Webinar Tomorrow

Coaching and Counseling to Bring Your Matching to the Next Level

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BLESSING <<<<

WEEKLY WEBINAR

 Every Thursday at 8:30 PM EST
Next one: February 20, 2024

Networking

- 20+ BC (Parents & MS)
- 20+ 1Gen (Parents & MS)
- 30+ All (Candidates, Parents and MS)

Breakouts

- Q&A for Candidates
- Intergenerational Couples
- Q&A for Parents
- HJ Blessing Guide Tech Support


[Register Here](#)

Topic: Coaching and counseling to bring your matching to the next level

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 **BLESSING MINISTRY**
FAMILY FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION USA



Speakers:

Debby Gullery
Debbie Preece
John and Sandra Lowen

with special guests from
Generational Healing
and
High Noon

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Japan

Appalling: Japan Has Ignored Abuses for 60 Years

Sekai Nippo *Patricia Duval, expert on international human rights*

Patricia Duval, expert on international human rights, says it’s outrageous that Japanese authorities for 60 years have ignored gross human rights abuses against members of religious minority the Family Federation. (This is part 2 of an interview with Patricia Duval published by *Sekai Nippo*.)

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Discourse on True Mother's Revelations

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Questions? Inspirations? Be part of the discussion!

The Family Fed Circle Community is a tailor-made space to connect, dialogue and get updates. It's easy! Create your account by clicking the button below and dive right in!

What you'll get:

- Share your thoughts on the Discourse on True Mother's Revelations
- Lively discussion with fellow members
- Updates from Rev. Dunkley
- And so much more!

This is an ongoing community to be built and created by YOU! Sign up today. Click on the link below to join from your desktop computer. You can also join by downloading the Circle app through the links below.

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Ring Next Spring Workshop

Make a Life-Changing Commitment!

If you are single between 18 and 35 years old, join us in Korea **April 10-16** for the **Ring Next Spring Workshop** a powerful experience where you'll take a stand for your values and step into a new chapter of spiritual growth.

As a participant, you'll join a community of like-minded Unificationist young people from around the world who are dedicated to living with intention and purpose, united by a shared commitment to personal integrity.

Throughout this transformative experience, you will:


- **Make a Sacred Commitment:** Make a personal commitment to live with integrity and purpose, a decision that will guide and strengthen your spiritual path. A ceremony will be held during the HJ Cosmic Blessing for singles making the purity pledge.
- **Experience Spiritual Renewal:** Reflect, pray, and connect in ways that will deepen your faith and reaffirm your dedication to living a life with our Heavenly Parent at the center.
- **Witness the Korean Epic Play:** Get a first look at a new play commissioned by True Mother covering the history and providence of the Korean people.
- **Participate in the Cheon Won Gung and Cheon Il Sanctum Entrance Ceremony:** Pilgrimage participants will participate in the ceremony from the Cheong Shim Peace World Stadium along with the HJ Cosmic Blessing couples and other members.

Accommodations:

- From April 10th to April 14th will be at Oak Valley Hotel
- From April 14th to April 16th, everyone will move to CheonPyeong

Are you ready to make your commitment? Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience.

More details coming soon!

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Departure Date from Incheon

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Part 2 of interview with an expert: Freedom of Religion is for the Minorities – Confinement Victims to Gain International Recognition

International Human Rights Lawyer Patricia Duval

by the Religious Freedom Investigative Team of the editorial department of [Sekai Nippo](#)

See [part 1](#) of the interview

Interview (continued):

Q: Before and during World War II, the Japanese government carried out religious persecution. After the war, the Japanese Constitution enshrined freedom of religion. Now, 80 years later, the case of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)) has become an opportunity for the entire nation to reflect on religious freedom as

a fundamental human right. However, the government's request for a dissolution order and the parallel legislative moves, such as the *Special Law for Victims of Certain Illegal Acts*, have raised concerns about various human rights violations against ordinary [Family Federation](#) members.

Duval: The government is facilitating a system where believers' families are encouraged to lodge complaints, leading to the suppression of a religious organization. This is an extremely dangerous mechanism and must not be tolerated. Domestically, it violates the freedom of religion guaranteed by the Constitution. Internationally, it seriously infringes on the freedom of religion protected under international human rights treaties, making the government's responsibility grave.

Q: In Japan's legal system, freedom of religion is restricted by the concept of "public welfare", which contrasts with the perspective of international law.



From header of the [webpage](#) of the Human Rights Committee, a subpage on the site of the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner

religion is rarely discussed in the context of majority religions. The role of the government should be neutral, ensuring that neither the majority nor the minority is favored.

However, the request for the dissolution of the [Family Federation](#) by the Ministry of Education (MEXT) contradicts this principle. Under the guise of public welfare, it seeks to eradicate a religious minority. Furthermore, the government's stance aligns with the majority rather than remaining neutral. These two points make it a violation of international human rights law.

Q: Speaking of human rights violations, over the past 60 years, as many as 4,300 [Family Federation](#) believers have been subjected to abduction, confinement, and coercive faith-breaking.

Duval: These victims were physically restrained through violent means, forcibly



Religious minority suffering state persecution and oppression in Japan: the [Family Federation](#). Here, sign at the entrance of the headquarters of the [Family Federation](#) of Japan in Shibuya, Tokyo. Photo: [FFWPU](#)

Duval: The UN Human Rights Committee (HRC) has, for over 15 years, consistently recommended that the Japanese government refrain from restricting freedom of religion based on the ambiguous concept of "public welfare". This concept is legally vague and can be applied in an unlimited and arbitrary manner.

As an expert in international human rights law, I must emphasize that the core spirit of religious freedom is the protection of religious minorities' faiths. In democratic states, freedom of



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restrained through violent means, forcibly detained, and deprived of all freedoms until they renounced their faith. This ongoing practice has been called “the [worst human rights violation in postwar Japan](#)”. The **most extreme case** involved [Toru Goto](#), who was confined for **12 years and 5 months**. Recently, *Asahi Shimbun* (31st January 2025) reported that a court ruled his relatives’ actions illegal and ordered them to pay 22 million yen in damages.



Locked up: 4300 members of Family Federation have been forcibly detained to have their faith broken. Photo: [National Association of Victims of Abduction, Confinement, and Forced Deconversion](#)”



International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Article 18(2) of the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (ICCPR) guarantees that individuals have the right not to be forcibly deprived of their religious freedom. It is **outrageous that the Japanese government has neglected this issue for nearly 60 years**, allowing

4,300 cases of abduction and forced renunciation to persist.

In 2014, the **UN Human Rights Committee (HRC)** presented **concrete evidence and urged the Japanese government to take effective measures to protect this right**. I vividly remember that a few months later, the *Tokyo High Court* finally handed down a ruling in favor of Goto, increasing his compensation in its verdict.

As a signatory (ratifying) nation, **Japan must mobilize its law enforcement (police) and judiciary to eradicate these human rights violations**. During my recent visit to Japan, I discovered that in just the past two years, two additional cases of abduction and coercive faith-breaking have occurred.

One of my missions is to bring international awareness to the human rights violations against religious minorities in Japan. After my time here, I plan to travel to the United States to advocate for this issue with relevant parties.

See [part 1](#) of the interview

Featured image above: **Patricia Duval** – Member of the Paris Bar Association, specializing in international human rights law. Earned a degree in public law from Sorbonne University. Has defended the rights of religious and faith minorities both in France and internationally, including at the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), the Council of Europe (CE), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union (EU), and the United Nations. Author of numerous academic papers on religion and freedom of belief. Photo: [Sekai Nippo](#)

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